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\$1 million gift directed to early childhood education expansion

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A surprise announcement at the end of Monday night's regular meeting of the Board of Education of a \$1 million

gift may result in changes ahead to the previously announced reconfiguration of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

The money, according to Dennis Levasseur, a partner with Bodman PLC in Detroit who said

he represents an anonymous group of donors, stipulated the money "be spearheaded directly" into an early childhood education initiative prepared by a group of parents to expand the current program. According to

Grosse Pointe Park resident Dave Brumbaugh, who led the group's presentation to the board and administration, the expansion only works if the board revisits its deci-

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Nick Sizeland was chosen as the Park's new city manager.

Sizeland named new city manager

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Grosse Pointe Park's recent Acting City Manager Nick Sizeland has been chosen to replace longtime City Manager Dale Krajniak.

In a 5-2 vote by city council, which interviewed final candidates Sept. 4, Sizeland, 30, was selected over Victor Cardenas, assistant manager for the city of Novi, and Howell City Manager Reid S. Charles.

Sizeland, who once worked in electoral politics before seeking employment in city service, called the council's choice a "dream come true."

"I have big shoes to fill with the former city manager and the work he did in the Park," Sizeland said. "I had the opportunity to work with him

and see how he helped transform the community."

Krajniak retired this summer after three decades with the Park.

Mayor Robert Denner said Sizeland will be an asset.

"He knows our city and he will make a terrific city manager for years to come," Denner said.

Sizeland first joined the city as assistant to the city manager in 2016, working in a more administrative aide's capacity. In February, Krajniak promoted Sizeland to assistant city manager, a similar title that more directly supported Krajniak's role.

"He is well-liked and strongly supported by the current department heads as well, which will help the transition moving forward," Denner

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Honoring the fallen

The Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department paid tribute this week to the fallen heroes of Sept. 11, 2001, with a banner and flags displayed on its firehall.

Moross crash investigation ongoing

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

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FARMS — The approximately 40-year-old Detroit man responsible for the vehicle crash on Moross around 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, remains in critical condition, Farms Detective Roger Wierszewski reported.

The man's name cannot be released, Farms Director of Public Safety Dan Jensen said, until he has been arraigned. The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office will determine the charges.

The man had been traveling south on Moross in a white Durango at a high rate of

speed — Woods resident and witness Diane Moskaluk speculated around 70 or 80 mph — when he attempted to pass a couple vehicles driving southbound and lost control of the vehicle.

The Durango struck a Ford Escape before going off the roadway and hitting a utility pole and then a tree.

When the vehicle came to rest on Moross, it caught fire.

"There was a huge column of flame and smoke coming from this vehicle,

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Board approves fiber project

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — An initiative for the Grosse Pointe Public School System that began with a request for proposal in December 2016 and bidding process in January 2017 came to fruition at the regular meeting of the Board of Education Sept. 9.

Board members approved the Grosse Pointe fiber project 6-1, with Trustee Cindy Pangborn voting against it. Once contracts for a fiber-optic purchase and

sale and maintenance agreement are signed, Rocket Fiber, the Detroit-based internet service provider selected by the district to design, engineer and construct a fiber-optic network, will be "up and running" to kick off the project, according to Marc Hudson, the company's CEO and founder.

"As soon as the contracts are signed, we will file permits and we will start the final engineering process," Hudson said.

Rocket Fiber will own the sheath and its own fiber-optic strands

within the system. GPPSS will have 60 strands within the system as the Grosse Pointe Network and connect school buildings with its own 14-mile fiber ring and laterals. In exchange, Rocket Fiber will provide 15 years of high-speed internet service and 20 years of comprehensive maintenance.

Timing is tight to complete the 12-month construction project by the start of the 2020-21 school year, when five school buildings —

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Shores Improvement Foundation hosts Oct. 10 fundraiser at CCD

The Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation hosts its Celebrate, Decorate, Entertain Luncheon at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Country Club of Detroit.

The luncheon features a raffle of meticulously designed, seasonal tablescapes, complete with centerpieces and coordinated tableware. Each is able to be boxed and delivered, ready for entertaining.

An assortment of gift baskets also will be available for purchase.

Call (313) 881-6565 to make a reservation or stop by Grosse Pointe Shores City Hall at Vernier and Lakeshore. Tickets are \$50 each, \$500 for a table of 10. Proceeds from this fundraising event support future Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation projects.



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From left, Hidee Neuenschwander, event co-chair and GPSIF trustee; Mercedes Kucyk, GPSIF trustee; Brett Marshall, GPSIF president; Fran Solomon, event co-chair and GPSIF trustee; Lynn Kurtz, GPSIF trustee and Anita Penta, GPSIF trustee.

Woods Foundation raffle aims to build nest egg for projects

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Following the summer success of the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation's most ambitious effort, the organization is seeking additional donor and community support.

The \$160,000 miniature golf course, which opened in August and was "by far the biggest project," has sparked excitement among Woods residents and made them eager for more public amenities, said Lisa Fuller, president of the foundation. Fundraising through ticket sales for a Sept. 21 raffle will be key to generating capital for the next community endeavor, she added.

"Our mission is to do things that there aren't the tax dollars available to do," Fuller said.

The nine-hole mini-golf course at Lake Front Park has been an example of the foundation's success

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which was completely destroyed," said Farms resident Jeff Jay, who was in the area. "The column of flame was as thick as the car and it was at least 20 feet high. I've really never seen anything like it. It was an absolute inferno."

An off-duty Ohio police officer and a nearby homeowner were able to pull the man out of the car before he was transported to Ascension St. John Hospital.

"He would not have survived, there's no doubt, if those two good Samaritans had not pulled him out of the car," Jay said.

The driver of the Escape also was transported to Ascension St. John, but was released



PHOTO COURTESY OF JEFF JAY

Two bystanders were able to pull the driver out after the car caught fire.

the same day suffering from a headache.

As the investigation is ongoing, public safety was not able to comment on whether drugs or alcohol were involved, but Wierszewski said, "It's possible."

The damaged utility pole left residents on Moross from Country Club to the Kercheval area without power. Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church held services the next day without power as well.

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Grosse Pointe South High, Parcels Middle, and Monteith, Ferry and Defer Elementary schools — will be equipped to accommodate the new technology and increased bandwidth through \$18.5 million in bond funds for technology infrastructure, with the other school buildings to follow the summers of 2021 and 2022.

"We are going to be very close, which we've been signaling that we need to get on the way, but we're right there now at the finish line," Hudson said.

After the network is turned on for the school system, Rocket Fiber can "start focusing on what other parts of the

Grosse Pointes that we can activate and sell either on a residential or business service to," he added. "That's definitely part of the plan, but we want to be clear to everyone, the first and most important mission is to get the school district online, so that's where we'll be focusing the majority of our resources over the next year. But after that network is turned on, then Rocket Fiber itself with our fibers ... will begin serving other parts of the community."

According to Rick Coy, the district's legal counsel for the project, the Michigan Telecommunications Act encourages public and private partnerships to build this type of advanced infrastructure.

"If you each had to do

it separately, I can assure you it would cost more than it would cost doing it together," he said at the Aug. 26 regular meeting of the board.

Hudson concurred.

"Not only do they recommend it, but many school districts around the state and around the country have recognized in terms of controlling your own future from a bandwidth, technology and cost perspective, it's absolutely essential," Hudson said. "That's some of the message we had to get across. This isn't a unique one-off type project. This is a project that happens all over the country every single day, and so we're just excited that we are going to be able to bring this type of partnership to the Grosse Pointe communities."

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said.

A Rochester Hills native, Sizeland earned a master's degree in public administration from Northern Marquette University. He studied political science, but discovered a yearning to more directly serve residents on a daily basis.

"I wanted to serve people. I wanted to help," he said. "I just wanted to make people's lives better."

While working as an intern for the Grand Ledge city administrator, he learned about the opening in the Park city manager's office.

"I called my wife — my girlfriend at the time — and I said, 'Clare, you are not gonna believe who

has a job opening right now."

He relocated to the Park and began learning the city with Krajniak's guidance. He and Clare married October 2018.

In his new role, Sizeland said improving infrastructure will be a main priority, but he's also eager to help redevelop Mack Avenue, support local schools with the upcoming closing of Trombly Elementary and collaborate with city leaders in Detroit.

"I'm just extremely grateful and humbled that the city of Grosse Pointe Park gave me this opportunity," said Sizeland. "Every day I come to work with a smile on my face."

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K-9 unit takes third in regional competition

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Farms K-9 unit, K-9 Officer Tim Harris and partner Duke, became certified with the U.S. Police Canine Association, USPCA, and took home a third-place trophy in criminal apprehension during an event Aug. 4 to 8 at Steffens Park in Sterling Heights.

“He had a near perfect run and the point difference between third place and first place was two points,” Harris said. “So he was .17 points away from second place and two points away from first place.”

The annual USPCA certification week, hosted by the Sterling Heights Police Department, offers the opportunity for teams to become certified in Patrol Dog 1 and Patrol Dog 2. PD1 includes obedience, box searches, an agility course and criminal apprehension, while PD2 deals with narcotic detection and tracking.

According to Harris, this was the first year they ran both certifications the same week. The pair successfully completed both.

A fellow K-9 handler and friend called Harris a week prior to this year’s certification to



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Duke poses with his third-place trophy for criminal apprehension.

ask if he would decoy for him, which led Harris to sign up.

“If I was going to be there, I might as well give it a try and see how (Duke) does,” he said, “and he did very well. For only training for it for six days, he did very well.”

The other dogs trained hundreds of times, he added.

The competitions are incorporated into the certification process and 15 dogs competed in criminal apprehension.

“There was about 20 or 30 dogs that ran the PD2 trials which was the tracking and detection work,” Harris said. “A lot of them didn’t even attempt the PD1s because they didn’t feel their dogs were ready. ... I just figured it would be nice to get the piece of paper that said I was certified and then I ended up having a trophy over it.”

Harris has traditionally certified with the National Association of Professional Canine

Handlers since he got Duke.

Gaining certification through USPCA will help the K-9 unit with further credibility and reliability in court, Harris explained.

“Typically when it comes to questioning in court, they’ll ask questions about the dog’s training and things like that and if you have all these certifications, the questions become a little less,” he said. “It’s like OK, you know what you’re doing. You’ve certified with just about everybody.”

The trophy was given to Gretchen Valade, owner of Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, to be displayed at the cafe.

“The Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, they’re the reason why we have our K-9 program,” Harris said. “They gave a very substantial donation.”

Harris plans to continue with the USPCA certification when it’s time for renewal.

“Next year I plan to bring home more trophies,” he said.

Up next for the team is the annual national conference and training seminar in Alpena the first week of October, where Harris will help other teams train their dogs while further training Duke.

Help needed to identify armed robbery suspect

GROSSE POINTE WOODS —

The Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department has released a drawing depicting one of two suspects involved in the Sunday, Aug. 25, armed robbery of a youth walking a dog in the 20700 block of Mack.

The 17-year-old and his cousin were approached from behind around 11:45 p.m. near the former Big Boy restaurant as they walked northbound on Mack.

A man described as approximately 6 feet tall with a thin build and short hair, wearing a dark T-shirt with colorful graphics, pointed a pistol



A sketch of a suspect in an Aug. 25 armed robbery.

at the victim before taking a credit card, iPhone 6S and \$15 in cash.

The man in the drawing has been identified as an accomplice in the armed robbery. He was described as approximately 6 feet tall, wearing a white, sleeveless T-shirt and black denim shorts.

Both men fled on foot from Mack eastbound on Anita and drove away, possibly in a small SUV.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department asks that anyone who can identify the man in the police rendering, or with information about the robbery, call (313) 343-2400.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

◆ March for Meals, 1 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The fundraising walk supports The Helm’s Meals on Wheels program. Call (313) 882-9600.

MONDAY, SEPT. 16

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.
◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m. at the Tompkins Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

◆ Park Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 15200 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ City of Grosse Pointe 13th annual Fall Harvest, 3 p.m. at Neff Park, 17350 E. Jefferson. Features hot-dogs, a petting farm, pony rides, a mechanical bull, cider mill treats and raffles. Cost is \$5.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Fall Fest & Cook Schoolhouse open house, 5 to 9 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza. Features music from Sonic Freeway, a food and beverage tent and Donny’s Zoo-to-You animal show.
◆ Charlevoix Street Party, 7 to 11 p.m. at 15119 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park. This “Saturday Night Throwback” features entertainment by Class of ’98. Adults only.

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sion to close Poupard and Trombly Elementary schools.

Levasseur, a Grosse Pointe Park resident and city attorney, spoke during public comments on non-agenda action items “on behalf of members of the philanthropic community in the Grosse Pointes,” including parents and grandparents of current Grosse Pointe public school students, local elected officials and administrators “and others who have been able to secure funding commitments in excess of \$1 million toward initiating phase one of the plan.

“We understand that a plan for the expansion of the early childhood education was presented to this board on Aug. 26, 2019,” he continued. “That plan consisted of a phased approach to widen access to daycare in innovative early education programs, which will result in innovative improved long-term educational outcomes, a stronger pipeline of students into the Grosse Pointe public schools and a solution, at least in part, to prevent some of the school closures.”

That plan for a comprehensive, full-time, full-year model with “satellite packs” added to elementary schools to leverage available space was formally presented to the board at its Aug. 12 regular meeting. While board members concurred during an Aug. 26 work session there was a need for child care in the Pointes, the general consensus was not to pursue the proposal as presented due to concerns about start-up funding for the

initiative, the board’s responsibility to its core K-12 mission, increased costs to current families, loss of flexibility of part-time and partial-year options and the fact keeping schools open to expand preschool offerings didn’t address K-4 program issues. At the conclusion of the work session, Board President Brian Summerfield directed the administration to proceed with the school closures and expand early childhood offerings wherever possible.

The announcement of the \$1 million gift was in response to the funding concern and “constitutes, as I understand from the proposed budget, the essential majority of the funds needed,” Levasseur said, adding his “clients or constituency is very confident that it can fairly easily raise the additional capital commitments to cover 100 percent of the phase one costs.”

According to the proposal, phase one would be implemented fall 2020 and expand the current program — which offers full- and half-day programs serving approximately 180 children at Barnes Early Childhood Center and satellite classrooms at Monteith, Ferry, Trombly and Richard elementary schools — to one additional elementary school site serving a total of 278 full-time students and generating a projected \$1.47 million in net income. Additional satellite sites would open as staff and enrollment grow, with subsequent start-up costs funded through revenue.

“The community I represent has access to financial advisers and experts and so forth and they have vetted this pro-

posal,” said Levasseur. “They believe that it is feasible and they are willing to back it up to date with about \$1 million. We would like the board to approve or direct the administration to begin the process of working toward the implementation of this proposal and ultimately we seek the approval of that, as perhaps amended through discussions and negotiations, within 30 days.”

Summerfield closed the meeting thanking Levasseur for the proposal.

“I really appreciate this constituents group that’s come forward with this funding,” he said. “... Obviously funding, if you listened at the Aug. 26 meeting, was a major consideration for the board. ... To get the funding that we would need,

you can’t take it from K-12 education. This obviously removes that, but we need to hear more information. ... To get the details that everybody would need to know would have to be done very quickly to make sure we’re on board.

“There are other issues my colleagues up here have raised and I concur with ... that we need to address with the size of our student populations at the various elementaries,” Summerfield added. “But with creative minds, maybe we can come up with creative solutions. This at least is an opportunity that’s very generous and if it can come to fruition and work with what we need to do, I hope we can entertain that and I hope to have a conversation with Mr. Levasseur.”



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From engineer to business owner, Woods resident taps into inner writer

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

When Grosse Pointe Woods resident Charlene McNary was a student at St. John Berchmans Catholic School in Detroit, she sometimes got into trouble for talking.

“I spent a lot of time in the halls,” she said.

Then the nuns came up with a solution: the fourth grader could tutor the first graders in math. Since McNary was good in math and this kept her out of trouble, it was a win-win.

“I still tutor to this day in math,” McNary said. “If people ask, I’ll tutor.”

McNary was born in Berkeley, Calif., moving to Detroit with her mother and sisters after her parents’ divorce when she was in third grade. In the summer, as soon as school let out, she and her sisters would return to California to spend time with their father and paternal grandparents.

After attending Catholic schools through eighth grade, McNary went to Renaissance High School and then Northwestern University, where she earned a degree in engineering. After working as an engineer in the auto industry a few years, she went back to graduate school full time, earning an MBA at Washington University’s Olin Business School in St. Louis.

McNary worked for Chrysler 14 years before the auto industry bailout in 2008. She took a buy-out, providing her the



COURTESY PHOTO

Charlene McNary, front, and friends during a July visit to the Gay Head Lighthouse on Martha’s Vineyard in Massachusetts.

opportunity to shift course into the nonprofit world of finance.

After serving on the finance committee at Habitat for Humanity, McNary was asked to become chief financial officer. While this wasn’t something she considered previously, she accepted the position and, after four years, became chief operating officer.

In 2015, McNary branched out on her own, forming Bright Path LLC, a financial management consulting company for nonprofits and small businesses.

Serving as a consultant to businesses with fewer resources “allows me to support organizations and help them get to the next level they couldn’t necessarily afford,” she said. What she finds especially gratifying is, with her assistance, clients like Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit, with whom she has worked four

years, save money by not employing a full-time CFO, freeing funds for programming. At the same time, her expertise allows clients the benefit of financial modeling and forecasting beyond what a certified public accountant or bookkeeper can provide.

“It gives them the level of skill they need at the price they can afford it,” McNary said. “You don’t want to pay someone at my skill set to actually process your payroll, but you might want someone at my skill set to come in and help you assess different payroll companies or help you determine if you’re ready to go forth with a line of credit and what that would look like.”

In addition to running her own business, McNary finds time for her interests, including reading, writing, knitting, cycling and running. While she is sidelined from the last activity due

to a recent knee injury, she is proud of having accomplished a goal she set when she was in her early 20s and volunteering as a Girl Scout leader, handing out water bottles with her troop at Belle Isle during the Detroit Free Press marathon. She pledged one day to complete a marathon herself.

She began by running 5K races. Then she joined a 90-day boot camp in Highland Park. With her running coach’s encouragement, she signed up to run the Detroit Free Press half marathon. She completed that and began training for the full marathon in fall 2017.

While she completed the race, the weather was so bad, a storm brought down the finish line, covering up the timing mat. She was directed away from the caution tape to the sidelines at the end of the race and was unable to cross the finish line and receive her official time.

“I wanted to be official,” she said, adding she ended up with a DNF — “did not finish” — but has a medal to prove otherwise.

It was while training for the 2018 marathon to receive an official time she injured her knee and realized this goal would need to be on hold for another day — although on Sept. 15, she plans to participate in the American Home Fitness Women Run the D 5K, even if it means walking.

McNary said she enjoys cycling more than running and has completed 100-mile rides, including the Michigander Bicycle Tour six-day ride from Belle Isle to the western Upper Peninsula.

She initially got into cycling to break the family cycle of diabetes.

“The first year I started riding I had a team riding in the Tour de Cure and we raised over \$13,000,” McNary said. “Within two months of the tour end I’d formed a bicycling club, Sisters Cycling. The club was active for 10 years. We hosted bike rodeo and safety days for kids, sponsored helmet giveaways for kids and hosted a bike tour, Tour de Lakes, in Commerce Township for three years. During that time I served on the board of directors for the League of Michigan Bicyclists. Cycling is my first love, which is why the knee injury wasn’t as emotionally devastating as some thought it may be. I was happy to get back on the road again on my bike.”

She also is focusing on other pursuits, such as her involvement with Michigan Community Resources as a recently appointed member of the board of directors and her newly formed interest in writing.

McNary’s foray into writing began with her participation with the Tuxedo Project, a writers’ residence and literary center created by Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and local radio host Stephen Henderson. Located at 7124 Tuxedo, Henderson’s childhood home on Detroit’s west side, the Tuxedo Project is part of an effort to transform blighted properties in the neighborhood while providing a center for literary arts, with a literary fellow residing on the second floor and discussion groups meeting on the

first.

At the end of each reading discussion group is a writing prompt, McNary said.

“The first week I was there I did the writing prompt. You can share or not share; I chose not to share. The next week I did the writing prompt and I read what I wrote. And Rose (Gorman) — she’s the fellow — said, ‘Are you going to put that in the writing contest?’

“Then I started paying attention to how the people were responding to my writing prompts and I thought, maybe I can write a little bit?” she added.

This gave her the courage to sign up for other writing workshops. At one, Kentucky author Brooks Rexroat led a workshop on using place in writing while introducing his new short story collection, “Thrift Store Coats.” McNary chose to write a scene that took place at a tree in a road.

“He walked us through this process for setting place in a story,” McNary recalled. “He had us read what we wrote. ... I read mine. When I went up to get my book signed, he asked me if I was a writer and I paused. I said, ‘Well, I don’t want to use labels, but I was thinking that maybe, but I’m not really sure.’

Later she looked at the inscription in her book.

“Dear Charlene,” Rexroat wrote. “You are a writer.”

The word “are” was underlined three times, she said.

“So I went in to tell Rose and Stephen Henderson and they said, ‘You needed him to tell you that? We’ve been telling you that all along!’”



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in achieving its goal to build community resources. Between 80 and 100 people use the course each day with multiple generations of families often enjoying the activity together, which Fuller says was part of the vision.

“We’re hearing more of the types of things that people would like to have done, so we need to expand our resources,” she said.

The raffle will be held at 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Building on Mack during the city’s Fall Fest. Tickets

will be on sale at the event, but also may be purchased by sending an email to info@gpw foundation.org. Prices are \$20 each or three for \$50. Six prizes, sponsored by Grosse Pointe Woods businesses, include a permanent plaque at the Lake Front Park mini-golf course for the top winner, \$400 in restaurant and retail certificates, a Shinola leather handbag and a “Date Night on Mack” evening package.

“We need to keep Grosse Pointe Woods moving forward, we need collaboration” including support from residents, businesses and civic organizations, Fuller said.

“We’re starting to see that happen, but we need to keep things going. Because we’re seeing the enthusiasm about the golf course, we need to continue to learn about the kinds of amenities the residents want and how we can provide them.”

Formed in 2008, the foundation relies entirely on donations and community assistance, since it doesn’t have endowments. Fuller said a membership drive is among the additional financial boosters being planned to help the organization expand.

“Then as we grow,” she added, “perhaps we can get into some of these bigger projects.”



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Continuing the wrong way

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Stolen bike

Grosse Pointe Woods

Pregnant woman attacked

Attempted thief gets caught

A 26-year-old man was arrested around 2 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, after he was identified as the

Grosse Pointe Farms

Multitasking bride?

Driving while license suspended

She was arrested for driving while license suspended.

Missing equipment

Racking up charges

The woman was arrested for cocaine possession, narcotic equipment — paraphernalia, operating under the influence, driving while license suspended and improper/expired vehicle registration.

One beer too many

Escalating argument

When officers caught up with the two, the man was arrested for out-

Exploding bumper

Officers determined an unknown object, possibly a firework, was placed into the muffler.

K-9 unit

The tracks ended in the 22000 block of Moross.

Leaf blower assault

When a 70-year-old Farms man called his 61-year-old Lewiston neighbor profanities at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, the man retaliated by using his foot to knock a leaf blower out of the 70-year-old's hands.

The 61-year-old said his neighbor then turned the leaf blower

Identity theft

— Laurel Kraus
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Grosse Pointe Park

Missing machine

The owner of the machine lives in an upstairs unit at the house and rents to tenants in the unit from which the item was stolen.

Driving while intoxicated

A 48-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident was arrested around 11 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, after driving head-on toward a public safety officer's vehicle at Vernor and

The officer investigated and determined the driver to be intoxicated.

Package poacher

Police investigated and found the suspect in possession of the package.

Walking where he wanted

The man reportedly assaulted the officer after refusing to cooperate when he was approached by police.

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OUR VIEW

Emphasis on test scores shows gaps

In what seems like an endless catalog of school rankings, Grosse Pointe South High School showed particularly well in an MLive.com list of schools sorted by their total SAT scores.

At 12th place, South fits in easily with peer schools (in this case, Troy, Novi, etc.). At least the first four schools on the list use the international school model or another system that requires students to apply. More to the point, South had a 75 percent score for students deemed “fully college ready,” landing above most of its usual peers, including those with slightly higher total scores.

The degrees of separation are so minimal that rankings seem somewhat foolish — a percentage point here, a couple of numbers there on a test where a combined perfect score is 1600. A few cases of the flu could affect the test scores. So, presumably, could the number of parents willing to fork over cash for test prep classes or tutoring.

For the schools themselves, what matters is whether teaching and learning are improving over the long haul. Here, the results are more worrisome.

According to statistics compiled by Bridgemi.com, both Grosse Pointe high schools improved their math scores from 2016 to 2019. The English language results were at best stagnant.

That data lines up unfortunately well with scores for elementary and middle school students on the current testing regime, known as the M-Step test. Stagnation seems to have set in statewide, as well.

The lack of progress mirrors the lack of financial support for K-12 schools, which took a sizable hit during the Great Recession. Funding has become even more serious because of a law that takes effect this school year and requires holding back third-graders who are more than a year behind in reading skills.

Consider that statewide, fewer than half (45 percent) of third-graders meet state reading standards — although the data does not show how far behind they are. The 2016 law does allow parents to request an exemption if their child is to be held back and such requests may flood the schools next spring.

Reading specialists can help teachers meet such a demanding standard, but where is the money to hire them?

At the other end of the curriculum, at least one lawmaker wants to drop the state requirement that all high school students take Algebra II. To fulfill the state standard for four years of math, students would continue to take Algebra I and Geometry, then move on to courses such as personal finance and basic statistics.

Which, of course, raises the question of SAT scores and how Michigan’s students do on the tests. Is Algebra II too much to ask of students, be they college-bound or headed for training in a skilled trade? If lawmakers want better test scores, how will easing the math requirements help?

Of course, one answer is that the emphasis on test scores has gone off the rails. Tests help teachers and curriculum specialists sleuth out any gaps in lesson plans and textbooks. In the classroom, they help teachers spot students who need extra help, or show when an entire lesson should be repeated.

In other words, they are diagnostic tools. It’s great that schools in the Pointes generally shine when put into competitive rankings, giving a boost to the community and perhaps property values.

But if Michigan is looking for competitiveness, the statewide outlook is far from favorable. Nationwide test results from 2017, the most recent available, show the state sliding into educational mediocrity or worse compared to other states.

And if rankings matter, those scores may be the most telling indicator of how well — or poorly — today’s students will succeed in an increasingly complex world.



Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Tom Kliber, a member of the Grosse Pointe Camera Club, found this view during a sunrise drive Friday, Sept. 6. “I was driving along Lakeshore Road near St. Paul and way, way out beyond the piers I saw a lone paddleboarder looking like a vestige of summer with the sun rising above him,” Kliber wrote in an email. “I traced him by sight until he reached the Farms pier and lost track of him after that.”

OUR VIEW

Safe routes ...

The continuing street mess around Maire Elementary School is just another reminder that getting kids back and forth safely requires some real care.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System, awakening to this slowly, has started a safe-routes study for its elementary schools.

Maire, ironically, was the one school that had gotten a head start. With the City of Grosse Pointe in the lead, it is benefiting from a \$100,000 grant that has critiqued things as basic as sidewalks and traffic signs. The grant also will provide additional bike racks and programs that help students learn best safety practices when they’re walking and biking to school.

The sidewalk in front of the school, which runs along Cadieux Road, already has been moved farther away from the street. Fresh signs will go up to remind drivers of the rules around the school that help ensure student safety.

But work along Cadieux means some of this has been delayed. While the street work continues, Park residents have had to switch from crossing at Vernor to crossing at Kercheval. The usual walking route on the other side of the school also has been switched temporarily. A crossing guard and/or public safety officer are on duty at each temporary intersection.

Drivers dropping students off in the parking lot will see little change, other than dodging construction on what may be their normal routes.

Maire may exemplify the problems of student safety right now, given the construction along Cadieux, but it’s not the only school attendance area that requires students to cross a busy street and perhaps re-route students because of changing conditions.

The collaboration between the City of Grosse Pointe and Maire can stand as a model for projects at other elementary schools. The planned closing of two schools has made walkability even more of an issue and parents can rightly expect that their cities will work thoughtfully

and carefully with the district as it addresses student safety.

... and safer drivers

With the renewed emphasis on safe walking and biking for school students, drivers should also remember that cyclists, pedestrians and joggers are on the streets at all hours.

That’s particularly important at this time of year, as the dawn comes gradually later and dusk arrives sooner. Every late summer and fall, the twilight hours creep up and feel like a surprise — and twilight requires extra vigilance.

Mild weather makes those times still attractive to everyone who enjoys the outdoors, including the Pointes’ plethora of dog walkers — most of whom wait attentively on the corner for traffic to clear. But reflective strips or devices still are helpful to alert drivers and they’re essential for runners and cyclists, so they don’t catch drivers off guard. Cyclists also need to follow the rules of the road — not running stop signs and traffic lights, for example.

But the burden, nonetheless, falls on drivers. For example, drivers are expected to give a bicycle three feet of clearance when they pass. In that sense, a bicycle has to be treated like a car and drivers must slow down if that clearance isn’t immediately available. Similarly, drivers can’t turn in front of bicycles and must yield to a bicycle just as they would another car, particularly when making a left turn.

Members of Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods have shown interest in campaigning for bike paths, an effort that failed nearly a decade ago even though county Commissioner Tim Killeen had finagled a grant for the project. As it turned out, most streets in Grosse Pointe were considered too narrow to stripe out a bike path.

A fresh look may yield new ideas, but in the meantime cyclists and drivers have to share the same streets, dodge the same parked cars and stay especially alert at corners. Everyone who’s on the pavement, with wheels or without, needs to navigate carefully.

GUEST VIEW By Margaret Carroll

Summer 2019, a season to cherish

Summer of 2019 has officially ended and this one has been extra special to me in a whole new way, thanks to our wonderful Pier Park.

I had low expectations for this summer for a number of reasons. I returned to work full time for the first time since summer of 2000. With no vacation time accrued and a daily commute to my new job in southwest Detroit — not to mention my beloved mother passed away last December and we sold her home on eastern Long Island — for the first time in my life, there would be no summer vacation with family at the ocean.

If I didn’t want these precious few months to pass as nothing more than a break from raking and shoveling, trading the whir of air-conditioning for the hiss of steam in the radiators, I needed to formulate a plan, think outside the box.

I signed up for Early Morning Lap Swim. This might not sound drastic to some, but for me it was huge. I am not a morning person. But I worked it out. If I set my alarm for 6:05, I could stagger into my suit and flip-flops, be in the Pier Park pool by 6:30, finish my laps by 7, then go about my business for the day.

It would require discipline to get up extra early (the dog was confused), but on the plus side, I would get a workout, keep my cholesterol in check and maybe put myself into a Zen zone before heading downtown on Jefferson. Maybe. The tradeoff was big. Sixty minutes between opening my eyes and my first sip of coffee. Could it be done?

Desperate times call for desperate measures.

The first time was downright scary. The hardest thing was getting out of bed when I knew I could hit the snooze button. But I can’t describe how fantastic I felt once I hit the water, or what a beautiful experience it’s been. The air most mornings is still, some days the surface of the lake is like glass and on others there is a light mist. There’s no traffic, the park is empty except for the men who work the gate (who are always friendly and courteous) and the other swimmers.

We are a small group who nod hello and wait in silence for the most part (not just because nobody is chatty before dawn, but out of deference — I like to think — for the glory of the sun that is about to rise, lightening the sky from midnight blue to pearl gray and every shade in between) for the life guards who unlock the gate promptly at 6:30.

We file in, each gravitating to the same lanes, usually. I began the summer in the lanes closest to the lake, but moved as fish fly season progressed because they piled up the thickest there. I am still grateful to the woman who brought her own skimmer and shared it so generously.

And then, magically, fish fly season was done and the water was clear, its surface choppy some mornings with wind. After years of swimming indoors in giant, echoing gyms, I had forgotten how good it feels to have a chill breeze blowing across your back, cool on your arms and face when you lift your head to breathe.

Slowly, gradually, it grew darker as the weeks passed until one morning when a chill breeze sent ripples across the pool surface and I got cold enough to wrap my towel around my arms as we waited for the life-guards to open up. We filed in, moving faster now to slip underwater because the air was already feeling like autumn, to find the pool wasn’t quite empty. A mother duck was paddling around the lanes with her baby following close.

That first lap is cool and dark and you swim fast, knowing it won’t take long to warm up. Once that first chill is past, it feels good, the mix of cool air and warmth of the water. There is nothing like doing a backstroke

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I SAY By Eddie B. Allen Jr.

Let’s reconnect ourselves with our language



I have to admit I cringed a little when I saw the word. I’m certainly not used to cringing at my own writing, but my eyes indeed beheld letters tapped out with my own fingers, from my own keyboard. They appeared silently, yet shockingly, on the office computer monitor: “Wifebeater.”

What bothered me was not the phrase itself, but this particular usage. Had I been writing about a person who abuses his or her spouse it wouldn’t have troubled me in the least. In a sometimes dangerous world there are murderers. There are

thieves. There are also wifebeaters. But this version of the word, which has become common in describing an article of clothing, was needlessly loaded with danger and reckless emotion. By writing it for public consumption I felt as if I’d committed an offense that normalized the violent behavior itself.

For those who still might not know, a wifebeater shirt is the style that was depicted in so many ’70s dramas, typically worn by a character who comes home from a long, hard day at work, takes off his outerwear and squats in a favorite chair. In many instances, this character, or his similar surrogate, will inevitably wind up with a beer in his hand followed by several more. Soon inebriated, he morphs from a tired, struggling John Q.

Public, feeling beaten down by the world, into a bitter, frustrated bully taking out aggression on the nearest, most vulnerable target — his woman. I have no idea who first took note of this character’s attire when he showed up in various media throughout the decades, but the tag given to what also has been called a “tank top” caught on in a most regrettable way. Even Merriam-Webster online recognizes wifebeater as “slang,” defined as “a ribbed tank top that is sometimes worn as an undershirt.” The ugly entry’s history and etymology section traces it to a “stereotypical association of such shirts with men who abuse their wives.”

In my recent writing, I had actually lifted the phrase from a police

report about a crime describing one of two suspects who were involved in the incident. It was no knock against the public safety officer who’d jotted the name of the undershirt by using “wifebeater,” surely meaning no offense. In fact, it might very well have even been the victim’s language to describe the man who confronted him, merely recorded in the officer’s report. I’m not proud to confess that I’ve used the offending term, though only in private conversation, but suddenly a problem revealed itself as I was faced with the first-time dilemma of whether to present it to local readership. I felt the weight of what might seem like a simple decision. In the end, I found myself struggling for a replacement phrase and also feeling that, sadly,

the word just might be the most recognizable description for any potential witness to this crime. It wasn’t until about two weeks later when I saw a police drawing of the suspect and noticed the words “sleeveless undershirt” printed in an accompanying description that I recognized the woeful inadequacy of my excuses. I mean doesn’t “sleeveless undershirt” pretty much do the job?

A colleague who happened to notice the “wifebeater” dictionary entry on my screen as I was reflecting on this essay pointed out that such terms show just “how disconnected” we can sometimes be from our words, and I couldn’t agree more. To make her point, it bears mentioning that I’ve even heard the phrase used by a lady friend or two on occasions when I

was fortunate enough to have help with my laundry.

“You want me to wash your wifebeater?” they might ask. Further proving just how desensitized many of us have become, at least, once the question came innocently from a woman who’d personally survived domestic abuse. Her husband had been, literally, a wifebeater. Yet, the word rolled casually off her tongue.

But rejecting violent, hateful language before it makes its way into everyday American vocabulary should be an obligation we all share. To use phrases that reflect undesirable behaviors in casual conversation suggests a certain acceptance of the actions themselves.

And I’ll be the first to remind myself the next time I pull out one of my sleeveless undershirts.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1944 75 years ago this week
1969 50 years ago this week

PLANS FOR POST-WAR PROJECTS IN FARMS ARE FILED IN LANSING: Preliminary plans on seven postwar public works projects have been filed with the state planning commission in Lansing. The seven projects, all approved by the village trustees, include water mains, a water reservoir, sewers, pavement sealing, alley paving, curb work and catch basins and would cost an estimated \$257,000 for construction.

POINTE POLICE URGE RETURN OF TRAFFIC SIGNS, METERS: Somewhere in a number of homes in the Pointe, permissive parents are not doing anything about some of the items, primarily street stop signs and other public property, decorating the rooms of their offspring. It seems that a certain group of young people consider it very “chic” to have “Stop” and “No Parking” signs, etc., hanging on the walls of

bedrooms and dens. What are the parents doing about this matter? It appears they are not doing a thing, even if they know their children obtained these items illegally. *Obituaries: F. Bruce Winkworth, Edward M. Doty, Warren R. Moore, William T. Krieghoff, Joseph G. Black*

1994 25 years ago this week

FIRM HIRED TO RAZE MACK/MOROSS: The Grosse Pointe Farms City Council approved a \$91,500 demolition bid

for three of the four buildings at the southeast corner of Mack and Moross. Last February, the Farms bid \$3.7 million for the 5.6 acres of property at the corner. Senior housing is one of many uses being considered for the property. **CITIES AGREE ON SALE OF GROSSE POINTE CABLE:** A few dollars seed money to start Grosse Pointe Cable 15 years ago ballooned into a \$22.5 million windfall for The War Memorial and member cities Monday night when the city company was sold to Comcast Cable.

Half of the money will go to The War Memorial and the remaining half split among the five cities based on the percentage of cable revenues generated by the cities over the last five years. *Obituaries: Marjorie Weber Bulkley, Arthur William Hollar Jr., Dorothy M. Kuhl, Robert Allen Lytle, Margaret Booth Marentette, George Reindel Jr., Elmer William Rupp, Adeline Tedesco, John E. Verbiest*

CYCLISTS STRUCK CROSSING MACK: A 46-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman is in serious but stable condition after being struck by a car while riding her bicycle across Mack near Brys about 9 p.m. Her 8-year-old son, who was riding with her, also was hit. He suffered minor injuries. According to police, the victims were in a crosswalk on Mack when they were struck. *Obituaries: Stephen A. Balogh, Dorothy Johnson, Steven Molnar, Steve Zguris*

2009 10 years ago this week —Karen Fontanive

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looking up into the farthest reaches of predawn sky, seeing stars wink off one by one as the sun rises. And then, for me, it’s time to go — 7 a.m. or I’ll be late to work. The walk back out to my car, past the baby pool where I spent so many happy hours so long ago, and one last look at the long view across the picnic area out over the lake. The park is brightening now. The place will be crowded in a few hours with a new generation of kids building summer memories of their own to last a lifetime. Yes, it was a good call to sign up for Early Morning Lap Swim. Starting my day here this way did so

much more than give me a workout. It sustained me for the day ahead and, yes, put me in my Zen zone and gave me bragging rights at work. But more than that, it gave me my

own quiet way to celebrate the summer of 2019, a season I will cherish thanks to the Farms Pier Park. *Margaret Carroll is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.*

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FOIA committee grants appeal

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Mark McInerney first represented the Grosse Pointe Public School System as legal counsel in 1995. During that time, he doesn't recall a denied Freedom of Information Act request being appealed — until recently.

On Sept. 5, the Board of Education FOIA review committee met to review an appeal brought by Grosse Pointe Woods resident Steve Saigh, whose request for the list of candidates applying for the assistant principal/athletic director position at Grosse Pointe North High School and their resumes was denied. McInerney served as the hearing officer during the public meeting.

The role of the committee, made up of Trustee Christopher Profeta, chairman, Trustee Chris Lee and Treasurer Judy Gafa — with President Brian Summerfield serving as Gafa's substitute in her absence — was to determine the merits of Saigh's appeal and either uphold the denial or grant his request.

According to McInerney, Saigh emailed his request June 17, to then-FOIA coordinator Lisa Abbey. On July 2, GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus, acting coordinator after Abbey's retirement, "responded and denied the request because No. 1, the district does not

have the list that Mr. Saigh was asking for and is not required by FOIA to create one," McInerney said, "and 2, disclosing the resumes of the applicants for assistant principal and athletic director would be a clear and unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the applicants."

On July 16, Saigh submitted an appeal of the denial stating, "I am not appealing the decision to provide a list of the applicants as I understand Mr. Niehaus has indicated such a list does not exist. I am, however, appealing the refusal to provide the resumes which clearly do exist. The basis for this denial is alleged to be an invasion of the applicants' privacy. However, such position ignores the fact that the names of the applicants can simply be redacted and therefore there can be no invasion of privacy. It is not appropriate to withhold an entire document when it can be redacted to remove the information that is sought to be protected."

Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jon Dean, representing Niehaus, who was absent due to a prior commitment, addressed the rationale for the original denial as well as the administration's position on redacting information on the resumes.

"The reason for the initial denial is the position of the administration is that

providing that information would be an invasion of privacy for those individuals and compromise them with their current employer as well as potentially reduce future applicants for positions within our school district," Dean said. "As far as redacting, you really can't redact a resume, especially for an executive or even management-level position. ... It's the opinion of the administration that redacting that information makes the document meaningless because the amount of redacting would (result in) a document all blacked out."

During public comments, Saigh said, "I'll start off by saying I don't agree with anything that you're saying. I'm not asking for anything other than the meat of the resume. ... And for the record ... this goes back to Jan. 16 of this year. And I have responses from Gary Niehaus that is very typical of this administration. You ask a question and they dance; they go around it and they give you everything but what you ask for. And it prompts me, because I get angry.

"I never get a straight answer. Not once," he continued. "... All I want is the body of the resume. That's all I'm asking for. We have a right to know who we're hiring — the quality of who we're hiring."

Wendy Saigh, who said she was speaking as a member of the public and

not as an attorney or the wife of the requester, reminded the committee, "The FOIA is a disclosure statute. It says you shall disclose any public record unless there's an exemption. The exemptions that are delineated in the statute are narrowly construed. So if there's an opportunity to release a document and redact something that's exempted, you're obligated to do that by law.

"If you release the document that's all blacked out except for a few lines, then that's up to the recipient of that document to decide what to do next," she continued. "You don't get to just make a decision that it's meaningless and then deny a request. That's not how the FOIA is supposed to operate."

After a closed session to seek legal counsel, the committee reconvened and voted 3-0 to approve Summerfield's motion to provide the requested resumes, but with any information redacted that, in the judgment of the administration, might reveal the identities of the applicants.

The committee agreed the resume of the successful applicant, Michelle Davis, would only be subject to redactions of personal information such as an address, phone number and social security number, as her identity as North's assistant princi-

pal and athletic director is public information.

Davis was appointed to the position by the board Aug. 28, 2017. According to a Grosse Pointe News article Aug. 31, 2017, she earned a Master of Arts degree in educational leadership at Eastern Michigan University and worked at North 17 years teaching business classes.

According to the article, Davis became head of the business and technology department in 2010. She spearheaded the review and restructuring of the business curriculum for grades 9 to 12; led the review and restructuring of the industrial technology curriculum for grades 6 to 12 and technology curriculum for grades K to 12; and took the initiative with North's school store, among other accomplishments.

Coaching experience listed on her resume includes freshmen girls' basketball and junior varsity girls' softball at North, Michigan AAU girls' basketball, middle school basketball and softball at St. Joan of Arc, Little League baseball in St. Clair Shores and JV girls' basketball and JV girls' softball at Elisabeth Ann Johnson High School in Mount Morris.

The search process involved teams of North teachers, parents, students and educators along with administra-

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Each year the Alliance Francaise of Grosse Pointe recognizes one student per grade for his or her achievement in French from local high schools. Each student receives a book and certificate and is honored at a ceremony at The War Memorial.

This year's recipients from University Liggett School are, from right, Chloe Knickerbocker, 10th grade; Sarah Riashi, 9th grade; and Davidson Cheng, 12th grade.

Cheng received a scholarship for having been honored two years during high school.

Not pictured is Nate Hodgson, 11th grade.

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tors from other buildings. Of the 45 applicants, Niehaus met with the final two candidates and recommended Davis to the board, which approved the appointment 7-0.

Dean said while "the administration has a strong desire to maintain a process that provides the best quality and pool of applicants," he supported the committee's decision to uphold the appeal.

"I firmly believe and support our Board of Education and I think they always try to reach the fairest decision they can," Dean said.



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Seven steps to good digital parenting

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Andrea Daniell took advantage of the freedom of summer to allow her nine-year-old daughter, Abbey, to push her boundaries. She let her walk by herself from their home near Windmill Pointe in Grosse Pointe Park to Fairfax Market, for example, and this fall, the fourth-grader will walk the half mile to Trombly Elementary School.

What eases Daniell's comfort level with increasing her daughter's independence is a small gadget Abbey wears on her wrist — a Verizon GizmoWatch. The watch lets Abbey con-

tact her parents with simple text messaging. At the same time, her parents can track her whereabouts.

"It's been huge," said Daniell. "It's been good for us. ... It's nice for her to be able to shoot me a message — 'come get me.' But I don't want her to be walking around with the internet in her pocket."

The GizmoWatch was one product on display for parents at a digital parenting safety forum at Cabbage Patch Cafe in Grosse Pointe Park Aug. 26 — a stop along a national tour. The Family Online Safety Institute partnered with the national parenting group Macaroni Kid to offer area



At the digital parenting safety forum are, from left, Andy Choi, Stephen Balkam, Abbey Daniell and Andrea Daniell.

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Choi demonstrated Verizon's Smart Family, a service that gives parents the ability to manage their children's smartphone use. What begins as blocking in younger children, evolves into monitoring as children get older, Balkam said.

"The parent's phone can track and manage and check and do all the things the child's phone is doing," Choi said. "All in real time. It literally has a 'pause internet' button. If it's dinner time, study time, time to put your phones down."

Controls include location tracking and check-in, monitoring the web and apps, managing calls and texts, blocking or filtering content and setting purchasing limits.

The service "can't parent for you, but it certainly has the tools you need to have a conversation," Choi said.

No. 4: Set ground rules

In addition to setting ground rules with a family safety agreement, Balkam believes in enforcing consequences.

"We strongly advise that you sit down with your kids and even ask them what sort of rules there should be in the home," he said. "They're often very good about saying what the younger kids should or shouldn't do."

Recommended ground rules include tech-free zones.

"Tech free zones are obviously the dining room table, the kitchen table, while you're eating dinner," Balkam said. "The bedroom. We really encourage everyone not to take phones to bed."

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Teacher of THE WEEK



Leslie Dolle

School: Pierce Middle School
Years at Pierce: 19
Grade/Subject: Grades 5-8 life skills classes
Nominated by: Sara Dirkse, principal
Principal's quote:

"All sixth grade students participate in WEB — Where Everyone Belongs — activities to kick off their middle school career. Leslie Dolle is one of three staff members who lead these activities and training, providing strong mentoring and leadership training to our eighth-grade WEB leaders. Mrs. Dolle has played a big role in expanding this program, taking the WEB points of building positive culture and applying them to her individual classroom as well. Mrs. Dolle builds strong positive relationships with students and they seek her out for support as a trusted adult.

"Mrs. Dolle's life skills and foods classes are full every year, and many times more kids elect the course than scheduling allows. She works to build real world application into all of her lessons. Students find immediate impact on their daily lives when learning skills such as healthy nutrition and cooking, budgeting, peer and family relationships and much more."

What motivated you to become a teacher?

My mom was a teacher and administrator in the

Detroit Public Schools for over 30 years. Growing up, I would spend a lot of time helping out in her classroom and was able to witness firsthand the countless number of lives she impacted over the years through her service. She inspired me to want to make a difference in the lives of others, especially our youth.

What are some of your inspirations (past or present)?

The summer following my first year of teaching, my brother and I (both graduates from Michigan State University College of Education), decided to finish our master's degrees in an offsite location in Valbonne, France. For two summers in a row, I took classes from the most inspirational and passionate professors I had ever had in college. Through their wisdom and innovative perspectives on teaching, I began to develop my own philosophy for teaching, and came back home with not just a Masters degree from Michigan State University, but an even greater desire to make a difference in the lives of our youth.

What advice would you give a new teacher?

My advice for a new teacher is to take time to build relationships with your students. Once they truly know you care, that's when real learning can happen in the classroom.



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Make time for team-building activities, lessons in mindfulness and lots of conversations. As years pass by, students may forget exactly what you taught them, but they won't forget how you made them feel. In my opinion, if you can master that aspect of teaching, the rest will fall into place.

Favorite quote:

"I've come to a frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element in the classroom. It's my personal approach that creates the climate. It's my daily mood that makes the weather. As a teacher, I possess a tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated and a child humanized or dehumanized."

— Haim Ginott

parents a local forum to learn about digital parenting safety and responsibility. Stephen Balkam, FOSI founder and chief executive officer, led the conversation while Andy Choi of Verizon was on hand to demonstrate parental controls with the latest devices.

As publisher of Macaroni Kid in Grosse Pointe, Daniell served as the local host and livestreamed the event, which included a question-and-answer session.

According to Balkam, the key issue for parents in 2007 when the institute was formed was whether they should get their high schooler a phone.

"And then it became middle schooler and now we're seeing kindergarteners showing up with mom's old iPhone," Balkam said. "... And the kid's got basically more computing power than we had to put a man on the moon in their pocket."

Balkam emphasized the purpose of the forum was not to shame or scare parents. It was to provide practical solutions and share ideas on creating ground rules for safe and responsible use of technology through seven steps.

No. 1: Talk with your kids

"Not surprisingly, the No. 1 step is to talk with your kids — early and often," Balkam said. "... We talk about it as at least an annual conversation. Back to school is a particularly good time. You guys are going back to school —

sometimes an even bigger school — let's figure out what the technology is and establish some rules.

"It's best to stay calm. Let's not overreact," he added, citing the example of a father from Tennessee who was so appalled by what he saw on his daughter's Facebook account, he filmed himself shooting her computer six times and posted it on her page.

No. 2: Educate yourself

"There really isn't any reason any more not to know something," Balkam said. "If you don't know about (the social media video app) TikTok, you Google it. YouTube probably has thousands of videos. There will be instructions, there will be video. And if you're really stuck, then ask a young person."

No. 3: Use parental controls

Every device today, from a wireless supplier to operating system and search engine, has parental controls, Balkam said.

Family online safety agreement

The Family Online Safety Institute offers the following tips to include in a family online safety agreement.

- ◆ Be honest and share with me/us what you're doing online.
- ◆ Always be kind and polite to others online.
- ◆ Think before you post a comment, photo or video.
- ◆ Go online at times that we agree and respect limits.
- ◆ Don't access inappropriate content or apps.
- ◆ Use security and privacy settings.
- ◆ Tell me/us if you see bad or disturbing content and report it online.
- ◆ Have fun, be creative and explore safely.

For more information, go to fosi.org/parenting.

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TEACHERS IN THE SUMMERTIME

This is the last article in a series on teachers spending time in the summer to enhance their knowledge and enrich their classrooms for the benefit of their students.

Driven to find solutions through art

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Jane Plieth’s background in the automotive industry made her the perfect candidate to serve as director of product design operations at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles’ automotive design camp at FCA headquarters in Auburn Hills this summer. Before joining Pierce Middle School’s staff in September 2015 as an art teacher, Plieth was a digital sculptor for General Motors Corp.

Sponsored by the National Inventors Hall of Fame, the program brought together high school students from southeast Michigan interested in automotive design for a week-long camp. Plieth worked with a different set of students each of the four weeks,

helping them create exterior and interior sketches, a clay model, a marketing plan and a model to describe their transportation vehicle.

“It was pretty intense,” Plieth said. “Every day they had to have a showcase. So the PDO (product design officers) would come in and review their work and give them a sketch card of critical thinking.”

One student centered on a beehive. Her clay model picture showed a hexagonal beehive shape imbedded in it. Her idea, according to Plieth, was to transport bees around the world where there’s a shortage. Another student created a solar-powered car and another student’s vehicle cleaned oil spills from the ocean floor.

“I tried to push them past the idea of making a



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This clay model shows a student’s car design with a hexagonal beehive shape imbedded in it. The student’s idea was to create a vehicle to transport bees where there’s a shortage.

car for a person,” she said. “I talked about having a car be a transportation space for someone with high anxiety. Go up in the air and stay in a pod for a while.”

The focus of the program was on designing a product to solve a problem. This is similar to Plieth’s approach to art. Even while at GM, she designed a class called

You Make a Difference.

Plieth left GM in 2014 after 20 years, finished her art education at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit and, after completing her student teaching, got her first job teaching art in Dearborn in January 2015. She was offered the position at Pierce for the following fall.

“I love it. This has saved my life,” she said. “I really love kids and I love creative thinking and I love bringing things to the real world, like that whole camp I did (this) summer. I got inspired by all these ideas of what (students) can make to change the world and make the world better. It’s a really cool program for me to be a part of.”

Trying to come up with solutions to a problem is

in her DNA, she added.

“I stay up late and think, what could we make? What can we do? I love listening to the news because it’s all about problems. When I hear about problems, I think that would be a great assignment, to think about solving that problem.”

Plieth said she hosts Design Thinking Fridays to encourage students to come up with their own design thinking strategies by describing a problem, deciphering it and figuring out how to solve it through an invention.

This fall she began teaching art at Brownell Middle School as well as Pierce. She spent time over the summer revamping the space, hoping to continue to inspire creative thinkers and problem solvers.

STEPS:

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Phones should be off an hour or so before sleep. ... The blue light stimulates brains to stay awake.”

This goes for parents, too. He encouraged kids and parents to store their phones in a charging closet at night.

Moreover, “Use old-fashioned alarm clocks rather than your phone,” he said. “If you use your phone as an alarm clock ... you might start texting or uploading your Twitter

account before you’ve even brushed your teeth, which is not great modeling for your kids.”

No. 5 Friend and follow It’s fine to friend and follow your kids on Facebook — but don’t stalk them, Balkam said. When his own daughter wanted a Facebook account, he allowed it when she turned 13 under one condition: that he be her first friend. At the same time, he promised not to “like” or comment on anything she posted, respecting her online space and freedom.

No. 6 Explore and share

Balkam encouraged parents to share in their kids’ digital lives and have fun doing it.

“Don’t forget this is actually fun, positive,” he said. “Explore, share, celebrate. Do stuff online.”

Examples include parents doing a TikTok challenge with their kids or creating funny shortform videos to share online.

No. 7 Be a role model

Before they can check their children’s bad digital habits, many parents must curb their own, Balkam said.

“This is probably the most difficult one,” he said. “Actually it’s the No. 1 complaint we get from kids, which is, ‘I can’t get my mom’s attention because she’s always on Facebook. I went to cuddle with Dad on the sofa, but he’s always checking his email.’ We parents have got to learn to put our phones down.

And when being on the phone is necessary, “Verbalize what you’re doing.” For example, tell your child you’re looking up a recipe for dinner or checking the traffic

before driving them to dance class, he said.

Finally, know when and where to unplug altogether. Make it a habit to turn the phone off and enjoy a tech-free night.

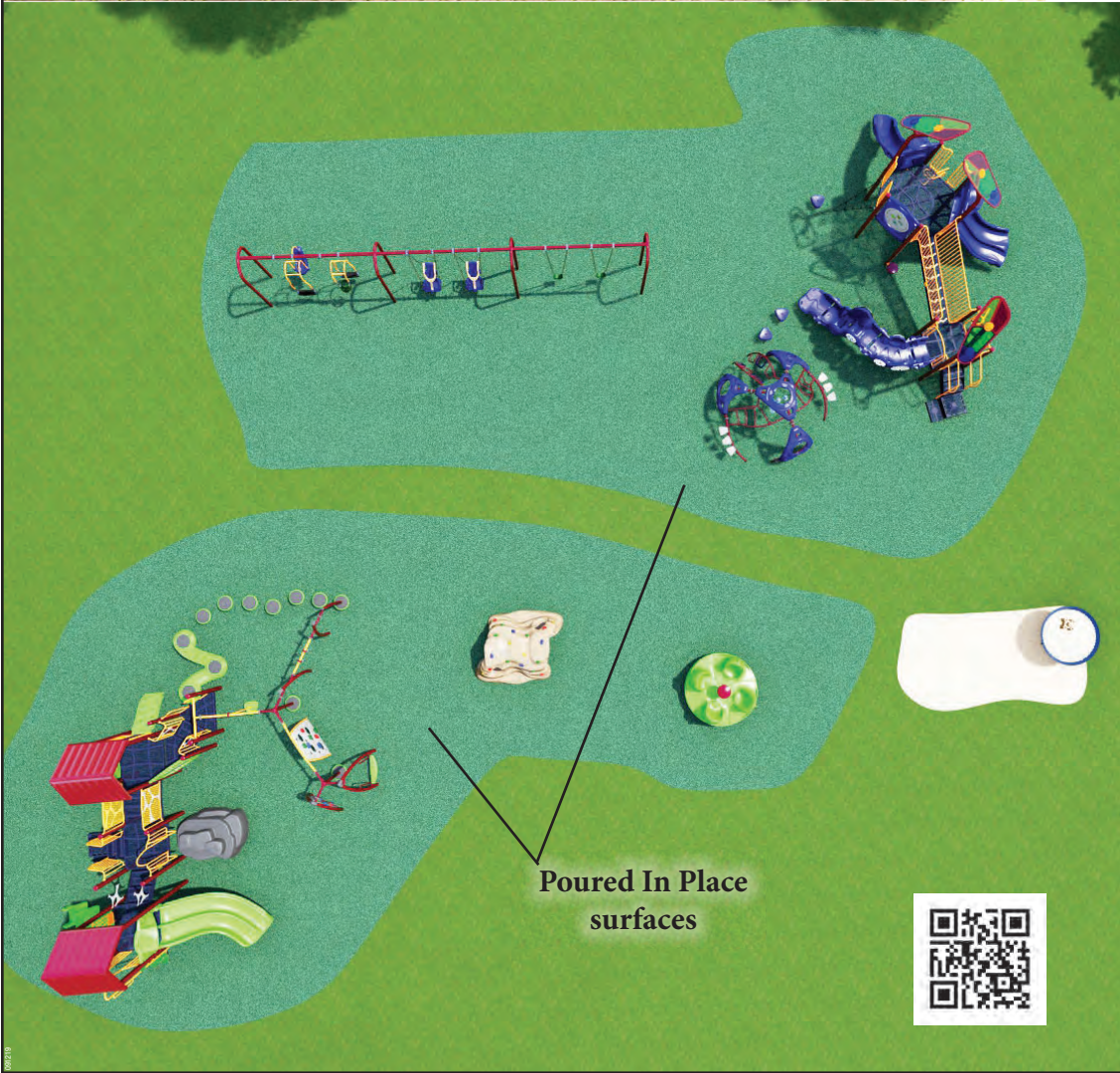
“Play old-fashioned games like Monopoly or card games,” Balkam said. “Some families take it even further and have digital Shabbats — turn it off Friday night and turn it back on Saturday night.”

In spite of the tips Balkam and Choi offered, both admitted it’s difficult for parents to keep up with a rapidly chang-

ing digital world. For example, according to Balkam, 5,000 new apps are uploaded to the App Store globally every day.

“There’s obviously a lot to manage,” said Choi. “That’s the thing that we hear from parents all the time. ... At the same time, this shouldn’t be fear based.”

Said Balkam, “We’re trying to help you guys deal with the risks to mitigate the harms that do exist, but also to keep our eyes on the prize of the rewards this digital technology will bring.”



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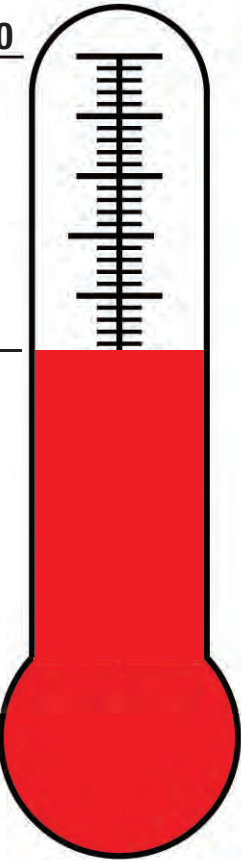
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Here we go again!

Grosse Pointe Theatre’s ‘Mamma Mia’ opens Sept. 20

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

What better way to kick off Grosse Pointe Theatre’s 72nd season than with the danceable, singable, memorable production, “Mamma Mia,” which fills the stage at Pierce Middle School from Sept. 20 to 29.

“Mamma Mia” unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter’s quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother’s past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago.

Grosse Pointe Park residents Rachel Settlege and Allison Roberts are co-directing and choreographing the production; it’s Roberts’ directorial debut. Roberts has been a GPT member 13 years, Settlege for six.

“It’s a show we both wanted to do for a long time,” Settlege said. “Who doesn’t love ABBA? ... It’s dance heavy, vocally heavy. We both have a ton of experience with choreography.”

Added Roberts, “Rachel has an acting background. I have a music background. We highlight each other’s strengths and fill in each other’s weaknesses.”

The music, they agreed, is “surprisingly difficult.”

“People are like, ‘It’s ABBA; I know ABBA songs,’” Settlege said. “But it’s a six-part harmony. They don’t know how to do that.”

The cast has been rehearsing lines, songs and dance moves for two months, preparing for the Sept. 20 opening.

“There’s a lot of positivity,” Roberts said. “A show like this is wonderful to be



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left, Ellen Purrenhage Taber as Rosie, Marie Boyle Reinman as Donna and Pam Montgomery as Tanya.



Tim Reinman and Annie Kordas rehearse a scene.

a part of. It fosters good relationships. There are a lot of women in strong positions. ... This brings it to attention with happy, uplifting content.”

“It’s truly a show for everybody,” Settlege added. “It’s very emotional, fun, uplifting.”

But different from the film, they said.

“It was originally a stage show,” Settlege explained. “But if you like the film, you’ll love this. And if you didn’t like the film, you’ll like this as well.”

“We both saw the same thing in the script,” she

continued. “It’s about women. The mother-daughter relationship, the older best friends, the younger best friends. We want to bring out that aspect of it — those deep open themes throughout the show. We’re having so much fun. ... The choreography and vocals will blow people away.”

Added Roberts, “We didn’t pull out any stops. This is as challenging as we could have made it. We pushed everybody to their limits in a positive way. Everyone feels like they’re doing so much.”

That includes “Mamma

Mia” stars Marie Boyle Reinman and Annie Kordas, playing the mother-daughter duo Donna and Sophie, respectively.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Reinman, a GPT member since 1981, said everything fell into place for this role.

“At my age ... there are starting to be fewer and fewer fun roles,” she said. “We’ve been waiting for the rights to be available on this for some time.”

“And it had to be the right director, too,” she added. “I’ve worked with both Rachel and Allison. I know the type of production they’ll put on stage and I’m anxious to be part of that.”

For Kordas, a GPT member since 2000, the music was the draw.

“I listened to ABBA Gold, the double album, all through high school,” the Grosse Pointe Farms resident said. “I grew up listening to this music. I never envisioned being Sophie, but then it came up and I jumped at the chance.”

Kordas also appreciates the directorial style of Settlege and Roberts.

“They’re serious,” she said. “They take charge. I really need that.”

Added Reinman, “I need the structure.”

“This cast is working so insanely hard; so is the crew,” Settlege said. “We’re building a small house onstage; one that fits 15 people on the second floor.”

While rehearsals have been intense, they’re not all work and no play. Reinman’s husband, Tim Reinman, earned a role as one of Donna’s love interests, Sam. They’re not the only couple involved in the production. Roberts’ husband, David Roberts, is serving as vocal coach for “Mamma Mia,” in partnership with vocal director Dane Carten.

“They have a really strong background in pedagogy and vocal training,” Allison Roberts said.

“There are multiple couples in the cast, a brother and sister in the cast,” Reinman said. “It’s been really fun. There’s a ton of good chemistry.”

Added Settlege, “This show has such a great mix of theater veterans and new folks playing the younger generation. The talent in this show is phenomenal.”

That talent extends throughout the cast, Reinmen said.

“A lot of times in community theater you get good leads, but you have to plumb the depths to put a chorus together,” Reinman said. “This chorus is phenomenal. It’s going to blow you away. ... Grosse Pointe Theatre puts products on the stage that are a step above other community theaters. This is even a step above that. There’s so much good chemistry onstage.”

“And the dance numbers are the most visually interesting; there are so many moving parts,” Kordas said.

The production is scheduled for eight shows, Sept. 20 to 29, at the Pierce Middle School auditorium, 15430

Who’s who

Cast:

Marie Boyle Reinman of Grosse Pointe Farms as Donna, Annie Kordas of Grosse Pointe Farms as Sophie, Pam Montgomery of Grosse Pointe Farms as Tanya, Ellen Purrenhage Taber of St. Clair Shores as Rosie, Tim Reinman of Grosse Pointe Farms as Sam, Tim Higgins of Royal Oak as Harry, Robert Montgomery of Grosse Pointe Farms as Bill, Jay Callahan of Clinton Township as Sky, Virginia Lee of the City of Grosse Pointe as Ali, Cassandra Wanna of Detroit as Lisa, Panayiotis Varlamos of Grosse Pointe Woods as Pepper, Carl Ghafari of Grosse Pointe Shores as Eddie and Scott Davis of Royal Oak as Nigel.

Featured dancers include Erica Clarke, Nicholas Hysick, Catherine Pearson, Jordan Prisby and Kimmie Suchyta. Ensemble members include Joanna Delpaz, Alex Hysick, Kathleen Keyes, Danielle Vogler, Rob Weber, Chelsea Pullice and Valerie Bandy.

Crew:

Co-directors/choreographers Allison Roberts and Rachel Settlege, co-producers Cyndy Lambert and Beth Teagan, orchestra and vocal director Dane Carten, accompanist Paul Abdullas, vocal coach David Roberts, stage managers Leta Chrisman of Harper Woods, Sarah Seely of Hazel Park and Julia Bayer, tech director Gordon Richardson, costume designers Erin Getzin and Theresa Vogler, lighting designer Tom Archinal, sound designer Paul Gonzalez, production assistant Anna Chrisman, hair and makeup by Lorena Mc-Dowell Parker, co-prop masters Gretchen Archinal and Maggie Archinal and dance captain Chelsea Pullice.

Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

So far, cast members have performed snippets of the show during Assumption Cultural Center’s GreekFest and After 6 on Kercheval.

Those interested in more sneak peeks can catch cast members performing guest karaoke at The Whiskey Six, 646 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe, on Friday, Sept. 13 — though not until after rehearsal, so around 10 p.m. — or stop by Atwater in the Park, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, on Sunday, Sept. 22, for a meet-and-greet.

Tickets for “Mamma Mia” are \$26 and may be purchased at the GPT office, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe, online at gpt.org/mammamia or by calling (313) 881-4004.



Annie Kordas and Jay Callahan, portraying Sophie and Sky, rehearse a dance.



Co-director Allison Roberts reviews her notes during a recent rehearsal.

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Juilliard String Quartet kicks off series at War Memorial

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Following a successful first-year partnership with The War Memorial, the Chamber Music Society of Detroit is preparing for its sophomore season at the venue, beginning with a performance by the Juilliard String Quartet.

The concert — featuring violinists Areta Zhulla and Ronald Copes, violist Roger Tapping and cellist Astrid Schween — takes place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at The War Memorial’s Patriot Theatre, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

“This is our second year partnering with The War Memorial,” said Danny DeRose, director of development and marketing with the Chamber Music Society of Detroit, or CMSD. “We partnered with (War Memorial CEO) Charles Burke and immediately started talking about bringing the Juilliard String Quartet. It’s great to bring because Grosse Pointe is full of so many music lovers — classical music, jazz music. It’s important to



COURTESY PHOTO

The quartet includes violinists Areta Zhulla and Ronald Copes, violist Roger Tapping and cellist Astrid Schween.

bring high-caliber music to this area.”

The Juilliard String Quartet has visited the CMSD the last six years, DeRose said, but this is its first visit to The War Memorial. In a performance sponsored by Northern Trust, the quartet will perform Beethoven’s Quartet No. 1 in F major, Op. 18, No. 1; Kurtág’s Six Moments Musicaux, Op. 44; and Beethoven’s Quartet No. 14 in C-sharp minor, Op. 131.

“They’re performing two Beethoven quartets in celebration of Beethoven’s 250th birthday,” DeRose said.

Quartet musicians are all in residence at Juilliard School and on its faculty, he added.

“They actually train young quartets,” he said. “That’s part of their mission, so there’s always a training quartet at Juilliard School.”

The CMSD series continues Friday, Nov. 1, with a performance by

Imani Winds — “One of the most incredible wind quartets in the world,” DeRose said — and pianist Tian Tian.

The Gryphon Trio is slated for Friday, Jan. 24, and the season wraps with Curtis on Tour Friday, March 13. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

“It’s really cool that Grosse Pointe has a venue like this,” DeRose said. “It’s intimate, the seats are comfortable. ... Once they remodeled the Patriot Theatre, it became a world-class venue.”

“This is our 76th season as the Chamber Music Society of Detroit,” he added. “We’re really looking forward to expanding our presence in Grosse Pointe. We see how supportive the community is of world-class music.”

Individual and season tickets are available. Premium seats are \$45 per show. General admission tickets are \$30, senior tickets cost \$25 and student tickets are \$10. Standard season tickets cost \$96 each.

Purchase tickets at chambermusicdetroit.org or (313) 335-3351.



Stephen Mack Jones



Min Jin Lee

GPPL hosts Authors to the Pointe Oct. 19 Tickets on sale Sept. 13

Two award-winning authors will speak during the fifth annual “Authors to the Pointe,” from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Stephen Mack Jones and Min Jin Lee are the featured authors of “Authors to the Pointe,” which includes lunch.

“Bringing noteworthy authors to the community is one of our goals every year,” said Jessica Keyser, library director. “Both authors are strong storytellers and bring a unique perspective to their work.”

Jones is a local author who has written “August Snow” and “Lives Laid Away.” An award-win-

ning playwright, he also is a recipient of the prestigious Kresge Arts in Detroit Literary Fellowship.

Lee’s debut novel, “Free Food for Millionaires,” was included in Top 10 Books of the Year for the Times of London, NPR’s Fresh Air and USA Today. Her second novel, “Pachinko,” was a finalist for the National Book Award for Fiction and was on more than 75 “best books of the year” lists.

Tickets are \$30 each and go on sale Friday, Sept. 13. Purchase tickets online at grossepointelibrary.org or at Central Branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Veterans

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club Inc. meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Larry W. Stephenson M.D., presents “World War I Combat Medicine in France as Provided by two U.S. Army Hospital Units from Detroit.” Admission is free and guests are welcome. Call John Bates at (313) 881-4125 or Tom Jantz at (586) 772-6703.

BNI

The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

The Business Network International East Side Launchpad Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park,

Ecumenical Breakfast

Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Halie Black, executive director of Rebuilding Together-Southeast Michigan, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

◆ Full Circle Garden Growers farmers market, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays through September.

◆ Body Alignment 101, 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 16 to Dec. 2.

◆ Learn to Knit with Trina, 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 16 to Oct. 21. Cost is \$30 for members, \$42 for nonmembers. This class is limited to 10 people.

◆ Line Dancing, 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 16 to Oct. 21, with instructor Michael Panoff. Cost is \$30 for members, \$42 for nonmembers. This class is limited to five partici-

pants.

◆ Beginning Bridge Lessons, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 18 to Nov. 6. Cost is \$40 for members, \$56 for nonmembers. This class is limited to 12 participants.

◆ Third Thursday Book Club, 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19. The group will discuss “Marriage of Opposites,” by Alice Hoffman. The group, led by outreach librarian Kathleen Gallagher, is open to 15 participants.

◆ Alzheimer’s Caregiver support group, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19.

Registration is required for all of these programs. Call (313) 882-9600.

Herb Society

The public is invited to the first meeting of the Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe Unit at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Unit President Krystal Maxwell welcomes members and guests and gives an overview of the annual meeting and the year ahead. A

business meeting follows the program. Tours of the herb garden also are available. There is no charge.

Woman’s Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman’s Club meets at noon Wednesday, Sept. 18, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. After lunch, Officer Traci Reitzloff of the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department, speaks about “Fraud and Public Safety for Seniors.” Guests are welcome. For guest reservations, call Sally Graham at (313) 608-0901 by Saturday, Sept. 14. Guest price is \$15. For more information, call Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081.

LWV

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe hosts a kickoff meeting, featuring a Promote the Vote update, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Cook Schoolhouse, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods. Voting strategist Sharon Dolente with the ACLU speaks.

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More than flowers at Garden Club of Michigan show

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Every other year, the Garden Club of Michigan hosts a flower show, but to call it a flower show doesn't even begin to describe what those who attend will see.

For starters, guests to the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, will be greeted by mannequins clothed in outfits made of fresh flowers. The design class is the first of seven in which participants show their talents.

"The theme is 'By the Lake,'" said Amy Galsterer, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, 15-year club member and show participant. "There's an interesting twist. Each floral design class features a lake in a different country. ... You can use anything from that country as a point of departure."

The mannequins' clothing will be based on Italy's Lake Como, she said.

The second design class takes inspiration from Lago de Chapala in Mexico. It features double hoops that designers must accentuate with flora and turn to art.

"I'm going to wire mine with brightly colored string, like a Mexican sombrero, and suspend flowers off of that," Galsterer said. "There are a lot of things in the garden you don't think of as being from a different country — like dahlias are from Mexico. You learn a little bit every time you do shows."

The third class, based on Lake Ikeda in Japan, features floral creations on a miniature scale — no more than 5 inches high, wide and deep, to be precise.

The designs in class 4, inspired by Lake Kauhako in Hawaii, must be mostly submerged in water. Class 5 designers, inspired by Loch Lomond in Scotland, must create a functional picnic setting using a park bench. Class 6 is based on India's Loktak Lake and has no guidelines.

"You can interpret it any way you want," Galsterer said.

The seventh class — the second class in which Galsterer is participating — takes inspiration from



One of the floral dresses displayed at the 2017 show.

Lake Zuiderzee in the Netherlands.

"It's monochromatic," she said, noting designers have to pick a color in advance and no two designers can use the same color. "The whole arrangement will be in shades of that color — the flowers and the foliage."

While she encourages others to prepare in advance — "Some of my friends are doing trial runs" — Galsterer's never worked that way.

"I do it by the seat of my pants," she said. "It's exciting. ... Sometimes the best laid plans don't work out, so I don't practice."

Galsterer's come a long way since her first show. At her mother's prompting, she was tasked with making a piece of wood look like a watch, for which she won third place.

"I had never arranged flowers before I was a member, other than throwing them in a jug of water," she said. "After I became a member, going to the shows and looking at entries, I realized flowers are a form of art. I started going to other flower shows our club held and realized there is so much more to flower arranging than I ever imagined."

Since learning how to make arrangements, Galsterer said she can't wait to display her work.

"It's so much fun to do,"



These necklaces, displayed at the 2017 show, were made entirely from plant materials.

she said. "It allows you to be creative. It's fun to do these things, to express yourself in a way that's new and creative and daring."

"By the Lake" co-chairwoman Sonya Ackerman recalled her first Garden Club of Michigan show — and how surprised she was to see the talents and skills of other gardeners in ways she never expected.

"My first show was something I couldn't believe," she said, "what they're doing, how they're interpreting a theme. ... We have spectacular floral designers in our community. It's an amazing gift of creativity and imagination and skill they bring to the show."

Outside of the design classes, there are other types of exhibits to peruse, Ackerman said.

"It's not just the typical horticultural exhibits you'd expect to see at other garden shows," she said. "And it's not just people in the club, but people from the area — we've got some amazing floral designers in the area — and people from around the country who are exhibiting."

Some of the standouts, she said, include photography, as well as botanical jewelry and lake-themed needlework.

"With botanical jewelry, you take plant material and manipulate it in a way so it looks like real jewelry, priceless jewelry," she said. "To see it in person — to see how people can take regular items like acorns or chickpeas and turn them into pearls and gems — is amazing."

Another feature of the show is a conservation display, this year focusing on pollinators.

"We invite environmentally conscious organizations from around the country to display," she said, noting that among them this year is Bees in the D.



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tacular." Speaking of food, Ackerman added, the show allows guests the chance to dine by the lake.

"By having it there on the lakeside, we're able to offer those who attend the opportunity to eat," she said. "We'll have coffee and biscotti in the morning. The club is offering lunch — salad and sandwich wraps — in the afternoon. There will be afternoon tea with crumpets and cocktails in the evening. There will be an array of opportunities to grab refreshments while they're there."

Food reservations are limited and must be made in advance with the Grosse Pointe Club at (313) 885-0400.

Another facet of the show is its Sept. 19 preview party, during which a work of art by Laurie Tennent will be auctioned.

"We're excited to have Laurie Tennent," Ackerman said. "She allowed us to use one of her pieces of work as part of our fundraiser."

Absentee bids are welcome and must be received by Tuesday, Sept. 17, by emailing Bliss Clark at blissc@aol.com.

Tennent's work also will be for sale at the show's boutique, run by

Judy Duffy. "She always has a spectacular array of items when she does pop-up shops like this," Ackerman said.

A portion of the proceeds from the boutique benefit the Garden Club of Michigan.

"The money is for all the work the club does, charitable grants and we're involved in responsibilities on Belle Isle, including getting Piet Oudolf in," Ackerman said. "We also do a lot of encouraging the expansion of education through workshops and teaching opportunities, not just for members, but opportunities throughout the year that are open to other clubs."

"I love to see when the community gets involved and participates," she continued. "This is a really great opportunity for people to show their work and what others have been doing in their own gardens."

Added Galsterer, "You can enter and win prizes. It's fun and worth your effort. I think it's more fun to enter than just to watch. I always want people to not only come and see, but also participate."

For more information or to enter the show, visit gardenclubofmichigan.org.



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Eyes on crime

K-9 equipped with ‘Kaiser Cam’

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society Executive Director Corinne Martin has a nickname for the new piece of equipment worn by Harper Woods K-9 Kaiser.

The “Kaiser Cam,” as she calls it, fits snugly on the canine’s head, but also can be worn by Special Weapons and Tactics team members, said Officer Jason Zimmerman, with the Harper Woods Public Safety Department.

Zimmerman suggested

purchasing the camera to Harper Woods K-9 Officer Stephen Johnson after seeing it demonstrated during a recent Ohio Tactical Officers Association conference.

“Most importantly, it can go on a SWAT helmet, so we can actually share it,” Zimmerman said.

Now, almost three months in, K-9 Kaiser has gotten used to wearing the device, though it’s largely used for training purposes.

“It takes phenomenal video,” Johnson said. “We bought the camera with the head mount. It’s

pretty comfortable for him. ... He’s gotten pretty used to it. He’s gotten used to his vest, his booties; I knew he would tolerate it, no problem.”

The camera livestreams video on Johnson’s phone, offering a dog’s eye view of things.

“It depends on what we’re doing, but it’s cool seeing things from the dog’s view,” Johnson said. “We’ve done a couple tracks with it on. We’ve used it for training. If a suspect is in or around a building, you can see what the dog sees.”

One issue Johnson has run into is the time it takes to secure the helmet on Kaiser’s head once they’re in the field. He said when tracking a suspect, time is of the essence and “I’m not thinking about putting a camera on him.”

Leaving the camera on Kaiser wouldn’t work either, he said. Chances are he’d shake it off and chew on it if he’s just sitting in the back of Johnson’s patrol vehicle.

“It would depend on the circumstances,” Johnson said. “If we’re doing a building search or I knew someone was in a building and there was potential for a dog apprehension, I would put it on him. Every situation is different.”

Johnson said the helmet cam has been most



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Kaiser has adjusted well to the new equipment, which is largely used for training purposes.

beneficial during the pair’s weekly training sessions.

“We can see what the dog sees — different views of things or mistakes the dog may make, so we can correct it through training,” he said. “If we had a ‘bad guy’ in a tree or elevated spot, we could see how long it takes for the dog to look up and see him or if he’s using his nose; dogs mostly use their nose when it comes to searching for people.”

The camera also comes in handy for liability purposes. Say a suspect is apprehended and claims Kaiser bit him, when in fact, Kaiser did not. The video offers proof of what happened, much like the body cameras human officers use.

The camera is the latest in a line of equipment Kaiser has laid claim to, including a bulletproof vest, ear protection, eye protection and booties.

“We were recommended a lot of equip-

ment for his safety and the booties were one of the first things we bought,” Johnson said, noting Kaiser has been certified and working on the road more than two years.

The booties come in handy if he has to walk on broken glass or icy sidewalks. The eye and ear protection get good use at the shooting range.

“And the vest is great for protection,” Johnson said.

Kaiser’s vest was courtesy of Grosse Pointe Shores resident Sharon Peters, who has for years raised funds for Vested Interest in K9s, to protect police dogs throughout the country.

The rest of Kaiser’s equipment has been purchased through the Harper Woods Public Safety Department’s K-9 fund, which is heavily supported by GPAAS and Corinne Martin.

As for the new camera, Harper Woods Deputy

Chief John Vorgitch fully supports the enhancement to the city’s K-9 program.

“This is new technology to our department,” Vorgitch said. “It’s a great addition to our K-9 program.”

“Thank you to all those who have donated throughout the years, allowing us to purchase this equipment and technology for the K-9 program — Corinne and GPAAS and our K-9 partners.”

Overall, Kaiser, who turns 4 in October, has been a positive addition to the department.

“He’s had a couple really successful tracks,” Johnson said. “He’s successfully located evidence, had a couple seizures of currency and narcotics. ... He’s really settled into his job. He does a good track job and has had a lot of live experience. He’s very obedient. He’s a phenomenal dog, even at home with my family.”



Officer Stephen Johnson takes a knee next to his partner, Kaiser.

Slow Roll rescheduled

The Harper Woods Slow Roll, originally scheduled for Aug. 26, was rescheduled for Monday, Sept. 16. The initial event was canceled due to inclement weather.

Slow Roll is a group bicycle ride on a specific route around the city and across the border to Detroit.

Participants for the make-up event

should meet at 6 p.m. at Eastland Center, 18000 Vernier, Harper Woods. A variety of food trucks will be on site.

The ride takes off around 7 p.m. and should reconvene at Eastland between 9:30 and 10 p.m.

For information, call Harper Woods at (313) 343-2521.

Library hosts book sale

The Friends of the Harper Woods Library book sale takes place 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, and Saturday, Sept. 28, in the lower-level conference room at the

library, 19601 Harper, Harper Woods.

Gently used hardcover books, paperbacks, DVDs, CDs and audio books are available for purchase.

Those who purchase a Friends of the Library book bag may fill it for \$10.

For more information, call the library at (313) 343-2575.



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Harper Woods Lt. Tom Teatsorth talks with Antoine Sampson about the car the youngster got at the event.



Harper Woods Judge Dan Palmer chats with longtime Harper Woods residents Pauline and Patrick Grace.

National Night Out

Harper Woods hosted its annual National Night Out on Aug. 6, at Johnston Park. The event included music by The Sun Messengers, food, free health and safety tips and information about crime prevention. Many Harper Woods police officers, including K-9 Officer Steve Johnson and his partner, Kaiser, mingled with residents to chat or answer questions.

Find more photos online at grossepointe-news.com.



Detroit Mounted Police Cpl. Mark Zajac, with his horse, Ivan, talks with Marianne Modlin, who teaches family consumer sciences at Grosse Pointe North and South high schools. She also is the chairwoman of the Harper Woods Beautification Committee.



Grosse Pointe Shores resident Sharon Peters talks with Cheryl Koppitch and her son, Ryan, at the Harper Woods K-9 Program table.

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Church hosts educational series on racism

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Unitarian Church has long been liberal. Social justice is a significant part of what has defined its movement for decades. It assisted in Underground Railroad efforts, installed the first female church leader and established the first LGBTQ office, to name a few.

“We’ve always been on the front left edge of social justice,” said the Rev. Dr. Alex Riegel, pastor of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Riegel’s latest effort is no different.

“I find it odd that Grosse Pointe churches don’t have outreach ministries to churches in Detroit,” he said. “Grosse Pointe is a predominantly white community surrounded by Detroit, a

predominantly black community. ... It’s surprising, it’s unconscionable, that no Grosse Pointe church has a ministry to do social justice work. I hope to create action in that direction.”

Riegel, who sits on the executive committee of the Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods NAACP Branch, said he’s working with the organization, as well as the Rev. Jeffery Baker of St. Paul AME Church in Grosse Pointe Park, to bring social justice issues to the forefront.

“My longterm goal is to get this congregation and other congregations to establish a footprint — maybe on Mack or on Alter — in a joint effort to do anti-racism work.”

Riegel said he’s taking one year to work with his congregation, as well as Baker’s and the NAACP, on the plight of African

Americans in the United States.

“I don’t think people realize how unique the African American plight is compared to other minorities in this country,” he said.

This month, Riegel kicks off his efforts with a book recommendation, film and lecture.

“Our first theme is housing discrepancy and our first book recommendation is, ‘The Color of Law,’ by Richard Rothstein,” he said. “On Friday evening, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m., we will be showing the film, ‘13th.’ This documentary is a powerful film that traces the history and challenges of the African-American community since the 13th Amendment was passed. Finally, Dr. John Artis will present a lecture on the theme of our recommended book at noon on

Sunday, Sept. 29.”

The documentary, Riegel said, is a must-see. The trailer is available on Netflix.

The 13th Amendment states, “Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.”

“Once slaves were freed, there was an increasing number of petty laws created in America — disproportionately against the African American community — so the prison complex quickly became a substitute for slavery in America,” Riegel said. “That amendment and how it was written gave license to white America to enslave black men.”

The film, he added, looks at the impact the

amendment’s passage had on African-American communities in the U.S.

“It made them more susceptible to single-parent families, incidences of crime, incidences of drug involvement,” Riegel said. “And we look and think, ‘That’s how black people are.’ There’s a white privilege culture created in context in which African Americans live. African Americans have been battling white privilege since the 13th Amendment came out. I’m trying to raise consciousness about the plight of African Americans ... so we understand them in a different vantage point. I want to motivate my congregation to work harder toward anti-racism and social justice.”

Following the film, breakout groups will allow people to reflect on its message, Riegel said.

The book-film-lecture program, also sponsored by the social justice and adult education teams at GPUC, will recur twice more with similar programming in January and April, but follow different themes as they relate to anti-racism.

“I hope to bring David Campt in this spring,” Riegel said. “He’s an African American man who worked with the Obama administration. He developed the White Ally Toolkit that helps the white community learn what part they can play in anti-racism.”

The Sept. 20 film and Sept. 29 lecture are free and open to the public. Both events take place at GPUC, 17150 Maumee.

“All are welcome,” Riegel said.

For more information, call the church at (313) 881-0420 or email Riegel at alexgpuc@gmail.com.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, again presents “Fresh Start: A Healing Ministry for the Divorced, Separated & Civilly Remarried.” This free 12-week journey involves sharing experiences and dialogue with others in a confidential group setting. A video series is included and child care is provided. Meetings take place 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school’s faculty lounge the following Thursdays: Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9 and 23, Feb. 13 and 27 and March 12 and 26. To register, contact Deacon Bill Jamieson at bjamieson@stpaulonthelake.org or (313) 885-8855, Ext. 145.

Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents “Putting the Enneagram Basics to Work in your Life,” from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 18 to Oct. 9. The Enneagram addresses nine basic disconnects humans are prone to make with consequences

to personality and relationships. It can assist in clearing one’s emotional core of beliefs and reactions that interfere with quality of life and is a proven roadmap that can lead to more joy, peace, a sense of deep fulfillment and purpose and a deeper sense of God’s will. The suggested contribution is \$75; scaled fee options are available. For more information and to register, visit christchurchgp.org/enbasics.

Concert

“A Joyful Noise,” featuring the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, takes place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. RSVP by Sept. 12 at sistersofmary.org/grossepointe.

Jewish Council

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council hosts High Holiday services, observing the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, on Sunday, Sept. 29, and Monday, Sept. 30. Services on Yom Kippur, the Day of

Author, gardener to speak at GPUMC

Award-winning Northern Michigan gardener and author Mary Agria will speak on the topic of “Aging with Grace: A Gardener’s Journey” and read from her new novel “Range of Motion” at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, at

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event is free and open to the public.

Agria is the author of the regional best-selling novel “Time in a Garden” and two-time winner of first prize for features in

the annual Michigan Garden Club state competition. Her novel “Range of Motion” recently was nominated for the annual state of Michigan Library’s Notable Books competition.

Agria challenges read-

ers to rethink what it means to grow and avoid “sciatica of the soul” that can diminish life not just physically, but emotionally, intellectually and spiritually as well.

For more information, call the church at (313) 886-2363.

St. Paul on the Lake programs available

All are invited to join one of many faith-growing and fellowship opportunities at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. There is something for everyone — men, women, youth and families.

For adults, Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. It includes dinner and begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, in the Canfield Center of St. Paul School.

“First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community” is

a study that explores the key elements of the gospel message St. Paul introduced to a new and growing church. It begins at noon Monday, Sept. 30, in the St. Paul on the Lake Church Assembly Room.

FOG, or Following our God, is the junior high ministry, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, in the Canfield Center. Spirit, the high school ministry, begins at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, also in the Canfield Center.

The first Young Couples and

Families gathering is a breakfast following the 8:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, Sept. 22, in the Canfield Center. Participants meet other young families, grow in community and learn about growing in faith together.

For additional information on other opportunities, visit stpaulonthelake.org.

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church is located at 157 Lakeshore. St. Paul School is located at 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

Atonement, take place Tuesday, Oct. 8, and Wednesday, Oct. 9. Rabbi Joe Klein will officiate with Cantorial Soloist Bryant Frank. The Grosse Pointe Jewish

Council sponsors lectures on religious and cultural topics, social events and Shabbat services. For information on High Holidays or membership, call (313) 882-

6700 or email thegpjc@comcast.net.

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts

its 29th annual Oysterfest 5 to 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30. The event includes music, food from more than three dozen restaurants and more. Call (313) 822-2814.

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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.

Mary Lee Hermann

Mary Lee Marshall Scherer Hermann died Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019. She was the beloved wife of Robert R. Hermann; mother of Robert Pauli Scherer of Aspen, Colo., Lesley Scherer of Laguna Beach, Calif., Stephen Scherer of Newport Beach, Calif. and Mark Scherer (Heather) of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.; step-mother of Robert R. Hermann Jr. (Signa) and Lotsie Hermann Holton (Rick), both of St. Louis, Mo. She also is survived by 15 grandchildren and step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and her sister, Sharon Cameron of Atlanta, Ga. She was predeceased by her sister, Sally Crawford.

Mary Lee was born in Dayton, Ohio, to Robert Dickson Marshall and Leone Schmidt Marshall. Some of her fondest memories were childhood vacations spent at her family’s cottage at Bayview in Petoskey, where she and her sisters spent many happy summers. She was a graduate of New York Phoenix School of Design and was an excellent artist who often quietly gifted portraits to family and friends for special occasions.

She moved to St. Louis from Grosse Pointe in 1980, when she married Bob and quickly became a sought-after community leader and fund raiser, bringing those skills with her from Grosse Pointe where she had chaired and participated in many charitable events. Mary Lee’s love and interest in the arts is legendary, having raised money for a full gamut of the community’s arts, cultural and humanitarian institutions, including the Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis Art Museum, Opera Theatre, Grand Center, Missouri Historical Society, The MUNY, Forum for Contemporary Art, The Sheldon, History Museum, Paraquad, Missouri Head Injury Association, Humane Society, the Arts and Education Council and Opera Theatre. For these and other accomplishments, she was honored as a Woman of Achievement in 1996. She served on the board of the St. Louis Science Center from which she received its first chairman’s medal for “...visionary leadership, and exceptional accomplishments which made a lasting impact on the institution.” Along with Bob, she was a recipient of the Cornerstone Award which recognizes “the great involvement and generosity of individuals who contribute to the needs of Barnes-Jewish Hospital and the Siteman Cancer Center” and received the St. Andrew’s “Ageless Remarkable St. Louisan” Award in 2012.

Mary Lee was a devoted champion and supporter of her large family and enthusiastically anticipated their visits, especially during the summers when they

were able to enjoy time together at the home she and Bob loved in Harbor Springs.

In addition to Mary Lee’s legendary community involvement, she and Bob enjoyed many years traveling worldwide, including several bicycle trips with friends all over Europe. She and Bob were enthusiastic musical theater attendees and rarely missed a performance at The Fox or The MUNY. In addition to her design talent, she was known for being a gracious and hospitable hostess. Her home, where she and Bob enjoyed entertaining both large and small groups of friends, reflected her exquisite taste. She loved playing bridge with dear friends and spending time with her beloved cats, Woofie, Chloe and Jack.

The family extends special acknowledgement and thanks to her exceptional companions and friends who enriched and made her life more enjoyable over the years: Dorothy Hart, Becky Areford, Mark Duquette and Lilie Daves.

No service is planned at this time.

Donations may be made to The Muny, No. 1 Theatre Dr., St. Louis, MO 63112; St. Louis Science Center, 5050 Oakland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110; or Humane Society of Missouri, 1201 Macklind Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110.

Doris June Gardner

Doris June Gardner, 92, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019, in Grosse Pointe Woods surrounded by her family. She and her late husband, Max L. Gardner, were longtime residents of Grosse Pointe, having moved here in 1951.

Doris is survived by her children, Cheryl Schneider of Westerville, Ohio, Max Gardner (Artyn) of Newport Beach, Calif. and Gail Zmyslowski (Mark) of Grosse Pointe Shores; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Through the years, Doris supported many charitable causes, including Goodwill Industries, Cottage Hospital Auxiliary and the Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Committee. She and her husband were active in many Rotary Foundation and Lochmoor Club activities. Family was by far the most important aspect of Doris’ life. She was always there to support those needing or wanting for anything.

She was a beautiful woman, known for her great style and grace. She will be deeply missed by those who called her “Mom” and “Mimi.”

The family will hold a private memorial service.

Donations in her name may be made to Grosse Pointe Rotary “Re-Imagining” Tot Lot for the 21st Century at gptotlot.com/.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

John L. LoVasco

John L. LoVasco, 90, of St. Clair Shores, passed away Monday, Sept. 9, 2019.

Born in 1929, in Highland Park, John attended Catholic Central High School and worked on his family’s produce truck, The LoVasco Brothers, in Windsor and Detroit. This is where his passion and expertise for fruits and vegetables began. Anyone who visited him was graced by the plentiful offerings he readily shared at his table.

John worked for New England Life Insurance Co. more than 30 years, then joined his sons, Gene and John, to form LoVasco Financial Services, which later became ALCOS, a financial, insurance and employee benefits company.

He is most recognized as being the founding president of the Men of the Sacred Hearts organization from 1964 to 2014. He introduced a wide range of people to hosting the traveling Pilgrim Virgin, a replica of Our Lady of Fatima, in their homes, schools and businesses throughout Michigan, the U.S. and Canada.

Daily Mass and praying the rosary were the legacies left to those who came to him for guidance. He prayed the rosary daily with his wife of 63 years, Catherine J. LoVasco (nee Mazzola), since the beginning of their relationship in 1956.

In addition to his life’s work, he was the loving father of Jo LoVasco, Rosalyn and Jack Coury, Gene and Jeanne LoVasco, John and Donna LoVasco, Antonio Francesco and Ed Popovitz, Angela LoVasco, Mary LoVasco and Pascual Garcia, Margaret and Doug Rahaim, Andrea LoVasco and Adolfo Campoy and Frank LoVasco; caring and loving grandfather of Adrianna and Max Birnbaum, Anthony and Megan Ahee, Alex and Nicole Ahee, John and Jamie Argento Coury, Christina and Michael Aubrey, Catherine Coury and Mario Bermudez Gil, Michael and Ana LoVasco, Laura LoVasco and Alan Hogan, John and Hannah LoVasco, Luke LoVasco, Tressa LoVasco, Douglas Rahaim, Michael and Sammy Rahaim, Nicholas Rahaim, Marina Campoy-LoVasco, Mario Campoy-LoVasco, Gabriella LoVasco, Alexandria LoVasco and Guiliana LoVasco.

He also is survived by the joy of his heart, great-grandchildren, Ian Duvernay, Vincent and Eva Birnbaum, Julian and Beckham Ahee, Alessandra and Viviana Ahee, Gianna and Jack Coury, Michael and Jack Aubrey, Adriana Bermudez Coury, Joseph and Vincent LoVasco and Michael and Lucia Rahaim.

He was predeceased by his twin brother, Eugene and parents, Josephine and Frank LoVasco.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday,



Mary Lee Hermann



Doris June Gardner



John L. LoVasco

Sept. 12, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Rosary recitation is at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins at 9 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to Missionaries of Charity, 1917 Cabot St., Detroit, MI 48209 or to Men of Sacred Hearts, 6200 Chicago Road, Warren MI 48092.

Loren Jay Tibbitts

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Loren Jay “Larry” Tibbitts, 81, passed away peacefully Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019, surrounded by family.

Larry is survived by his wife of 54 years, Carole Cox Tibbitts; son, JC Tibbitts (Cassie); daughter, Shelly Tucker (Peter) and grandchildren, Gabriela, Ethan, Sammy, Mason, Julia, Eleanor and Piper.

He was predeceased by his parents, Edith and John Tibbitts; brother, Jim Tibbitts and son, Marty Tibbitts.

Born Jan. 14, 1938, in Riverside, Calif., Larry was an adventurous child who demonstrated bravery and ingenuity from a young age. He learned Spanish on the school bus in elementary school and soon was orchestrating Sacramento to Mexico City exchange programs for the town. He worked multiple jobs as a teenager and even made the local paper for protecting the till during an armed robbery at the pharmacy where he worked the night shift. He tried his hand at farm labor and ultimately gravitated toward working on cars.

Larry earned a scholarship to study engineering at General Motors Institute, in Flint, while traveling back to California every four months to complete his work co-op at a GM plant in Los Angeles. While in college, Larry was voted president of his fraternity and honor society, as well as chosen for a coveted GM-sponsored master’s degree at North Carolina State.

Following his time in North Carolina, Larry returned to LA to continue his manufacturing work with GM and enrolled in the University of Southern California’s engineering PhD program. Unfortunately, his doctoral studies were halted when he was drafted into the Army in the early days of the Vietnam War. While reticent to speak of his time working on the engineering of warfare, he had wonderful stories of that period, working off-base tending bar and teaching math at the community college and most specially, meeting the love of



Loren Jay Tibbitts

his life, Carole Cox.

Carole and Larry married January 1965, upon the completion of his military commitment and her graduation from college. They set out to Kansas City to continue his career in the automotive industry and start a family.

Larry’s career with GM spanned three decades, four states and two countries. His keen attention to detail, integrity, work ethic, employee-centered management approach and creative problem-solving led to increasing responsibility within the company. He retired from GM as plant manager of the Detroit-Hamtramck Cadillac plant, in 1992. Following his departure from GM, he returned his focus to Mexico, as he had become renowned in international manufacturing and U.S.-Mexico cultural relations. He guided multiple American companies in establishing a presence in Mexico.

As an expert in new business and operations, Larry finished his career building a company in the communications industry, with his son, Marty. He retired from this role in 2014.

Carole and Larry built a beautiful family with three children and seven grandchildren. In the early years, they enjoyed camping in Baja California, fishing in the San Francisco Bay and Pacific Ocean, skiing in Tahoe and hunting for antique bottles in the Mojave Desert. While living in Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico, they spent weekends exploring Mexican towns, Mayan ruins and the beach community in Padre Island, Texas. The last 37 years, they made Grosse Pointe their home and became integrally involved in the sailing community, the cultural community through the Detroit Institute of Arts and competitive hockey leagues. Larry and Carole shared a love of international travel and boating, as well as his later passion for small aircraft and flying.

Larry was a member of several local clubs and heavily involved in building the boating and sailing programs in the area. He was a past member at the Detroit Athletic Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Old Club and Grosse Pointe Club, where he served as com-



Susan Ann Kuhl

modore.

A celebration of Larry’s life will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, followed by a service from 2 to 3 p.m.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association at alz.org, to further support research on the disease that claimed his life.

Susan Ann Kuhl

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Susan Ann Kuhl, nee Curtsinger, 57, passed away from cancer Friday, Sept. 6, 2019, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Susan was born Oct. 9, 1961, to Paul and Mary Curtsinger at Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms.

She was the beloved wife of Larry; loving mother of William “Billy,” recently enrolled at Michigan State University; stepmother of Nathan Kuhl (Christine) of Grosse Pointe Farms and Nicholas Kuhl (Jeanette) of the City of Grosse Pointe and proud grandmother of Grace, Julia, Lincoln, Lena and Elliott. She also is survived by her brother, Michael Curtsinger of Warren.

Sue spent 15 years of her working career with the FBI, concluding her career as an analyst there in 2001, following the birth of her son, Billy. During her son’s early childhood, she undertook a variety of volunteer positions before joining the staff of St. Clare of Montefalco as a secretary in the Catholic Education program. Her work with the church and in government service was testimony to her strong beliefs in service to the public, as well as service to God. Sue was a lifelong believer and actively lived her faith.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 11 at St. Clare of Montefalco Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307 or the charity of the donor’s choice.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

OBITUARIES:
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Jeffrey J. Malooly

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Jeffrey J. Malooly of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died Monday, July 29, 2019, after a brief illness. He was 62.

Jeffrey was the dear brother of Jayne Zellers (Ted), Margaret Morris and Ellen Bowden; beloved uncle of Jason and Nicholas Morris, Margaret Zellers and Amanda Moore (Terence) and Katherine Bowden and great-uncle of Henry Moore. He also is survived by aunts, uncles and many cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents, G. Gerald and Olga A. Malooly and niece, Elizabeth Morris.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society at michianhumane.org; Florida Humane Society at floridahumanesociety.org, the Poverello Center of Fort Lauderdale at poverello.org or the charity of the donor's choice.

Barry Barclay Holmes

Former Grosse Pointe resident Barry Barclay Holmes, 80, of Raymond, Maine, died Friday, Aug. 30, 2019, after a brave battle with brain cancer, at his home on Sebago Lake with his wife by his side.

Barry was born April 7, 1939, in St. Paul, Minn., where he was raised by his parents, Catherine and Robert Holmes, along with his brothers, King, Robert and Eugene and sister, Robin.

Barry was a devoted husband and father, passionate sailor and wine connoisseur, who loved tennis, golf and skiing. He and his wife, Brenda, traveled the world on multiple adventures. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Portland State Co. and served on its board many years. He was a strong advocate and active promoter for nuclear energy.

Barry earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Lehigh University and Master of Science and doctorate degrees from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He taught at the University of Stuttgart in Germany before entering the business world. His distinguished career as a metals engineer and quality control expert started at Uniroyal Tire Co., continued at Volkswagen of America, United Technologies and Allied Signal. He began a consulting company, DCn, while still a student and MIT and continued to consult after he retired.

Barry is survived by his



Jeffrey J. Malooly



Barry Barclay Holmes



Robert Rogers

wife, Brenda Pearson Holmes; daughters, Jessica Cardinali and Caroline Hybels; sons-in-law, Tony Cardinali and David Hybels and grandchildren, Lydia, Ashley, Jared and Grayson.

His family will honor and celebrate his life privately.

Donations may be made to American Cancer Society at cancer.org or Portland Stage Company at portlandstage.org.

Robert Rogers

Robert Rogers, 51, passed away Friday, Aug. 23, 2019, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, with his family surrounding him.

Born Sept. 27, 1967, at Mount Clemens General Hospital, Bob was the youngest of six children. When he was three months old, his family moved from St. Clair Shores to Grosse Pointe Woods, where Bob attended Our Lady Star of the Sea School and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1985. He then attended Michigan State University, graduating in 1990.

Bob worked a number of jobs. He fondly recalled his days at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park, where he was a lifeguard and, later, head guard. He also really enjoyed selling cars. His last and most important job was a caregiver for his parents.

Bob loved sports. He played baseball and loved his days in Little League. He started playing hockey at a young age and continued to play for as long as he could lace up his skates. He also enjoyed riding his bike or walking down to the lake. Bob loved the Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Tigers and, of course, Michigan State Spartans.

Bob also played the guitar and sang and, memorably, appeared in North's production of "Grease," which starred Sandra Joseph, before her days on Broadway.

Bob also was an animal lover, especially family members' dogs. Biggie and Mary, who came to visit regularly, miss him and the family believes Bob has reunited with Ernie.

Bob was predeceased by his father, William T. Rogers. He is survived by his mother, Lilian and five

siblings, Josie (Ed Schenk), Kathy (Jack Howes), Mike (Mercy), Bill Jr. (Joan Cummins) and Kelley (Gary Neal). He also is survived by seven nieces and nephews and two grand-nephews, whose company he always loved.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 5 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Robert J. Peterson

Grosse Pointe Park resident Robert J. Peterson, 86, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019, at The Auberge at Orchard Park in Morton Grove, Ill.

Born Sept. 20, 1932, in Detroit, to John Peterson and Frances (nee Laws) Peterson, Robert earned a doctorate degree and was a former principal in Fraser Public Schools. He also was a retired captain in the U.S. Army.

Dr. Peterson was an avid musician, tennis player and golfer. He was a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity.

Dr. Peterson is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Kalas (Michael); sons, Drew (Cyndi), Robert Jr. (Suzanne), Jeffrey and Bradford (Kirsten) and 16 grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Camille (nee Schooff).

A memorial Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at St. Peter Catholic Church, 8100 Niles Center Road, Skokie, Ill.

A private inurnment will be in the columbarium at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Catholic Relief services, 228 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21201 or at crs.org.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Beth Garvey, LMSW

Navigating changes, fostering resilience in kids

Q: My children will be dealing with many changes in the upcoming school year. How can I support them in navigating these changes and foster their resilience?

A: What a healthy way to think about change. I love that you are looking at it as an opportunity for growth rather than something from which to protect your children. Children take their cues about new situations from those they trust and when parents are organized around their kids' strengths, it is a clear signal you think they can handle the challenges.

Resilience is not finite and can be strengthened throughout childhood. There are a few key ways to foster children's resilience with each new school year.

◆ Build a sense of competency and discourage perfectionism. Confidence is developed from experiences. Encourage your children to take healthy risks, try new things, make mistakes and embrace change. Reinforce they can do it imperfectly. Perfection undermines resilience,

leaving no margin for error. Remind children that success is defined by the process, not just the outcome.

◆ Encourage a growth mindset. Reinforce how change is an opportunity for growth, learning a new skill set or developing new strengths. A growth mindset reinforces potential — and competence develops by seeking out new opportunities and experiences.

◆ Let them know you trust their capacity to cope. Allowing children to struggle or make mistakes is challenging, but when we rush to protect them, we deprive them of the opportunity to develop critical skills. If they don't experience setbacks, they don't learn how to recover. Shielding children from hardship is not parenting from a position of respect. Allowing kids to stumble or make mistakes nurtures their resilience rather than their fragility.

Kids often have a far greater capacity to navigate change than we give



them credit for. Encouraging them to embrace new experiences helps foster children who take healthy risks, aren't threatened by change, recover emotionally and are solution focused.

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NAACP offers programming

The 42 candidates for local offices in Harper Woods and the five Grosse Pointes have been invited to participate in a candidate forum at the next meeting of the Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods NAACP at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Candidates will have 2 minutes each to discuss what they have done or will do to further the mission of the NAACP.

There will not be a Q&A during the forum, but candidates are invited to remain after the meeting to talk with attendees and answer questions.

The NAACP does not endorse candidates for political office. This forum is provided for informational and educational purposes only.

During the group's next meeting — 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at The War Memorial — members of the Wayne County Probate

Cooperative will discuss their mission to educate the public on the fundamentals of probate and estate planning. The probate judges and probate attorneys who formed the cooperative visit local churches, community centers and organizations to conduct free, two-hour presentations.

Due to time constraints, cooperative members will give a half-hour presentation, followed by a Q&A session.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month

To kick-off Library Card Sign-up Month, the Grosse Pointe Public Library offers an online library card for immediate 30-day access. An online access code provides new cardholders immediate access to place holds on library materials, as well as borrow eBooks, music and movies, and use online resources. To get an online card, visit grossepointelibrary.org/get-a-card. All Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods residents in the Grosse Pointe Public School System can apply for a card.

"A library card opens a world of possibilities," said Jessica Keyser, library director. "The GPPL serves people of all ages. We have story times, author events, family movies, book discussions, musical programs, a 3D printer and maker space."

To celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month, the GPPL is waiving all fines on items returned in September.

To gain full access to all library services and programs, visit any GPPL branch with a



valid Michigan driver's license or state ID to upgrade to a full-service card.

Some of the GPPL's upcoming programs include an Hour of Code, Yoga for Veterans, "Guts" new book release party, the Aretha Franklin documentary "Amazing Grace," the beekeeping program Detroit Hives and World War II programs. Check out the library's online calendar for more information.

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each

September to mark the beginning of the school year. The American Library Association and libraries nationwide unite to encourage everyone to get a library card.

This year, Disney and Pixar's "Toy Story 4" characters Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Bo Peep and friends are honorary chairs of Library Card Sign-up Month. In their role, they will promote the value of a library card and bring attention to the many ways libraries transform lives and communities.

'Essential Oils Safety' class offered

Mary Natschke RN, an Ascension St. John Hospital board-certified holistic nurse and clinical aromatherapist, presents "Essential Oils Safety" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at the Wilson Center: Senior Resources for Independent Living,

648 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.

Participants will learn what essential oils are, how they are produced, safety concerns, common methods of use and what to look for when buying them. Additionally, participants will create their own inhalers and

explore eight essential oils and the ways aromatherapy can be used to support physical and emotional well-being.

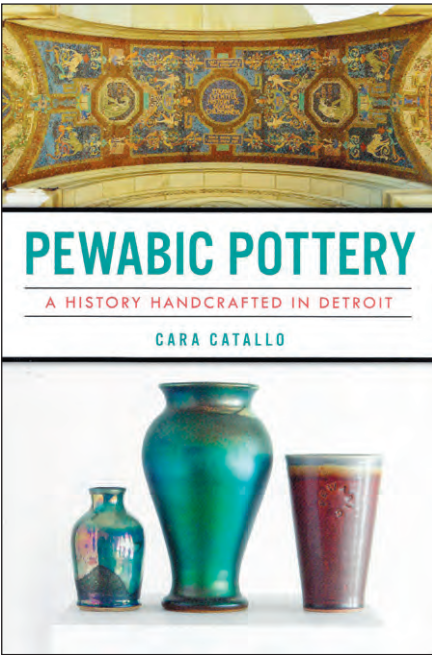
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Bicknell lecture series kicks off Sept. 18

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Dr. Frank Bicknell Educational Lecture series starts up this fall with a peek at "Pewabic Pottery: A History Handcrafted in Detroit," by Arcadia Publishing/History Press.

Author Cara Catallo discusses the book Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Cook Schoolhouse, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods.



Horace Caulkins and Mary Chase Perry pooled their talents and founded Pewabic Pottery in 1903. In 1907, Pewabic moved from a rented stable in Detroit's Brush Park district to the English Tudor building where it has operated ever since.

Perry married William Stratton in 1918, and Mr. Stratton designed their Grosse Pointe Park home at 938 Three Mile

Drive in 1927.

Today, Pewabic Pottery continues Chase Stratton's dedication to handcrafted ceramics and remains known for its iridescent glaze. More than 100 homes in the Grosse Pointes include examples of Pewabic Pottery in fireplace mantles and/or floor and kitchen tile.

Catallo is a journalist and author who has written for the Detroit Free Press and the News & Record in Greensboro, N.C. An avid preservationist, she was serving as chairwoman of the Clarkston Historic District Commission when she wrote her previous book, "Images of America: Clarkston."

Her interest in Pewabic Pottery comes from her Detroit heritage, combined with her love of art and dedication to history. Catallo was raised and lives in Clarkston and possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree from Simon's Rock College at Bard in Great Barrington, Mass., and a Master of Science in Jurisprudence degree from Northwestern University.

For more information about the lecture, call (313) 884-7010.

Prominent artists share techniques in master classes

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association opens its fall season with two master classes, offering an opportunity to work closely with artists who have distinguished themselves among critics and art collectors alike.

Martha Kumari Meagher offers a master class Saturday, Sept. 14, and Donald Cronkhite offers a master class Saturday, Sept. 21. Both take place in the art studio at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Meagher, who grew up in Grosse Pointe, now makes her home in India and travels the world making art. Reviewers call her work alive, carefree and bold, reflecting the spirit of the American abstract expressionists, often adding that her spontaneity and use of color is particularly reminiscent of the renowned Helen Frankenthaler.

A few years ago, GPAA helped Meagher stage a solo show in a Village storefront. During her current visit, she'll exhibit at Mimi's Bistro on Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park. The show opens Friday, Sept. 13, and runs through Oct. 31.

As a thank-you to her Grosse Pointe fans, Meagher is donating the proceeds from her master class to support GPAA's programming for veterans and senior citizens. During the class, she'll use a mix of group exercises and individual attention to help participants loosen their approach. To register and for more details, go to grossepointeartcenter.org/classes.

The following Saturday, Sept. 21, Cronkhite, whose passion for clouds has put him in the top tier of Michigan artists, offers a master class on his favorite topic.

Cronkhite has spent 15 years studying clouds. He will share his technique for capturing the fleeting presence of clouds and the emotions they can elicit. He will go



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"Twilight of Grandeur" by David Cronkhite.

into depth about brushwork, light, value, color and layering. Those attending the workshop are invited to bring a new canvas and start from scratch or a work in progress to perfect.

Cronkhite will demonstrate in oils, but invites artists working in all media. To register and for more details, visit grossepointeartcenter.org/classes.

Cronkhite's solo show, "Ominous skies: A cloud study," is displayed 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily in the Presidents' Room at The War Memorial, through Oct. 6. He will give a gallery talk about his passion for capturing clouds at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19.

Cronkhite won the GPAA's only solo show this year as the prize for



Martha Kumari Meagher at the opening for one of her shows in Pune, India.

his Best of Show award in the association's "Our Rivers, Our Lakes" exhibition.

Details for another master class in January are being worked out with Chris Page, who grew up in the area and now splits his time between studios in New York City and Paris. His work often is chosen for the annual "Strokes of Genius" publication that showcases the best in contemporary drawing.

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Celebrating 30 years

Dominican Literacy Center seeks tutors

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Since its inception, the Dominican Literacy Center has served thousands of individuals looking to improve their skills in reading, writing, math and computers.

Last year alone, the efforts of nine staff members and 300 volunteer tutors served nearly 450 registered students, with a retention rate of 66 percent.

“Dominican Literacy Center is an adult literacy program on the east side of Detroit,” Executive Director Kimberly Williams said. “Our flagship program is one-to-one tutoring. We also offer small group instruction, which is another opportunity to increase literacy. And we have a reading club, small-group math, computer instruction and GED classes.”

All of DLC’s students are adults seeking to

improve their reading, writing, math or English as a Second Language skills. It offers workshops that help individuals prepare for job interviews, as well as voter information during election season.

“It’s about education and literacy and so many other things,” Williams said. “It’s about empowerment, having confidence in being able to advocate for themselves. The biggest chunk of our students is 24 to 44 (years old). The next biggest chunk is 60-plus. These are not people right out of high school; these folks have families and grown-up problems.

“As parents, when their reading level expands, their confidence grows, so they can advocate for their children,” she added. “We’re changing family trees, the trajectory of one’s life. One study showed that once someone is in a literacy program, learning doesn’t stop. It continues on an upward trajectory.”

DLC — housed at Samaritan Center, 5555 Conner, Ste. 1414, Detroit — also offers a GED program.

“They come in, have orientation where we talk about their goals and there’s an assessment,” Williams said. “After the assess-

ment, we find out where they are with reading and math. We ask that our GED students be at the ninth-grade level.”

Students at DLC want to learn, she added. “No law says you have to be in school. Everybody who comes wants to be there, but ... they also have responsibilities.”

A lot of students are low income, she explained, so if a car breaks down, they may not show up for a while.

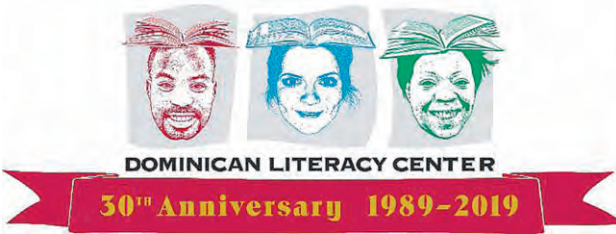
“Transportation is a barrier,” she said, “so we provide bus tickets for students who are consistently coming, tickets for twice a week. We can’t do anything about child care; that’s a barrier. Another barrier is people who are afraid to come to school. Maybe they had a bad experience or a learning disability they didn’t know about. But at Dominican Literacy Center, we give low-stress, high-quality instruction.”

“I started as a tutor,” said Grosse Pointer Sandy Mengel, who now sits on the DLC executive board of directors. “I felt supported. There were ongoing people to talk to about issues I may have been having with a student.”

Mengel tutored six years and said it was a pleasant experience.

“It was the perfect thing for me to do right when I retired,” she said. “It was very fulfilling.

“Tutors are always needed,” she added. “The



center is careful to honor tutors and recognize their contributions. There’s always something for volunteers to do.”

Volunteer tutors commit to visit the center once a week for two hours.

“They have the same student for the whole time,” Williams said, noting there’s a monthly orientation for students and tutors, who are matched on availability as well as common interests.

Nearly a quarter of current DLC volunteers are from Grosse Pointe, William said. That’s 33 tutors, second only to Detroit, which has 46 tutors. Grosse Pointe is involved on the other end of the spectrum as well, as four DLC students are from the community.

“We have so many Grosse Pointers here because you guys are right down the street,” Williams said.

Staying on the east side is important to Williams, who said the organization began with the Adrian Dominican sisters underneath the stage at Dominican High School. It moved to the sisters’ convent before moving to the Warren Conner Development Center and finally to its current space.

Williams started working for the 501(c)3 nonprofit as a program coordinator. Back then, every staff member had to tutor, she said, “so I

know those books. That’s what sparked my interest to go deeper into literacy.”

Williams went back to school to get her master’s degree in reading and education. She stepped away from DLC for a short while before coming back as a full-time instructor, then executive director.

“This is important to me because I know there are people who are underserved,” Williams said. “What we’re doing helps people, changes their lives. ... I love that kind of human connection. I love teaching and training and seeing people reach their goals.

“Our mission is to be respectful of the dignity of each person,” she added, “to help them live out their role as a parent, a worker, a citizen. It’s fulfilling to teach and train. Somebody did it for me; I need to do it for other folks.”

Some DLC tutors have been involved in the organization more than 20 years. Currently, DLC has 440 students who are served by 138 tutors.

All DLC services are free of charge — books, notebooks, writing utensil, other supplies.

“We have an open door,” Mengel said. “We almost never turn anybody away.

“To me it’s really gratifying to help people realize their potential — students or tutors — even if it’s just incremental,”

Celebrating 30

In celebration of its accomplishments and 30th anniversary, Dominican Literacy Center is hosting an adult spelling bee fundraiser at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Jam Handy, 2900 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit.

“We turned 30 this year,” Executive Director Kimberly Williams said. “In commemoration, we’re having a spelling bee. People can either compete or come and have fun.”

Grosse Pointer Andrew Humphrey, meteorologist and reporter at Channel 4 WDIV, serves as emcee. The event also features music by DJ LaRoc, as well as a guest appearance by Dame Willburn, a grand-SLAM finalist of The Moth, which hosts live storytelling events around the world.

Tickets for the spelling bee cost \$30 and are available online at dlcliteracy.org. The agency has a goal of raising \$30,000 for its programming. Various sponsorship levels also are available.

“If you can’t come to the fundraiser, go online to donate — or call or go online to volunteer,” Williams said. “We certainly can use the help. We’re always looking for volunteers.”

she continued. “It’s hard to walk out and not feel positive ... about what your (time) is accomplishing. It’s really a wonderful place to go. ... It’s really a two-way street. You’re going to get as much out of it as you’ll ever give. There’s no downside.”

No experience is necessary to tutor. Training workshops are offered October, January and May. For more information, email Tyra Thompson at thompson_dlc@yahoo.com.

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Football

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights blast Southfield Christian

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School football team evened its record at 1-1 after beating host Southfield Christian 41-0 last weekend.

“We played really well on both sides of the ball,” head coach Dan Cimini

said. “We clicked. The defense was the star of the game, and we threw a lot of looks at them on offense.”

The Knights built a 28-0 halftime lead. They had a running clock after it was 35-0.

Their first touchdown was a 20-yard pass from quarterback Ian Narva to

wide receiver Oliver Service. The two connected again on a 20-yard screen play to make it 14-0.

Joey Randazzo caught a 33-yard touchdown pass from Narva in the first half, and Narva connected with Patrick Ilitch for their fourth touchdown in

the second quarter.

In the second half, Narva scored on a 10-yard run and Nolan Allaer fell on a fumble in the end zone for the final TD.

Matthew Summers made five extra points.

On offense, Narva threw for 280 yards and three touchdowns, plus

ran for 79 yards and one TD.

Service had 75 yards rushing and 40 yards receiving, while Ilitch had 91 yards receiving.

On defense, Drew Zelenak had 15 tackles and Nicholas Cardella had eight tackles. Anthony Green also picked off a pass.

“Our objective was to confuse their quarterback, who is really good,” Cimini said. “We did that and posted a shutout on the road.”

ULS plays its home opener at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, against Marine City Cardinal Mooney.

“This should be a tough game,” Cimini said.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Road win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South’s football team started its division slate last weekend with a 31-0 road win over host Utica Ford.

Head coach Tim Brandon and his Blue Devils used a stout defensive effort to even their overall record at 1-1.

The Blue Devils put points on the board early in the contest when senior defensive back Owen Bollaert intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown. Senior Ben Gabrion tacked on the extra point and just like that it was 7-0.

In the second quarter, senior quarterback Alex Shaheen went to work, hitting senior running back Kevin McCarron for a 17-yard scoring pass. Gabrion’s PAT made it 14-0.

Shaheen and senior wide receiver A.J. Benson connected on a 22-yard touchdown pass on their next possession. Gabrion’s PAT stretched the league to 21-0.

The Blue Devils added a 26-yard field goal from Gabrion with less than 30 seconds left in the second quarter to take a 24-0 first-half lead.

The defense continued



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Head coach Tim Brandon got his Grosse Pointe South football team back in the winners column last weekend.

to make things difficult for the Falcons offense, and midway through the fourth quarter Shaheen and sophomore wide receiver Will Johnson finished the scoring with a 12-yard TD pass.

Gabrion’s extra point made it 31-0 and it was game over.

The defense held the Falcons to only 142 total yards. They had three interceptions and recovered one fumble. Bollaert intercepted two passes and junior linebacker Max Gavagan had the other pick.

Offensively, Johnson had six receptions for 96

yards and the one score, and McCarron also caught six passes for 49 yards and one TD. Benson had two receptions for 38 yards and senior Grant Hart had two catches for 13 yards.

Shaheen was 16 of 25 passing for 196 yards and three touchdowns and one interception. He also led the team in rushing with 51 yards on seven carries.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-0 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division, and next travels to 2-0 Warren Mott for a division showdown Friday, Sept. 13.



South’s Owen Bollaert, shown in the season opener, got things rolling against Ford by returning an interception for a touchdown.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Home loss

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North’s football team began its Macomb Area Conference White Division schedule last weekend, losing 41-6 to visiting Utica.

The Norsemen got off to a slow start, falling behind 16-0 in the first quarter, but picked up the pace in the second quarter.

They scored on a 50-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Brendan Cwiklinski to senior wide receiver D.J. Washington.

The Chieftains added two touchdowns in the third quarter and another in the final period to win.

“We had a good week of practice, but we didn’t do the little things,” head coach Joe Drouin said. “We looked on the iPad at the half and the plays were open, but the attention to details wasn’t there.”

The Chieftains took the opening possession and drove 70 yards to score. They recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff, and turned that turnover into seven points.

A safety put the home team in the 16-point hole,



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

North’s D.J. Washington heads to the end zone after catching a Brendan Cwiklinski pass.

and the visitors kicked a field goal to up the lead to 19 points early in the second quarter.

The Norsemen defense began to hold serve. Sophomore Corey Vardiman had a quarterback sack to help force a punt, but the offense couldn’t get its footing.

Cwiklinski passed for 100 yards with one touchdown and one interception. The leading receiver was Washington with his 50-yard scoring catch.

Senior Isaiah Williams

had three catches for 25 yards. Others with a catch were seniors Keshawn Cooper and Ethan Pinkney.

Penalties also played a factor as the Norsemen were whistled for 15 for more than 100 yards.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 0-1 in the MAC White Division and 0-2 overall.

Next for the Norsemen is an away game at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, against division foe L’Anse Creuse North.



North’s Ethan Pinkney hauls in a reception during the league game against Utica.

Field hockey

RIVALS

South beats North

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

City rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South clashed in a division contest last week, and when the final horn sounded, the visiting Blue Devils came away with a 5-0 win.

“The girls came ready to play,” South head coach Jessie Rouleau said. “We had some hungry forwards tonight, and they wanted to score goals, which they did. It was a nice win for us.”

“We are a young team that learned a lot tonight,” North head coach Emma Yee said. “We played a pretty good game. We had a lot of shots on net and had chances to get back in the game, but their goalie played a great game.”

The Blue Devils came out like a ball of fire in the opening 10 minutes of the first half.

Senior Sofia Remelius scored in the first minute, and a couple of minutes later, senior Caitlin Rionda tallied to make it 2-0.

Rionda scored again at the 21:53 mark to make it 3-0.

The Norsemen settled



South’s Kylie Stackpoole carries the play up the field with North’s Erin Murphy in pursuit.

into a groove and had some good scoring chances, but South senior goaltender Hadley McSunas was up to the challenge, thwarting the home team.

The biggest goal came late in the first half when the Blue Devils made it 4-0 on a goal by senior Kylie Stackpoole.

It was an even second half with each team posting good scoring chances.

“I can’t believe some of our shots didn’t go in,” Yee said. “We have to start finishing when we have those good chances around the net.”

The Blue Devils scored at the 19:11 mark of the second stanza when senior Maria Haddad tallied.

Yee watched her team try to post a rally, but

time after time McSunas made a challenging save to keep the Norsemen off the board. McSunas finished with 14 saves.

“Hadley was very solid in net for us tonight,” Rouleau said. “She is one of our senior leaders.”

Grosse Pointe South improved to 1-1-1 in the Michigan Field Hockey Association Division 2 East standings and 2-1-1 overall, while North dips to 0-1 in the division and 1-1-1 overall.

Next for the Blue Devils is their home opener at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, against Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Coming up for the Norsemen is an away game at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, against Farmington.



PHOTOS BY URBAN JETHRO

North’s Eleanor Martinez, No. 1, readies to take a shot with South’s Emma Riley defending.

Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils tie

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys tennis team tied St. Clair 4-4 in its M a c o m b A r e a Conference Red Division opener.

“We faced a very tough division foe in our first conference match when we squared off against St. Clair on Wednesday,” head coach John Willard said. “All four of our doubles teams played very well together. They swept St. Clair 4-0 and only lost a total of three games

along the way. The singles were a different story.

“They have one of the best singles lineups in the state. All four of our singles players battled valiantly but the singles results were a mirror reverse image of the doubles, we lost all four singles matches while only winning three games.”

The No. 1 doubles team of senior Kenny Prather and junior Jacob Harris won 6-0, 6-1, and junior Jackson Marchal and sophomore Will White won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2 dou-

bles.

It was senior Miles Jamieson and sophomore Alex Prather winning 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 doubles, and the No. 4 doubles squad of senior Patrick Hopper and sophomore Luke Holowinski also won 6-0, 6-0.

For the Blue Devils in singles, freshmen Connor Stafford and Corbin Ifkovits played No. 1 and No. 2, and sophomores Blake Discher and Owen Sanford played No. 3 and No. 4.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Cooksey is unbeaten

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys tennis team finished 0-2-1 in its home quad last weekend.

The Knights tied Parma Western 4-4 and lost 7-1 to Allegan and 6-2 to Rochester.

The match with Parma was as even as the score. Each team won two singles and two doubles matches.

In singles, Will Cooksey won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 and Gerry Sherer won 6-4,

6-1 at No. 4.

At No. 1 doubles, Vince Maribao and Jacob Tomlinson won 7-6, 6-2, and the No. 4 doubles squad of Campbell Marchal and Max Wiegel won 5-7, 6-2, 10-5.

George Anusbighian played well, but lost a tough 6-3, 6-4 match at No. 2 singles, and the No. 3 doubles team of Alex Deimel and Rocco Scarfone fell 6-3, 7-5 in a long match.

Cooksey won another 6-0, 6-0 match at No. 1 singles against one of the

top-ranked teams in Division 4, Allegan.

The Knights had a shot to win two more matches, but Maribao and Tomlinson lost in three sets, as did Deimel and Scarfone.

Against Rochester, Cooksey prevailed 6-0, 6-1 and Sherer won 6-4, 6-4. Those were the only two points the Knights earned.

However, they lost three doubles matches in three sets. They could have won the match 5-3 or even tied 4-4.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen face tough competition

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North tied for seventh with seven points in its home invitational last weekend.

Birmingham Seaholm won with 21 points, followed by Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central and U-D Jesuit with 18, Midland Dow with 16, Portage Central with 13, Livonia Stevenson with eight, and Holly and North with seven.

Head coach John Van

Alst and his Norsemen earned two points at No. 3 singles and No. 3 doubles. They had one point each from No. 1 singles, No. 1 doubles and No. 4 doubles.

For the Norsemen, freshman Alex Muawad was at No. 3 singles, and the duo of juniors Ben Zoia and Luke Deskins was at No. 3 doubles.

Earning the other points were sophomore Simon Stallings at No. 1 singles, seniors Charlie Ramsdell and sophomore Mitchell Mills at No. 1

doubles and senior Henry Rozewicz and freshman James Moussiaux at No. 4 doubles.

Senior Zach Rockwell and freshman Sahith Nannapenini played No. 2 and No. 4 singles, and the No. 2 doubles team was seniors Adam Naimo and Jonathan Hartley.

Van Alst scheduled some of the state’s top teams, knowing the competition will make his players better as they prepare for the state regional tournament in October.

Basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Time to register for hoops camp

Hoops United announces its Fall Fundamental Basketball outings for boys and girls in first through sixth grades at Grosse Pointe South, running each Saturday morning from Sept. 21 to Oct. 26.

The fall program is broken into one session for skills and drills, and a second for games and development.

Teams will be divided up and each squad will be provided a South varsity player to organize

and encourage all play-

ers. Each court will be monitored by coach Stephen Benard, the Grosse Pointe South varsity boys basketball head coach, and coach Kevin Richards, the Grosse Pointe South varsity girls basketball head coach, to ensure team play and to enforce skills learned.

The five Saturday morning sessions are from 9 to 11 a.m. and open to the first 50 par-

ticipants. There is no camp Saturday, Oct. 12.

The cost is \$150 per player and register at gpsbasketball.com. Payments should be made by check payable to Grosse Pointe South Basketball and mailed to 1145 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

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Cross country

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Girls get second, Navarre wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North cross-country girls and boys teams traveled to Goodells County Park last weekend to compete in the annual Algonac Muskrat Classic.

“We had an awesome day at the race course this weekend,” head coach Scott Cooper said. “Algonac was flooded and the racers would have been in need of a kayak to complete the course so the venue was changed to Goodells County Park. Beautiful course.”

North came in third last year. This year they were well into second place. They ran great, smart races, the coach said. The girls got out very well and settled into their race pace, looking like a possible top-5 finish at the mile mark.

In the second half of



PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT COOPER

North girls cross country runners get a team pic after earning a trophy. The runners are from left, Sophia Dragich, Annaliese Thomas, Jackie Albo, Sarah Seagram, Lyndsey Kluge, Anna Lisa Lynch and Elise Nyquist.

the race they came on and established themselves with their pack running to take second place. Cooper said they do not have a clear top

runner this year.

“Instead we have a top pack,” Cooper said. “We finished our five scoring runners across the finish line within 55 seconds

which a great accomplishment.

“Special team recognition goes to Anna Lisa Lynch who was our ninth-ranked runner

going in and was suddenly thrust into the race because of two injuries. She not only filled in for us, but she ran and finished with our top two runners making a very bold statement. Thomas and Nyquist have been vying back and forth for the top spot and now have a third contender pushing them both on to greater things.”

Top finishers for the Norsemen were junior Annaliese Thomas, eighth at 21:01.6; junior Elise Nyquist, 10th at 21:03.7; junior Anna Lisa Lynch, 12th at 21:11.1; senior Jackie Albo, 16th at 21:26.2; senior Lyndsey Kluge, 22nd at 21:57.5; freshman Sophia Dragich, 24th at 22:05.6; and senior Sarah Seagram, 25th at 22:18.2.

“These girls have been running great in practice and pushing hard all together, along with the JV runners,” Cooper said.

“We have some great depth this year on the team.”

The boys squad, under head coach Diane Montgomery, finished fifth with 106 points. Port Huron Northern won with 36 points, followed by Anchor Bay with 63, Oxford with 84 and Grosse Pointe South with 86.

Junior Preston Navarre won the meet with a time of 16:00.5, and senior Jack Day was 17th at 17:24.8 to lead the Norsemen.

Other top seven Norsemen were senior Michael Lynch, 24th with a time of 17:42.4; sophomore Max Kluge, 31st at 18:11.1; sophomore Ryan Spiteri, 33rd at 18:14.1; senior Andrew Spiteri, 35th at 18:17.7; and junior Noah Lawson, 44th at 18:37.7.

Next for North is the MSU Invitational Friday, Sept. 13.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils runners see positive results

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South’s girls cross-country team finished seventh out of 15 squads with 157 points in last weekend’s annual Algonac Muskrat Classic Division 1 meet at Goodells County Park.

Oxford won the meet with 36 points.

South head coach Steve Zaranek said six of their top seven varsity runners earned a medal.

For the Blue Devils, medalists were senior Lizzie High, who was 26th with a time of 22:15.2; freshman Kelly Gavagan was 31st at 22:41.7; senior Victoria Gardey was 32nd at 22:55.3; junior Lizzy Bellovich was 33rd at 23:04.6; junior Mayra Eger was 35th at 23:05.7; and senior Paisley MacKay was 37th at 23:15.2.



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

South senior Lizzy High leads the Blue Devils to the finish line at the Algonac Invitational.

Junior Dianne Dollison finished just out of the medals in 43rd place with a time of 23:39.7.

“All seven of our varsity ran faster than the previous week’s season opener,” Zaranek said. “They are working very hard to stay close to one another and push each

other during the races. We want that gap from 1 to 7 to be very tight and we are moving in that direction.”

South’s boys took fourth with 86 points. Port Huron Northern won with 36 points, followed by Anchor Bay with 63 and Oxford with

84. For head coach Mark Sonnenberg and his Blue Devils, sophomore Jack Hurst and junior Abraham Abouljoud finished 12th and 13th with times of 17:18.3 and 17:19.1 to earn medals.

Freshman Brendan Downey and sophomore Jake Vallan finished 19th and 20th with times of 17:30.6 and 17:35.6, and senior Tucker Griffin was 22nd at 17:39.8 to also medal.

South seniors Halden

Stoehr and Dominic Dulac finished 26th and 27th with times of 17:51.0 and 17:56.2 to take home a medal.

South competes at the 20-team Huron Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 14.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights get results

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School cross-country teams competed in the annual Algonac Muskrat Classic Division 2-3-4 race at Goodells County Park last weekend.

The girls finished ninth with 202 points and the boys were 11th with 292 points.

Warren Regina won the girls meet with 48 points and Yale was the boys champ with 35 points.

Head coach Colleen Mellon and her girls team was led by sophomore Grace Govier-LaParl, who was 23rd with a time of 21:48.1.

Freshman Penelope Griffioen was 31st with a time of 22:10.1, while senior Maggie Dunn was 38th at 22:42.2.

Sophomore Emilia



PHOTO BY TOM DAILEY

University Liggett School runners at the start of the Algonac Muskrat Classic.

Bronk ran a time of 24:28 to finish 63rd, and the duo of senior Ava Henness and junior Sophia Ma finished 69th and 71st with times of 25:03.5 and 25:11.7 for the Knights.

In the boys meet, senior Ashton Pongratz was 21st with a time of 18:00.4 and sophomore James Dailey was 54th at

19:43.4.

Senior Ian Shogren ran 20:62.2 to take 67th and junior Elias Gaydecka was 76th with a time of 21:07.06.

Other finishers for the Knights were sophomore Garrett Flynn and freshman Ryan King, who placed 84th and 85th with times of 21:22.6 and 21:28.3.

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Volleyball

LIGGETT, SOUTH



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Successful openers

The University Liggett School volleyball team competed in the Ann Arbor Greenhills Invitational on Aug. 26 to start the season. The Knights beat Ann Arbor Prep 25-21, 25-23 then lost to Whitmore Lake 25-17, 25-15 in pool play. In the next round of seeding, the Knights played host Greenhills, winning 25-20, 20-25, 15-9. In the semifinals, the Knights lost 25-16, 23-25, 15-10 to Whitmore Lake to finish 2-2 in the tournament. Newcomers Maddy Zampardo, Kennedy Campbell, Memphis Griffon and Rosie Bracken played well. The Knights were led all day by their two captains pictured above, senior Melanie Zampardo, right, who was 58 of 60 serving, and senior Bella Cubba, who had 26 kills. Grosse Pointe South finished 1-2-1 in the Michigan Elite Tournament at the Blue Water Sports Center in Warren. The Blue Devils beat Armada 25-17, 25-18 and tied Allen Park, losing the first set 25-22 before coming back to win the second set 25-18. Head coach Krysta Kreyger and her Blue Devils lost 25-15, 25-16 to Bloomfield Hills Marian and 25-20, 25-15 to Jenison.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Generosity makes smiles

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

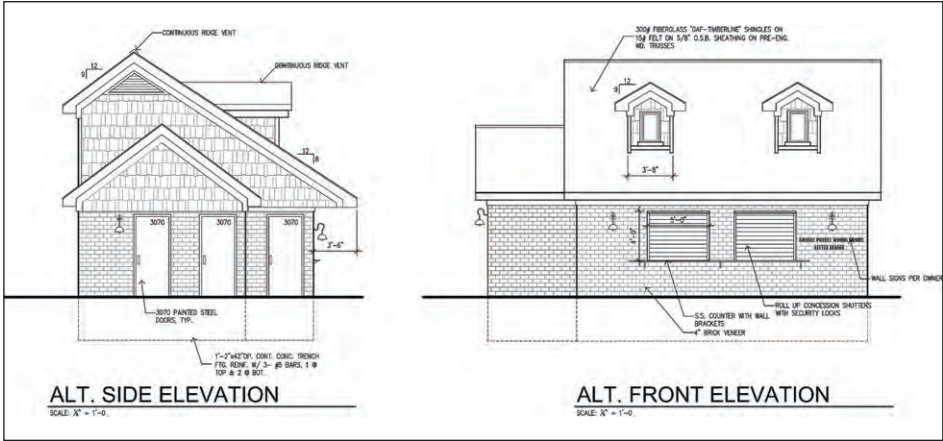
Fans taking in a Little League game next summer at Ghesquiere Park will get to walk up to a new concession stand to quench their thirst or grab a bite to eat.

More than a thousand fans will make that trip to the concession stand in 2020.

Construction of a new concession stand is in progress and board members of the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League are looking for donations to help defer some of the costs.

“The league is very excited to finally see this project come to fruition. It has been a long time in the making,” said Melissa Champine, Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League president. “The hope is that this is just the first step in additional improvements for our league. New scoreboards, backstops and field maintenance are some of the additional projects we would like to look at next. We thank all

Little league



The blueprint of the new concession stand.

those supporters for the project to date and hope you will be pleased with the final result.”

If a person donates \$10,000, they become a member of the Home Run Club. With this, they receive a permanent individual plaque with business/logo or family name on the finished building located on front of the building and get a full page ad in next year’s program.

Make a \$5,000 donation and be a member of the Triples Club earning a square on the club permanent plaque with business/logo or family name on the finished building and a half page ad in next year’s program.

A \$1,000 donation earns membership in the Doubles Club. This puts their business or family name on the permanent club plaque on the finished building and a quarter page ad in next year’s program.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MELISSA CHAMPINE

The new concession stand is in the process of being built.

Any donation amount puts someone in the Our Fan Club, which gets the person listed on the fan club page in next year’s program. People can donate by

visiting grossepointelittleleague.org or talking to a board member. People can also contact Champineatmhenderson@comcast.net.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2019

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilperson Tom Jenny.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilperson Jenny from tonight’s meeting because of prior commitments.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held July 8, 2019 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Review meeting held July 16, 2019.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 117033 through 117268 in the amount of \$970,206.14 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$54,639.31 for the purchase E Series Ultrasonic meters, 5/8” Orion Meters and 5/8” Orion meter tops. (3) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$7,063.70 for the contractual fertilization/weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, Library, the annexes, DPW lots and the Parks and also for main break restorations and lawn cuttings at residential homes not in compliance with the City ordinance. (4) approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$34,718.80 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of June 2019. (5) approve payment to Doxim in the amount of \$5,126.20 for the printing and mailing of the 2019 summer property tax bills and water bills for Districts 1, 2 and 3. (6) approve payment in the amount of \$5,300.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with repairs to water service lines, the installation of a stop box, and an emergency watermain break. (7) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$20,136.27 for professional services during the month of June 2019 for the following projects: Stormwater Asset Management Plan, #180-202; 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-204; Housing Rehab Project, #180-78; Christian Financial Parking Lot, #180-216; 2019 User Charge, #180-213; the 2018 Gas Main Project, #180-198; and the 2019 Emergency Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-215. (8) approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,049.50 for software support on the district court’s computer system and SOS/Lein fees. (9) approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$6,799.25 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (10) approve payment in the amount of \$21,452.50 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City’s pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pump Station for the period January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. (11) approve payment in the amount of \$5,100.40 to Drive Creative Services, LLC for the printing, sorting, bundling, and delivery of the July - September Newsletter. (12) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,257.25 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of July 2019. (13) approve payment to Six Brothers Construction LLC in the amount of \$60,589.00; \$16,710.00 for the renovations and repair work at 18827 Woodside, \$15,564.00 at 18920 Old Homestead, \$13,970.00 at 21364 Brierstone and \$14,345.00 at 18668 Washtenaw as part of the CDBG rehab loan project.
- 2) to approve the Commodity Charge of \$3.009 per hundred cubic feet (CCF) for water and \$3.504 per CCF for sewer totaling \$6.513 per CCF for all water/sewer billed on or after September 1, 2019.
- 3) to Receive and File the 2018 Audit/Financial Report as submitted by the City’s Auditors, Plante and Moran and also receive and file their management report.
- 4) to accept the lowest responsible bid submitted by Pella Holdings LLC in the amount of \$30,232.00 for rehab work to be provided at 19893 Cedar Court as part of the CDBG Rehabilitation Program.
- 5) to accept the lowest responsible bid submitted by Optimum Contracting Solutions in the amount of \$14,875.00 for rehab work to be provided at 19637 Lochmoor as part of the CDBG Rehabilitation Program.
- 6) to accept the lowest responsible bid submitted by Optimum Contracting Solutions in the amount of \$35,275.00 for rehab work to be provided at 19960 Lancaster as part of the CDBG Rehabilitation Program.
- 7) approve payment to Doetsch Industrial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$67,714.65 for Progress Payment No. 4 on the 2018 SAW Grant - Storm Sewer CCTV Investigation Project, #180-202.
- 8) approve payment to L. Anthony Construction Inc., in the amount of \$45,790.71 for Progress Payment No. 3 on the 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-204.
- 9) to authorize the purchase of five (5) sets of turnout gear for public safety officers in the amount of \$11,012.75 from Conway Shield.
- 10) to designate Mayor Poynter as the City’s official delegate, and Mayor Pro tem Kindle as the alternate delegate at the Michigan Municipal League’s Annual Meeting to be held September 25-27, 2019.
- 11) to appoint Mayor Pro tem Kindle as the City of Harper Woods’ alternate delegate to the South East Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

Soccer

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Positive results

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys soccer team stretched its winning streak to five games after winning both its games last week.

The Knights beat host Riverview Gabriel Richard 5-1 early last week as Sheikh Manneh scored twice.

“The boys played a great second half and the offense really clicked,” head coach David Dwaihy said. “Sheikh Manneh had a standout performance up front and everyone behind him played extremely well. Sam Sword earned the shut-out in net, and had a ton of help from the back line in front of him – Will Nicholson, Markus Wiegel, Daniel Barta, Terrence Hurt, Harry Durno, and Sam Combs

all contributed to keeping the clean sheet.”

Other goal scorers in the Riverview Gabriel Richard game were Nolan Ondersma, Doug Wood and Stewart Smith. Matt Summers, Sawyer Szajenko, Ondersma, Smith and Manneh had assists.

In the home victory over Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard, Manneh scored both goals, and getting assists were Ondersma and Wood. ULS improved to 3-0 in the Catholic League Intersectional 1 Division and 5-0 overall.

“Hopefully we can keep things rolling this week,” Dwaihy said.

North results

The Grosse Pointe North boys soccer team was back in the win column last week, shutting out visiting L’Anse Creuse North 4-0.

James Streberger, Nick Miller and Ronnie Latiff each had one goal and one assist to power the Norsemen.

Chris Valice also had a goal as head coach Brad VandeVorde and his Norsemen improved to 2-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 3-3 overall.

South results

The Grosse Pointe South boys soccer team continued its hot streak last week, beating host Sterling Heights Stevenson 2-0.

Head coach Francesco Cilano saw Rene’ Robert and Sam Tucker score goals to lead the Blue Devils to their fifth victory of the young season.

The Blue Devils dominated the game as the offense peppered the Titans’ goalkeeper with shot after shot.

“It was another great performance,” Cilano said.

They took the show on the road once again later in the week, playing Warren Cousino in a Macomb Area Conference White Division contest.

The Blue Devils controlled the play, but couldn’t buy a goal in a 2-1 loss to the Patriots.

“First half should be 5-1 for us,” Cilano said.

The loss sends South to 0-1-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 5-1-1 overall.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS – 2019 RECONSTRUCTION OF CITY HALL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES. Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Plans and specifications must be obtained from Stucky Vitale Architects at jMcNelis@stuckyvitale.com on Thursday, September 12, 2019. A public viewing copy is available at the City Clerk’s office, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Bids may be rejected unless submitted on the forms included with the bidding documents. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

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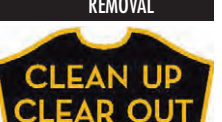
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ACROSS

1 Old love boat
4 Cattle comments
8 Dispatch
12 Luau side dish
13 Reed instrument
14 Inlet
15 Small
17 Enthusiastic
18 Eviscerate
19 Soon
21 Rook
24 Potential syrup
25 Roman 52
26 Thanksgiving veggie
28 Pass along
32 Ricelike pasta
34 — Mahal
36 Cannonball, maybe
37 Color workers
39 High-pitched bark
41 A mere handful
42 Mimic
44 Bets
46 Poetic feet

50 Existed
51 Tangelo trademark
52 Do some firing
56 Sandwich cookie
57 Great Lake
58 Londoner's letter
59 Cut, as logs
60 Tear to bits
61 Type measures

DOWN

1 Smartphone download
2 Marseilles monarch
3 Huge
4 Pretty much
5 Japanese sash
6 Leak slowly
7 Prophets
8 Resold for big profits
9 Corporate symbol
10 Shakespeare's river
11 Safecracker
16 Historic boy king
20 Listener
21 LummoX
22 Ethereal
23 Dine on
27 Has permission
29 Of natural dimensions
30 State with certainty
31 Some evergreens
33 Speech
35 Mandible
38 Agent
40 Hocked
43 Church leader
45 Petrol
46 Twosomes
47 City in India
48 Ball of yarn
49 Angry
53 Triumph
54 Buddhist sect
55 Wood and Wynn


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Solution Time: 25 minutes

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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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