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Making their case

Four vie for three council seats

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe hosted four candidates vying for three seats on the City of Grosse Pointe council and the two mayoral candidates Tuesday, Oct. 10, during a public forum at The War Memorial.

Running for council are David Fries, Sheila Tomkowiak, Chris Walsh and Daniel Williams.

Candidates for mayor are Christopher Boettcher and Dale Scrace.

Audience members wrote questions for the candidates which were posed by moderator, Maria Rivera.

The proposed Village hotel and relocation of public works to a site in Detroit were the biggest issues raised by residents.

The first four questions were related to the hotel. Recently, concerns have been brought up by residents about the proximity of the hotel to Maire Elementary School, a reduced amount of parking in the Village, the aesthetic appeal and fears about what could happen should the hotel fail.

"I've been a proponent for many, many years of a hotel project in the Village," Scrace said. "The only item we have had a vote on is selecting Pedersen Development. That's it. Everything else now is in the feasibility stage."

There has been no formal proposal from Pedersen yet. Right now, according to city officials, they are researching if a hotel in Grosse Pointe would work financially.

"I have not seen any kind of proposal put before us," Boettcher said. "What we've seen and what we've heard is what the development

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Happy being blue

Maire Elementary School, City of Grosse Pointe, has been recognized as an Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School for 2017. It was one of only 13 schools in Michigan nominated. Maire joins Kerby and Mason elementary schools in receiving this honor. Monday, Oct. 16, the entire school dressed in blue and formed a large M on Maire's playground to celebrate their achievement.

A candidate for change

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Christopher Boettcher said he wasn't planning on running for mayor when he announced his resignation from council earlier this year. Eight years was enough; it was time to pass the torch, he said.

But after his announcement he said he received push-back from some residents. They said he was a voice of reason, willing to demand better answers, he said. So after a few

weeks of contemplation and discussion with his wife, Jennifer, he decided he couldn't let it go and threw his hat into the ring.

Boettcher said he is worried about complacency on the council. It was one of the reasons he wasn't planning on running again. Fresh faces on the council bring fresh passion and a new perspective, he said.

"When new people come in, complacency evaporates," he said.

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A candidate with experience

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — If there's one thing that can be said about Dale Scrace it's he's experienced. He has spent the last 28 years on the council, 16 of those as mayor. He guided the city through the recession, has seen the Village fill almost to capacity after Jacobson's, Borders and Ace Hardware left town and now with a AAA bond rating from Standard and Poor's is overseeing three major projects: the develop-

ment of a new public safety building, a new public works facility and a hotel in the Village.

"It's a great time to be mayor," Scrace said. "There's a lot of really positive things going on."

Development is important to Scrace. He's been doing it most of his life. The 69-year-old received a bachelor's degree in architecture and has been working in construction management and real estate development ever since. He spent eight years on the Renaissance

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First contested mayoral race since 2003

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Residents will vote for mayor in the first such battle since 2003. The race between Joe Ricci and Louis Theros is the first "people's" election since the city revised its charter prescribing direct election of mayor by Farms residents.

Proposal A on the November 2003 ballot was the result of a petition circulated by councilwoman Therese Joseph. The principle guiding it was "to permit the voters at each city election to elect a mayor for a two-year term." In elections prior to 2003, the city charter directed council to elect one of its members as mayor and one as mayor pro tem.

The approved proposal led to the appointment of James C. Farquhar Jr. by popular vote among residents. Farquhar continued to serve as mayor for six more terms via uncontested elections. With his seventh term expiring this November, Farquhar decided not to seek an eighth. Instead, he is on the ballot to continue serving the Farms as a city council member, a four-year term.

In this 2017 election season, the charter revision is relevant as current

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City council approves plan for ULS' Boll Campus Center

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council members unanimously approved a special land use proposal for the erection of University Liggett Schools' John A. and Marlene L. Boll Campus Center. The approval is contingent upon limiting the structure's elevation to 35 feet and listing Grosse Pointe Woods as

an additional insurer.

Expected to break ground this month, the building concept, designed by the Birmingham-based firm Landry Cekauskas, includes a state-of-the-art gymnasium and workout space and "flexible" classrooms.

ULS Head of School Bart Bronk and CBRE's Scott Cave presented the site plan and design concept in a public hearing

during last Monday's Woods city council meeting.

Bronk said the proposal, which supports the joining of ULS campuses, is the "culmination of 10 years of planning." He called the building the school's "front door" and "a new asset that'll allow our programs to really thrive."

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Design concept drawing of the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Campus Center by the Birmingham-based firm Landry & Cekauskas Architecture.

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Amy Cooper

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
 Age: 23
 Michigan grad worked in Bolivia with children of incarcerated mothers



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2A | BUSINESS

A Dillicious pickle

New business hosts Oct. 22 launch party

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

It seems the origins of any good food business start at a young age, in Mother's kitchen. That is surely the case with Dillicious, the small pickling operation of Kirsten and Paul Hibbs.

"My mother, she's canned my entire life and I grew up in the kitchen," Kirsten Hibbs said. "That's where my love of cooking and love of food came into play."

Dillicious specializes in pickles, but also has pickled asparagus, dilly beans and homemade

Bloody Mary mix.

"I went from a process that I was making for my friends and family," Kirsten Hibbs said, "and really it's exactly the same process in this commercial kitchen space. It's just the two of us. Everything is hand-packed. All fresh. It's locally sourced whenever it's in season."

The City of Grosse Pointe residents started selling Dillicious pickles a few months ago. They currently can and pickle out of Eastern Market's Detroit Kitchen Connect, a shared commercial kitchen. But the inspira-

tion goes back much farther than that.

While Kirsten Hibbs lived in Chicago she was assigned the task of buying Bloody Mary accoutrements. She bought \$10 pickles, thinking they would be high quality.

"We opened them and I was just like 'These are awful,'" she said. "My mom's are so much better than this. When I came home next, I did a whole round of pickling. (Paul) loved them."

"Over the holidays, all of our friends would generally get served some sort of food from



COURTESY PHOTO

Paul and Kirsten Hibbs, City of Grosse Pointe residents and owners of Dillicious, a new pickle and canning company.

her family," Paul Hibbs said. "The pickles were

always a big hit. Everyone kept asking why they weren't for sale."

With some nudging from Paul, Kirsten started looking into the viability of starting a business. They found Detroit Kitchen Connect, which helped the couple begin the process of navigating city and state regulations. Two and a half years and a wedding later, Kirsten Hibbs passed the health



department inspection and began canning for sale.

She said it is exciting to do something she is passionate about and have the support from her husband.

"I probably wouldn't have done it if he wasn't so supportive," she said. "He thought it was a good idea and he has sound judgment."

To celebrate their new business, a launch party is slated noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, at Marge's Bar in Grosse Pointe Park. There will be free Chicago-style hotdogs, topped with Dillicious pickled products, free fried pickles and \$4 Bloody Marys and pickle-tinis.

"Basically anything you want with any pickle product," Paul Hibbs said.

Their pickle products will be available that Sunday, but you can also find them at Village Wine Shop in the Park.

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Pictured at a recent ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Linda Reid, director of membership, Grosse Pointe Chamber; Jenny Boettcher, president, Grosse Pointe Chamber; Barb Detwiler, Grosse Pointe Park councilwoman; Nick Vlahantones, co-owner; Dan Clark, mayor pro-tem, Grosse Pointe Park; P.J. Vlahantones, co-owner; Jo Kutchev, co-owner; Dale Krajniak, city manager, Grosse Pointe Park; and Nick Sizeland.

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Developments raise issues

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The last city council meeting before November elections first appeared to be a laid-back affair. Only two items of new business were on the agenda, a new court recorder to be purchased and waiving parking fees in Village off-street sur-

face parking lots for the weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

But, council chambers were unusually full Monday, Oct. 16. A number of residents were there to express their discontent during public comment with two major proposed developments: the hotel and public works.

City council candidate Daniel Williams stood as a resident and reiterated his stance on the proposed public works facility slated to occupy a building on Canyon in Detroit.

"I would like to strongly urge this body to reconsider tabling going forward on the Canyon property until we actually do a full assessment of what it is going to cost to

potentially keep the site where it is," he said.

Councilman Christopher Boettcher had made a motion during the September council meeting to ask council to explore all possible avenues before going forward and signing off on the Canyon property. That motion failed.

Williams said he is worried Detroit will ask for

payments in lieu of taxes because the City of Grosse Pointe is tax-exempt. He also is worried City employees would be considered non-resident taxpayers to Detroit and how that would affect taxes in the City and he said he has yet to see what the operational costs of the facility would be.

Another resident stood before council and spoke about her aversion to the hotel proposed in the Village.

"We do not want this

five-story hotel," she said. "This is not a boutique hotel. This is not going to be the Townsend like in Birmingham. This is a cheap hotel."

Councilmember Sheila Tomkowiak emphasized nothing firm has been proposed by the preferred hotel developer.

"Right now we are at the feasibility stage," she said. "That means we are exploring the hotel with developer. Nothing is cast

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RACE:

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Farms councilmen Ricci and Theros vie for the people's confidence in performing the duties of mayor the next two years.

Joe Ricci

Joe Ricci, 67, voted to Farms City Council by special election February 2013, said, "I have the passion, the desire and the business knowledge (to be Farms mayor).

"I love this place," he said. With the lake, parks and sports fields, the 40-year-resident called Grosse Pointe "one of the greatest communities you could ever live in."

Ricci grew up near Mack and Chalmers and attended Notre Dame High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering and a master's degree in occupational psychology from the University of Michigan.

Early in his career, Ricci worked as a safety engineer at Chrysler's Warren truck plant while pursuing his master's degree. When his coursework requirements conflicted with the rigid schedule at the plant, he quit his industrial job and began selling used cars while finishing his degree requirements. He discovered he was skilled in selling cars and enjoyed the business. In 1979, Ricci launched his first Joe Ricci dealership at Mack and Canyon. After 19 years, he sold the flagship store and opened others in Detroit suburbs.

Today, Ricci's sons manage dealership operations. He also has a step-

daughter who lives in Seattle.

Ricci described himself as a successful businessman with the skills necessary to lead the Farms' city government. He said, as "Detroit's Mayor Mike Duggan brought good business practices to Detroit and has had good results," he'd like to do the same in the Farms.

"I'm talented in the things that are needed right now," he said. "The whole idea is just to do what's right in business and city leadership."

During Ricci's five years on city council, he has served on the Public Safety Committee, Public Safety Retirement Systems Commission, General Employee Retirement Systems Commission, on the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation in an ex officio role and as alternate SEMCOG representative.

In the community, Ricci is a member of the Sunrise Chapter of the Grosse Pointe Rotary, New Canaan Society of Grosse Pointe, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation. He is past president of the Windemere Home Owners Association.

Ricci has supported the Detroit Historical Society, Eastside Hockey Foundation, Grosse Pointe Bulldogs Hockey Club, Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation, Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, Holley Ear Institute, Lakeside Baseball, Michigan Humane Society and Grosse Pointe Animal

Adoption Society. He also has coached ULS women's ice hockey.

"I've been blessed with an extremely high work ethic," he said. "And I enjoy what I do. Money has never been a motivator for me."

With his sons operating his auto dealership holdings, Ricci promises ample time to dedicate to the Farms, stressing that with taxable value rising, the next five years are critical for fiduciary planning.

As mayor, Ricci would prioritize developing a "gateway" at Mack and Moross, calling the intersection the "front door" to the Farms. He said he would like to see a public safety facility — an "Albert Kahn-type building" on the corner of Mack and Moross.

Concerned with community safety, he would like to have video surveillance equipment installed at the "five entrances and exits to our community" — namely, Mack and Moross, Mack and Kerby, Mack and Moran, Mack and Fisher and Jefferson and Fisher. He believes public safety should have the ability to see who is entering and exiting the community.

Ricci also would like to stimulate increased mutual cooperation among the Pointes and with Detroit — with city government and blight-removal and neighborhood-revitalization organizations like Detroit's Land Bank Authority.

He said "we (the Grosse Pointes) don't need a wall; we need a buffer," meaning healthy neighborhoods in the Detroit

communities near the Pointes.

Though Farms city government is independent of schools management, Ricci expressed concern over Grosse Pointe Public School System finances and management planning, specifically with a projected deficit increase looming with the forecast of falling enrollment and deferred maintenance of aging facilities. He said he would get involved "behind the scenes" to move things in the direction to benefit Farms students.

"All you can do is be a conduit," he said.

Ricci also pledged a solution to the city's overloaded storm sewers issue, including the promise to separate the inland district's sewer infrastructure into storm and sewage systems. He said the engineering consulting firm Hubbell, Roth and Clark is collecting data for reporting that will lead to strategic options. This could cost close to \$20 million for improving the entire inland system, which the city could finance with a new bond. Based on the information he has currently, he believes a retention pond at the Country Club of Detroit would make sense.

Ricci supports a smart-meter program for metering household gas, electricity and water usage, with the caveat residents may opt out should they prefer conventional meters in their home.

Stepping down from The War Memorial board last March, Ricci has taken a position on record as opposing a change of

venue ordinance for the facility to develop a retail movie theater on site.

"I think that dog won't hunt," he said.

Yet he stressed the Grosse Pointes are "prime" for families. His own grandchildren reside here. With improvements being made to Kerby Field and the shopping districts, he believes "the next five years are going to be really exciting for the Pointes."

As mayor, he said he would continue a practice he has undertaken as a city council member — visiting city hall each Monday to speak with city management personnel.

Asked what makes him the best candidate in this race, he said, "Knowing I can make a difference where the future is going."

Louis Theros

Louis Theros, 53, Farms city councilman since 2001, said he is "passionate about the Farms.

"My record shows my dedication, my passion and my commitment to the Farms," he said, stressing that after 16 years on council, he knows how the city's

departments function and who administers its management activities "as well or better than anybody."

Theros grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods, attending Grosse Pointe schools and graduating Grosse Pointe North High School. He's been married to wife, Patti, 21 years. The couple have two sons, the elder attending the University of Michigan, Theros' alma mater, and the younger a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School.

A trial lawyer specializing in employment/labor law and collective bargaining, Theros has held the position of vice president-legal at MGM Grand Detroit more than two years. Prior to this role, he was with Butzel Long six years and Dickinson Wright 20 years before that. As a member of the Detroit Bar Association, Theros served seven years on the association's board of directors and was president 2006-07.

During his four terms on city council, Theros has chaired the Audit and Budget and Ordinance committees and served as

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The Week Ahead

MONDAY, OCT. 23

◆ Grosse Pointe Park council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

TUESDAY, OCT. 24

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack.

ULS:

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Cave promised minimal impact to the surrounding community during construction of the 30,819-square-foot building, which will be visible from Cook Road.

Based on Woods Building Inspector Gene Tutag's analysis outlined in a memo to council dated Wednesday, Sept. 20, the Woods Planning Commission unanimously recommended city council's approval of the proposal during a public hearing Tuesday, Sept. 26.

During last Monday's city council public hearing, Tutag presented his analysis of and conditions for the site plan and hailed the proposed design as "a classic example of foresighted architecture" and "aesthetically pleasing."

Tutag's recommended conditions for the approval include ULS's submission of a water drainage plan, an easement agreement for construction between the Campus Center building

and the McCann Ice Arena over the city's easement and sewer, a hardscape alternative to proposed landscaping along the sidewalk, completion of construction within two years and bond based on "cost of construction and amount of work that will occur in the public right of way."

Tutag found the site plan to be compliant with "existing zoning, the Future Land Use Plan and the City's Master Plan." He said because activities to be housed by the Campus Center building are already taking place on campus, he does not expect increased traffic and parking demand. Yet the plan will add 83 additional parking spaces.

Tutag reported that "signage, fire department access, fire hydrants and traffic concerns have been addressed." The site plan also was reviewed and recommended by Woods Director of Public Safety John Kosanke.

The lighting design consisting of three 25-foot LED pole fix-

tures in the building's parking lot is consistent with existing lighting and will "prevent off-site lighting spillage," Tutag said. Director of Public Services Frank Schulte

recommended the site plan to city council contingent upon the sewer easement agreement with ULS to maintain access to the sewers if repairs are needed.



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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

Woods resident works in Bolivia with children of prisoners

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

During a yearlong mission trip in South America, Grosse Pointe Woods resident Amy Cooper spent her days with preschool- and elementary-age children in Cochabamba, a city in the central part of Bolivia. The 23-year-old worked in the pre-K classroom as a teacher's aide, helping with breakfast and doing a craft with the children in the mornings. In the afternoon, she assisted a teacher in the infant room, feeding, playing with and caring for 10 babies. Down the street from the preschool was an elementary school where she spent time with four boys with autism, working with them individually, assessing their ability levels and providing personalized activities for them to do.

At the end of the day, not all the children returned to homes in the neighborhood. On average, 20 of them spent nights with their mothers in the women's prison outside the city. In the morning, Cooper, along with another volunteer, rode in a 16-passenger van to the prison to pick up the children and transport them to school, holding the babies in their laps, as no car seats

were provided.

Cochabamba is located in the Andes mountain range and is popular among tourists for its language schools, luxury accommodations and activities such as paragliding, mountaineering and rafting. It's also home to drug trafficking; nearby, in the northern region, lies Chapare, the largest coca-growing province in Bolivia offering the cheapest cocaine in the world.

Many of the women were sent to prison for drug trafficking. None had lawyers because, unlike the U.S. justice system, lawyers weren't provided to a defendant who couldn't afford outside legal counsel. And there were no sentences or appeals process, Cooper said.

"That was a motivation for them to have their kids with them, because apparently that speeds up your process and makes it more likely you'll be released if you have your kids with you," she added.

Moreover, the prisons were rundown, dirty and overcrowded and women who couldn't afford to pay for their own cells slept on mattresses in the hallways.

"Prison reform isn't a priority for (Bolivia)," Cooper said. "Their attitude really is, you did

something to land in jail so you don't deserve to be taken care of by us."

Nor are their children cared for by the government. "In Bolivia they don't have foster care or any type of state system for child care," Cooper said. Children remain with their mothers — or, in some cases, fathers, at the men's prison down the street — until age 7, at which point they live with a relative or other arrangements are made.

"One woman had no family — nobody left — and her child was about to turn 7. The school was trying to find a children's home they could send him to," Cooper said.

As difficult as the situation was for the children, Cooper acknowledged the American foster system "isn't great — kids are bounced around" and living together in the prison allowed the mother to maintain a bond with her child.

"Some of the kids you would never have guessed they were living with their moms in prison. They were well behaved, well dressed," Cooper said.

She also witnessed progress with many of the children. One child, whose mother was particularly aggressive, had his own aggression issues, but she saw



COURTESY PHOTO

Amy Cooper with one of the preschool children in her care at a school in Cochabamba. Many of the children live with their mothers in the Bolivian prison system.

marked improvement in him over several months.

"It's hard knowing I can't change their mothers or change the fact they're in this jail," she said. "No matter what I do during the day, they're still going home to this prison But I definitely felt what we did during the day helped a lot."

Cooper graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2012, and the University of Michigan in 2016, majoring in psychology with a minor in community action and social change through the School of Social Work. Upon graduating, she moved home with her

parents — Scott Cooper, a social studies teacher at Parcels Middle School and Lisa Cooper, who does instructional design for General Motors — for six months to prepare for her trip to Bolivia. She was hired by the nonprofit Pioneers, headquartered in Orlando, Fla., and spent a week in Orlando training. Cooper was responsible for raising \$15,000 to cover flights, vaccines and living expenses — food, rent and basic necessities — estimated at \$18 a day. She received financial support from members of Grace Community Church, along with family and

friends.

When she arrived in early October 2016, she knew little Spanish other than what she learned over three months from a language app on her phone. While there, she visited a Spanish tutor every day. She also lived with a host family, who didn't speak English. She was able to fit in traveling during the year, accompanying her host family on a weeklong vacation and traveling with five other volunteers from Europe to the salt flat in Salar de Uyuni and La Paz, situated at more than 3,500 meters above sea level.

Cooper returned home at the end of September. Her plan is to move to Milan, near Ann Arbor, find a job as a nanny for six months, get married in April — she met her fiancé, Alexander Desai, at U of M — and, in May, enroll in a post-baccalaureate early childhood education program at Wayne State University to earn her early childhood teaching certification.

Cooper has known for a while she wanted to work with children. By her final year at U of M, she was considering a switch from psychology to early childhood education. Her experience in Bolivia sealed the deal.

Councils races uncontested

By Melissa Walsh
and Anthony Viola
Staff Writers

Woods

Robert E. Novitke's term as mayor expires November 2017. He is continuing on as mayor unchallenged.

City council members on the ballot this election are Victoria Granger, Todd A. McConaghy and George McMullen.

Novitke has served as

Woods mayor since 1990. He chairs the Community Events Committee and the Pension Board and Retiree Health Care Trust Fund. He is a member of the Ad Hoc Public Safety Compensation and Evaluation Committee, Construction Committee, Finance Committee, Mayor's Mack Avenue Business Study Committee and Public Relations Committee. He

also is a member of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

Granger has had a seat on Woods city council since 1996. She chairs the Construction Committee and Public Relations Committee and serves as council representative to the Community Tree Commission and Pension Board and Retiree Health Care Trust Fund. She is a member of the Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee and Community Events

Commission.

McConaghy has been on the council since 2009. He chairs the Finance Committee and serves as council representative of the Senior Citizens' Commission.

McMullen is on the ballot for city council in place of Kevin Ketels, who is not seeking another term. Active in the community, McMullen is a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Board of Review, The Family Center Advisory

Board, Grosse Pointe Woods Local Officers Compensation Commission, Grosse Pointe Rotary and League of Women Voters. He also is adviser to the Grosse Pointe Rotary Interact Club.

Farms

James C. Farquhar Jr., who served as mayor the past seven terms, is stepping down from that role and is on the ballot this November for a city council seat.

Running for mayor are Joe Ricci, who has served on Farms city council since 2013, and Louis Theros, who has served on council since 2001.

City council members on the ballot with Farquhar are John J. Gillooly and Peter Waldmeir, whose terms are expiring.

Farquhar has served on city council since 2001, and as mayor from 2003 to 2017. He sits on the Parks and Harbor Committee, Budget and

Audit Committee and Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation in an ex officio role.

Ricci was elected to city council in the February 2013 special election and reelected in 2015. He serves on the Public Safety Committee, Public Safety Retirement Systems Commission, General Employee Retirement Systems Commission, Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation in an ex officio role and an alternate SEMCOG representative.

Theros was elected to city council in 2001 and reelected in 2005, 2009 and 2013. He served as mayor pro tem 2005 to 2007 and currently chairs the Audit and Budget Committee and is a member of the Compensation Committee.

Gillooly was appointed to city council January 2017. He serves on the Parks and Harbor Committee.

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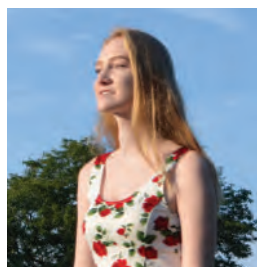
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"That's a good thing."

He either needed to do something more, like run for mayor, or move on and let a new council come in with new ideas.

"I think this is one step that will change the way the city looks at things and hopefully provide a much fresher perspective and a different style of leadership," he said. "The current mayor and I have two totally different styles of leadership."

Boettcher would like to see the council and mayor take a more active role in directing city management.

"Behind the scenes, I was finding that the mayor and council were not giving as much direction as they should be," he said. "By a change in leadership we could bring some of that back and create a better balance. I think it's out of balance right now. It doesn't mean the city manager is not doing a good job. He's doing an effective job. But I think the current council and mayor need to step up a little bit and provide him with more direction, more support and better ideas about how to bring things before the community."

He feels the negativity surrounding the bond issue in August and proposed hotel in the Village is because of poor planning and communication.

"There wouldn't be negativity about the bond if there was much better communication and a little better planning as to how we wanted to present this whole idea," he said. "Because at the end of the day, everybody is for improvements that will help provide better ser-

vices and amenities. There's no question about it."

The question for Boettcher is how the bond passed by only 96 votes. It shouldn't have been that close, he said, not if the council and mayor had planned and communicated effectively with the community.

If elected, he hopes to change that. He would like to see a better email system and more accessible council. Boettcher also said he would like to hear more from residents. He feels if there was a focus group of residents and stakeholders prior to the hotel and bond proposals going out, they would look different and be more in tune with the desires of the community.

Boettcher wants the City of Grosse Pointe to continue to be a "bedroom community," a place residents can come back to after a long day of work and feel safe and comfortable, he said.

"You're going to come home and you are going to find your garbage is picked up and your streets are cleaned. Then the weekend rolls around and there's amenities. That you have a park to go to and that park has all of the assets that a family can enjoy, older folks can enjoy. It doesn't matter what walk of life you're in. Then we also, very luckily, have this business strip and Fisher Road included that while you're in your bedroom community you can walk up to the store to grab a gallon of milk.

"You don't want to do anything in the long term that would affect those kinds of things. But, what you do need to do is provide the types of services that remind people it's a better community."

SCRACE:*Continued from page 1A*

Center downtown. He moved onto myriad other projects, then ended up back at the Renaissance Center finishing the Marriott Hotel and Coach Insignia, eventually landing in consulting. Scrace now is eyeing retirement, but there are a few projects he wants to see completed.

That includes projects for the city.

"There are things we are working on I would like to work on finishing with the next council," Scrace said. "The bond issue passed. We are implementing that now. That's a process that is just getting started. Certainly the hotel. Fisher Road. Mack is another one. For a little town, we've got a lot of development things going on."

Scrace feels he is the right man to see those projects to completion.

"I've been doing it effectively for 16 years," Scrace said. "The one thing a mayor has to do is be a leader. The mayor has to lead the process. I don't mean every day, I don't mean all the details, but you have to lead the process, you have to lead the meetings, you have to lead the public workshops, the public hearings. You have to be able to facilitate that."

While development is important to Scrace, so is staying true to the history and culture of the city. He's been sensitive to how projects he's worked on fit into the community, he said.

"It's positive momen-

tum, positive growth, positive change, not stepping all over the things that make our community great," he said. "Because I love to live here too. I love to walk down the streets and see the older homes and the history of our community."

Collaboration between the surrounding cities also is important to Scrace. The City and Park already share a public safety director, one of the only communities to do so. The Park handles the City's dispatch, which saves the city approximately \$100,000, Scrace said. He hopes to continue and expand programs like that to share expenses between communities.

It's not just the Pointes with whom he hopes to collaborate more closely. With the new public safety and works facilities and other new developments across Mack, he's looking to pull the two sides of the avenue together.

"Reaching across Mack to the Detroit community," Scrace said, "I know their councilman, Andre Spivey, is very interested in working closer. Like they do in the Park."

At the end of the day, Scrace said he just wants what's best for the community in a changing world.

"Even though we want (our community) to be what it's always been, it's not what it's always been. It's different. It's a different world today," he said. "But you have to (change) properly. You have to do it with sensitivity to the past and the future."



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Reagan Gast works to put out a fire with help from Detective Kevin Bonk.

Staying safe

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its annual Fire Safety Open House during National Fire Safety Week. Attendees learned to make escape plans, how a bomb disposal robot works and more. Children also received water bottles, fire hats and coloring books.



Dan Dobberowsky wears his daughter's pink fire hat while he walks her out of the Grosse Pointe Safety Town Fire Safety House, where they learned what to do in case of a fire.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Catalytic converter stolen

A man reported his catalytic converter stolen 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, in the 400 block of Lincoln. He stated the last time he had driven the vehicle was Tuesday, Oct. 10, and parked it in front of his house for two days. When he next drove the car, he noticed a loud noise and after investigation found the catalytic converter missing and heavy damage to the exhaust system. He had the catalytic converter replaced for approximately \$1,000 and spent another \$500 on repairs to the exhaust.

What's my name again?

A Chesterfield man was pulled over approximately 12:20 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Kercheval and Cadiuex after officers observed him accelerate quickly from the stop sign at St. Paul. When asked for identification, the man stated he didn't have any, but gave officers a name and birthdate. However, after officers ran the name through the system, the man looked nothing like the person he claimed to be and the birthdays did not match. After the man was notified he provided false information to officers, he gave his real name and officers discovered he had 11 current suspensions and multiple traffic warrants. He was arrested for driving with a suspended license and providing false information to law enforcement.

GPS taken

Officers were called to the visitor parking lot at Beaumont Hospital,

Public Safety Reports

Grosse Pointe approximately 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13. When they arrived, officers spoke with victims of a larceny who stated their GPS had been stolen from their car. The victims said they parked their car approximately 7 a.m. and when they returned approximately 6:15 p.m. observed the front driver side window broken and their GPS stolen. Nothing else was reported taken.

Ruined barbecue

A manager of Kroger called police approximately 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, to report a suspicious man who was known to have stolen food from the grocery store previously. Officers advised the manager to wait until the man left the store without paying. The manager then called approximately 20 minutes later and officers, who were parked on Notre Dame, observed the man pushing a cart of unbagged food down the street. They stopped the man, who could not provide a receipt, took him into custody and arrested him for retail fraud. The man attempted to steal \$318.20 worth of meat and beer.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Rash of rummaging

A number of vehicles were reported tampered with overnight Thursday, Oct. 12, to Friday, Oct. 13.

Two vehicles in the 1300 block of Devonshire, one in the 1000 block of Audubon and one in the 1400 block of Kensington were all tampered with, but nothing was taken. All the vehicles were reported unlocked.

Magnetic signs taken

Two magnetic signs were reported stolen off a vehicle in the 1100 block of Balfour 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9. The signs read "GPP Transport."

Hub caps roll away

Two Cadillac 5-inch center hub caps were reported stolen in the 1200 block of Berkshire sometime overnight between Thursday, Oct. 12, and Friday, Oct. 13.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Stolen catalytic converters

◆ A man reported the catalytic converter stolen from his girlfriend's Chevrolet Cavalier while parked in the 18000 block of Mack. He found the vehicle, which he parked in that location from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, with the separated exhaust pipe hanging from the undercarriage.

◆ A woman reported the catalytic converter stolen from her vehicle she parked in the 400

block of Kerby from 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, to 8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11. She was first tipped off the part was missing from the loud noise coming from the exhaust when she started it up.

Heroin possession

About 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, a patrolling officer noticed a verbal argument at the Shell gas station at Mack and Moross between a Shell service-garage employee and another adult male. As the officer pulled into the gas station parking lot, a woman driving a silver Pontiac Grand Prix called out to the man arguing with the employee to get into the car. The man entered the rear passenger seat of the vehicle and the car pulled onto Moross. The employee told the officer he asked the man to leave the property due to his "behavior." The officer followed the car and made a traffic stop on Moross near Chandler Park. He noticed "constricted" pupils of the female driver while asking for her driving and vehicle documentation. She had an expired driver's license, no vehicle registration and no proof of insurance.

The officer's search found the vehicle plate was "reported as replaced" and "not valid." He also found active warrants for the driver and the male front passenger and handcuffed and detained them both. When the rear passenger would not comply with an officer's directions not to move, he also was handcuffed and detained.

An inventory search while preparing the vehicle for impounding found several illegal or suspicious items including several small baggies, two holding suspected heroin; a small bag with three empty syringes and one loaded with suspected heroin; two spoons and a push pole; three large bags of pills; and a prescription bottle of Naproxen.

Drunken driver

At 1:32 a.m. Monday, Oct. 16, a patrolling officer observed the driver of a Chrysler PT Cruiser traveling 55 mph on Mack, where the posted speed limit is 35 mph. The vehicle also was drifting out of the lane. The officer made a traffic stop and noticed the "strong odor of intoxicants," "blood-shot and glassed over" eyes and slurred speech. The male driver failed sobriety tests conducted at the scene. Though claiming to have had one beer, the driver registered 0.22 blood alcohol content via a Breathalyzer test administered on the scene. He was arrested.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen car radios

◆ A woman reported that between 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, and 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, her Chrysler Town & Country minivan was broken into and the car radio

stolen from the dashboard. Parked in the north lot garage of St. John Hospital & Medical Center, the vehicle's front passenger window was broken and radio missing.

◆ In a parking lot on Vernier near Wedgewood, a woman reported her car radio stolen from the dashboard of her Chrysler Town & Country minivan. The theft occurred between 8 a.m. and noon Friday, Oct. 13. The front passenger window was broken; a small amount of blood on the seat was swabbed for analysis by public safety.

◆ The officer on the scene noticed in the same Vernier parking lot a Dodge Magnum with a broken front passenger window. He found a pair of pliers in the cup holder. The radio was not missing. The officer interviewed a man sitting in a car nearby, who reported not seeing anything suspicious. The officer left a card on the windshield of the Magnum with a note for the owner to call Woods Public Safety.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Mysterious yell

A man in the 100 block of Moorland called police approximately 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, to report he heard someone yell "help" in the area. Officers searched the area and questioned other neighbors, but no one else reported hearing the yell.

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

ISSUES:

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in stone, no plan has come forward yet. So when that plan does come forward, if it does, if it passes the

feasibility stage and comes forward, there will be ample opportunity to have input.

"I think it is in our best interest to wait to see what comes up before we object to it."



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Waldmeier first was elected to city council in 1995, serving until 2001. He was re-elected in 2003, serving through his current term ending in 2017. From 2003 to 2005, Waldmeier functioned as mayor pro tem. He currently chairs the Compensation Committee and Parks and Harbor Committee and is a member of the Public Safety Committee.

Shores

Alexander Ajlouni, who has served on council since 2011, is stepping down. Matthew Seely

is running uncontested to fill Ajlouni's his seat.

Robert Barrette Jr. and Bruce Bisballe also are running uncontested to retain their seats on council. Both have served since 2011.

Park

Laurie Arora is leaving her spot on council in November. Arora, who has served on council since 2009, will give up her seat to Lauri Read.

Daniel Grano, who has served since 2005, will retain his seat along with James Robson, who has been on council since 2001.

Mayor Robert Denner will continue his tenure as mayor another two years.

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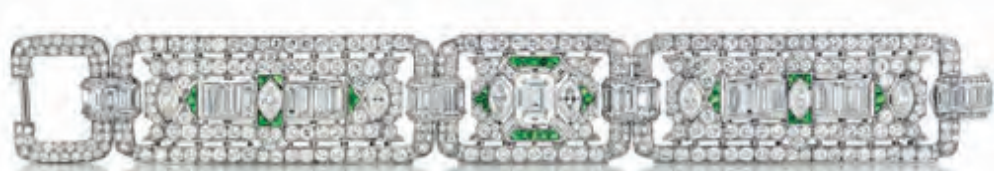
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OUR VIEW

2 vie for mayor seat the Farms

For perhaps the first time since the council amended its city charter to provide for the direct election for mayor, Grosse Pointe Farms voters have a choice in the upcoming Nov. 7 municipal election. Vying for mayor are two current councilmen, Joe Ricci and Louis Theros.

The mayor's seat was vacated by Jim Farquhar, who served as the city's top elected official for seven terms (14 years). His departure offers two choices for mayor — one a successful sales- and businessman, the other a prominent trial lawyer and attorney.

While the candidates differ in vocations and approaches, there are many similarities. Both have spent all or most of their adult lives in Grosse Pointe — Mr. Theros a lifelong Grosse Pointer and Mr. Ricci for 40 years, 35 in the Farms. Both were "sports parents," coaching and shepherding their kids' teams. Both have terms on the city council that expire with this election. Both are putting their elected service on the line with this election.

Both candidates agree on the majority of the issues. Both want to see the work expedited to prevent flooding in the inland district of the Farms sewer system. Such work would include separating the inland storm and sanitary sewers systems and the building of storm water enclosures and detention basins and ponds. Mr. Theros believes plans and bonding can be in place and shovels in the ground within 18 months. Mr. Ricci believes the separation will pay for itself by not having to pay for treating storm water.

Both candidates want to focus on the Mack and Moross area — what Mr. Ricci calls the Farms' "gate-



Pure Grosse Pointe

On a warm day in October, 2-year-old Caiden Pfeiffer thought he would help his grandparents by "cutting" their lawn at their Grosse Pointe Shores house. He had so much fun, he went over to a neighbor's house and "cut" their lawn as well.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

way." Both candidates would like to see the Farms Public Safety facilities moved to the city-owned Moross property at Mack. Mr. Theros takes the idea one step further and favors moving City Hall to Mack and Moross as well.

Both candidates differ slightly in regard to a proposed cinema at The War Memorial. Mr. Ricci once served on The War Memorial board. He said that while the theater idea "sounded good at first," there are too many what-ifs. "I've gone on the record," Mr. Ricci said. "I will not approve that."

Mr. Theros points out that nothing has been presented to the city to either approve or deny. He said the Farms council had one working session with The War Memorial and is awaiting responses to questions the city and council presented. "I want to wait and see what they propose," he said.

While the candidates agree on most of the issues, they differ in one big way: Mr. Theros has served 16 years (four terms) on the Farms City Council, while

Mr. Ricci is wrapping up his first four-year term. As a member of the finance and budget committees for 16 years, Mr. Theros has facilitated five city tax rate cuts and one increase (which he opposed). He also helped the city weather the 2008 financial crisis that saw home values (and resulting taxes) plunge. Mr. Theros says his proudest moment was when the Farms earned its AAA bond rating in 2015.

Mr. Ricci is proud of his four years on the city's public safety and municipal pension boards, for good reason. Both pension obligations are fully or nearly fully funded. Yet Mr. Theros served on the pension board for the 12 years prior and vacated his seat to Mr. Ricci. Surely Mr. Theros deserves some credit for keeping the city's legacy costs under control.

While both men are capable of leading the city under the capable city manager and staff, we feel Mr. Theros, given his long service on the city council and committees, has earned the right to serve as the next mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms.

OUR VIEW

Councilman challenges City mayor

Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace faces something in the Nov. 7 municipal election that he hasn't seen in a long, long time — a challenger. Making the challenge is Chris Boettcher, a two-term councilman who decided, after declining to go for a third term, to make a run at the city's top leadership post.

Mr. Scrace has served the city as an elected official for 28 years — 12 as a councilman and 16 (eight terms) as mayor. For this time around, he is concentrating on his tenure as mayor and how far the City has come in the last decade and a half.

For his part, Mr. Boettcher believes the city's elected leadership has become too complacent. He believes the mayor and council should be giving the city manager and staff more direction. He believes the city could be doing more to better communicate with its residents, businesses and stakeholders.

While he served with Mr. Scrace on the Facilities Committee that came up with the plan to move public safety to Mack and the Department of Public Works to Detroit, Mr. Boettcher said more planning could have been done with better communication. He faults the narrow passage of the public safety/DPW bond vote (96 votes) and the ongoing displeasure as evidence of poor communication with residents. The same goes for the dissatisfaction among residents, businesses and stakeholders over the pro-

posed hotel/parking deck project. He believes focus groups would have brought the underlying questions.

"I don't know what more we could have done," Mayor Scrace countered. "We had the newsletters, email blasts, seven or eight public walk-throughs of the facilities, two special drops (of literature) to every home. You can always make it better."

Mr. Boettcher does not favor the City's DPW being located in Detroit. He also questions what will happen with the Maumee property once the DPW and public safety are gone.

Mr. Scrace is running for his ninth term as mayor in order to complete several projects underway in the City — water and roads bond projects, the relocation of public safety and the DPW and the proposed hotel should the preferred developer decide it was worth a go and the city council agrees.

As mayor, Mr. Scrace said his biggest accomplishments were the expansion of Neff Park and the positive momentum being experienced in all three of the City's commercial districts today.

"It's a great time to be mayor," he said. We agree.

While our policy is to endorse the incumbent barring unusual circumstances, in this case we have no hesitancy in supporting Mayor Scrace for re-election based on the City's track record and sound economic footing to date.

CORRECTION

Neighborhood Club at home in Village

Last week, in the Opinion page editorial "Our View: NIMBY Hotel in The Village?," we alleged that the Neighborhood Club "made a veiled threat about leaving the Village" in response to plans for a hotel and parking deck in an adjacent lot. The Neighborhood Club took exception to the allegation.

"We would never leave the Village," said Executive Director Stuart Alderman in response to the editorial.

Upon further investigation, we find our allegation was unfounded and hereby retract it with apology to the Neighborhood Club and board.

We further incorrectly stated that the Neighborhood Club was a tenant in the building when in fact it built and owns the facility. We regret and apologize for the error.

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To the Editor:
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The continued support of the Grosse Pointe community is greatly appreciated!
DIANA LANGLOIS
Grosse Pointe Woods
Lev for Louie
To the Editor:
I am supporting Louie Theros for Mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms in the Nov. 7 election.
Louie has many per-
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I SAY By John Minnis

Thanks for the congrats!

It is hard to believe it has already been two months — almost to the day — that we became owners of the Grosse Pointe News, and boy has it been a whirlwind! If I said getting back into newspapers was like riding a bicycle, that would be a stretch. It was a bit



more difficult than that (maybe not, I haven't tried it in a while), but the staff has been wonderful

and capable. We couldn't have asked for more.

I would like to acknowledge some of the many well-wishers who sent along their congrats in cards, letters, emails, flowers and plants and on Facebook and LinkedIn.

First, of course, we were thrilled by the

happy (and tearful) response we received from Grosse Pointe News founding family owner Lauren Chapman and her dear husband, Ben. We then received a plant and card from my first boss and editor at the Grosse Pointe News, Pat Paholsky, and her husband, Rich. Also formerly of the Grosse Pointe News was Fran Velardo, who sent her wishes from the Legal News, where she now works with editors Tom Kirvan, Eric Franz and Brian Cox, for whom I wrote while a staff writer in between the G.P. News and Pointe Magazine.

Pete Birkner, former advertising manager, also sent his congrats from North Carolina!

We also heard from Terry's sister, Kris, and husband, Walt, and, of course, "Mom," i.e., Terry and Kris's mother, Dot, who lives with us. Also checking in were Terry's business partner, Tim McGuire, and wife Cathy.

Pat O'Brien of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Debbie Liedel of The Family Center and husband Don, Bob Bury of the Detroit Historical Society and Charles Burke of The War Memorial all weighed in with a hearty congratulations, as did Ted Nichols, our colleague at Detroit River Living magazine, and Chip Rohde, who heads up the Rivertown

Detroit Association.

My hygienist, Nancy Vondette at Dr. David Susko's office, sent a card and "Boss" cup with chocolates, of all things, and my "Smile Artist," Dr. Mary Sue Stonisch, made me show off her handiwork!

And let's not forget the congrats from Marian Battersby, chamber member and owner of Home Instead Senior Care, as well as Lisa Gandelot, Ahmed and Mary Ann Ismail, Ted Everingham, Mark Weber and Mike LeFevre.

The well-wishes came in so fast and furious, I'm sure I'm missing a lot, but one stands out above all the rest: the letter from retired Grosse Pointe Park Police Capt. Bill Furtaw ... it was redacted, of course!

LETTERS

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sonal and professional characteristics that I value in our next mayor. During the six years I have served with Louie on the Farms City Council, I have observed him in public hearings, monthly council meetings and as chairman of the Budget and Audit Committee — a committee on which I serve.

Louie is patient with residents who come before us with zoning variance issues. He is detail-oriented and thoughtful when developers present us with new site plans. Louie is respectful of residents when they come before us with a grievance. He is never condescending or dismissive of residents. He never raises his voice and allows residents and other councilmembers to speak without interruption.

Louie is expert in issues of bonding, taxation and public finance. He challenges city staff on how tax dollars are proposed to be spent and makes wise decisions when it comes to spending tax payer dollars.

Residents of Grosse Pointe Farms are fortunate to have had Louie serve on the city council for the past 16 years. I look forward to working with him as our next mayor.

LEV WOOD
Mayor Pro Tem
and City Councilmember
Grosse Pointe Farms

Fortunate to have Louie

To the editor:

As a Farms resident, I'm fully backing Louie Theros for Mayor. Louie's track record of 16 years as a councilman, extraordi-

nary family and community involvement, law background and vision clearly make him the best choice for the future of the Farms.

As a community, we've come a long way through the past 20 years or so. Louie's vision for the next 20 years should be the best path for future generations to enjoy. This vision includes continuing lower tax rates, increasing public safety, maintaining our infrastructure and Pier Park enhancements to name several.

His council record as chair on the Budget Committee, Ordinance Committee (eliminating Big Foot homes and lessening rentals) and 12-year member of the General Employee and Public Safety Employee Pension Committee will provide all of us Farms residents with the best candidate leading our great community and fortify our future.

We're fortunate to have such a great person, with such extraordinary experience and intellectual skills, to elect as our mayor ... Louie Theros!

ERIC M. TURIN
Grosse Pointe Farms

Blue Ribbon lacks critical data

To the Editor:

I attended the Grosse Pointe Public School System's Blue Ribbon Facilities Committee meeting last week as an observer. Here is what I noticed:

The members were asked to make choices in a live-time online survey that presented several scenarios. When some members asked for the relevant data to inform their choices, they were told to make their choices without the information and later they could discuss the results at their

tables.

For example, one question required survey takers to respond to whether GPPSS should allow doctor's offices, community college classrooms, gymnastics schools, etc. to fill excess or co-occupy building space. Without knowing whether cities will grant zoning changes, what is the value of proposing these scenarios? Action plans or just discussion starting points?

Which do you support: raising the sinking fund level or a bond? Should GPPSS close an elementary school, a middle school, a high school? Should Barnes Early Childhood campus be closed?

Considerations for occupancy needs of our special education program seem to be neglected in the data given to the committee. Without knowing current information about categories of students served, cost of employees and building running expenses, what meaningful information does such a vote provide? Logically, committee members should have critical data available so they are able to provide meaningful determinations to the board as charged.

GPPSS did hammer home the point of steadily decreasing enrollment since the peak 2005-06 year; not mentioned or considered is that enrollment in 2017-18 is basically the same as it was in 1991-92 (at around 7,500 students). Interesting. Same number of students, same number of buildings, but fewer administrators and staff back then.

KELLY BOLL
Grosse Pointe Park

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1942

75 years ago this week

◆ **EXIT TO SCRAP HEAP FOR OLD IRON FENCE:** The ornamental iron fence on Jefferson between Buckingham will be sold to the War Production Board using the proceeds for Red Cross work.

1967

50 years ago this week

◆ **SEVEN CANDIDATES SEEK OFFICE:** City of Grosse Pointe residents will elect three councilmen, a mayor and two municipal court judges in the November election. Two councilmen are running for re-election against two new candidates; the current

mayor is running unopposed. Also running unopposed are the two current municipal court judges.

1992

25 years ago this week

◆ **SCHOOL ENROLLMENT RISES BEYOND EXPECTATIONS:** Enrollment in Grosse Pointe public schools increased by 247 students from the prior year.

◆ **BROWNING QUILTS AS CITY MAYOR:** Citing "very personal reasons," City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Lorenzo D. Browning resigned the post he's held for most of the last decade. His resignation is effective upon appointment of a successor.

The city charter stipulates the council must fill Browning's position from

among the council members.

2007

10 years ago this week

◆ **GAFFNEY HAS HIS HANDS FULL:** Insisting he made the right call and supported a state income tax hike, Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, vowed to fight a recall effort targeting him and nine other legislators.

◆ **FRENCH BAKER ADDS ITALIAN FLAIR TO ITS MIX:** The selections at Josef's French Pastry Shop will now have an Italian flair. Longtime owner and proprietor Josef Bogosian formed a partnership with bothers Jimmy and Anthony Cavallo who will bring their Italian heritage to the bakery.

—Karen Fontanive



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RACE:

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member of the Personnel Committee and General Employee and Public Safety Employee Pension Commission. During this time, he said, the Farms has achieved the lowest millage rate of the Grosse Pointes, a balanced budget, a AAA bond rating, five tax cuts, fully funded pensions and a better equipped public safety department.

"We still have the lowest operating millage of the Pointes," he said, explaining — based on gap reporting from Plante Moran — at the end of 2017 the city will have \$3.9 million of unrestricted fund equity.

The millage rate has been reduced five times, he added, and the rate is unchanged since 2013. An increase was put to council vote in 2013, he said, a motion he voted against.

In the community, Theros served on the boards of the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association and Michigan Ice Hawks youth hockey association. He is in his final season managing the Grosse Pointe South varsity boys ice hockey team. Theros also coached Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League while his sons played. He is a member of the parish council at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Theros said when he gets involved in an activity or organization, he is committed and becomes passionate about serving. He said service goes hand-in-hand with leadership. He views the role as Farms mayor as an "opportunity to continue serving the community."

During his four terms on council, Theros worked with three city controllers and through the recession by continuing to provide services despite decreased taxable

value. He said he was integral to instituting new programs "to make it a tighter ship."

He said he led the development of a five-year plan for each municipal department, an activity that gave him experience in making difficult fiduciary decisions — for example, adjusting an initial comprehensive city road-improvement plan to eliminating immediate improvements to some roads. He said in making these decisions he has prioritized services to residents over facility and aesthetic improvements.

"Everything emanates from the funding," he said, explaining as mayor he would put to good use his years of experience in the council's auditing and finance activities.

If elected, Theros vowed to pursue a plan to correct issues related to storm water runoff, invest more in the Mack Avenue business district and

nearby neighborhoods and increase cooperative activities with the public safety activities of neighboring communities.

"I have long advocated for a city hall at Mack and Moross," he said.

Theros said the land at the southeast corner of Mack and Moross was paid for in the 1990s and still not used to benefit city residents. He envisions a public/private partnership for the development of a city hall there, with city services on the first floor and private business above. He said the current public-use zoning status would need to be changed and approved for mixed-use.

Theros stressed under his leadership, he would not pursue development of Mack and Moross over sewer improvements. He explained with bonds "coming off the books soon," financing would be available without increasing the millage tax. He said HRC is in the

process of collecting data leading to a strategy that could cost between \$7 million to \$20 million. The HRC report is expected by the end of December.

Theros said the HRC findings will influence proposed options for city government to discuss and approve, such as building a retention system under Kerby Field or constructing additional infrastructure and building a retention pond at Country Club of Detroit. He said bonding to finance an option would likely begin in 2018. There will be a cost benefit, he added, as the Farms already pays \$2.5 million to Detroit in moving storm water runoff within the inland sewer system.

Other issues Theros has on his radar include active promotion of the Mack business district, cooperation with the Moross Greenway Project, reestablishing a Mack Avenue Business Association or a

downtown development authority and engagement with Detroit developers for a Mack streetscape initiative and possible trolley system along Mack from Brys to Alter.

Though the Farms benefits from mutual-aid partnerships with other Grosse Pointe communities, Theros said, "We're doing offshoot partnerships."

He would like to expand partnership programs with the other Grosse Pointe communities and the city of Detroit. He said he has a good relationship with the mayors in the surrounding communities and would continue to develop those relationships.

Countering any concern Theros would be too busy as a full-time attorney to dedicate himself to the Farms community in a mayoral role, he promises accessibility and approachability in the community.

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company has let loose to feel the residents and see how they'll react as they go through their design process. I don't have a position yet on something I haven't seen. At this point in time, I am neither for or against a

hotel."

However, Boettcher went on to say he would not be in favor of a hotel that departs from the city's master plan and ordinances, which from what he has heard would be the case.

Most of the other candidates agreed it is hard to take a position on a proposal that has yet to

be presented.

"We don't even know if it's going to be financially possible," Tomkowiak said. "We have to wait until all that data comes in. When it does come in, I will be looking for something that is in keeping with the rest of the community and in keeping with the nature (of the community), if it

is indeed the right project. We have to evaluate what comes in, see if it works, see how it works."

Another aspect to consider is the demographics in Grosse Pointe, said Fries.

"We are striving with the Downtown Development Authority, Chamber of Commerce, the other Grosse Pointes, to create a vibrant, young Grosse Pointe in the future as well as taking care of our seniors now," Fries said. "We appreciate the collaborative arrangement we have with our preferred developer as well as on the council. We also would like to see a win-win situation with our business community in the city."

Walsh said, "We are in the due diligence process. We have between a \$10 and \$40 million proposal for investment in our city. As a representative for you and our city, trust me, you want me to evaluate somebody who's thinking about investing between \$10 and \$40 million in your community. Now, how that shakes out, I can't tell you right now. But, you want us to go through the steps. We've done this for 12 years, by the way, so we don't make snap decisions."

Williams said he would

only support a smaller, boutique hotel.

"If a Cambria Suites proposal for a 150-room hotel, which has been rumored, came before me I would vote against it," Williams said. "That is not in keeping with what we have in Grosse Pointe. A small boutique, upscale hotel that fits in with our community is something I would consider."

Issues with the other development project in the works, moving the department of public works to Detroit, also was addressed. Some people feel the city should keep DPW within city limits, or at least take a closer look at different possibilities before moving ahead with the move.

Boettcher raised the issue at the September council meeting, requesting the council explore other options.

At the forum he said, "As a fourth-generation family business owner, with a corporation located in the city of Detroit for the last 80-plus years, I can tell you firsthand the last place I would want to put a facility for the Grosse Pointe residents is in the city of Detroit. The unpredictability, the unforeseen costs. I have not seen to date all of the specifics to make me, as a business owner, make that sound decision. I have not seen all the operating costs. I have not seen a lot of anything."

Williams agreed with Boettcher.

"We are a municipality so we are tax-exempt, but I don't know the city of Detroit to do anything for free," Williams said. "We are going to, at some point, have to deal with issue of what's called a PILOT, payment in lieu of taxes. They are going to charge us money. We have not seen any details about what the monthly service costs for this facility are."

On the other side, the four other candidates for office said it is the best option the city has at this point. A new facility is desperately needed and space is an issue.

"I can tell you without any question that there is no site within the City of Grosse Pointe that is as large as the site that we are in the process of working with St. John's on purchasing," Scrace

said.

Scrace also said they looked into putting public works behind the current police station on Maumee — and that was always their plan B should anything fall through with the Canyon site. It would cost \$1 million more and be destructive to the operation of the city, Scrace said. Public safety and public works would have to move for 18 months while construction took place.

Tomkowiak and Walsh echoed Scrace.

For Tomkowiak it just doesn't make sense to keep public works on Maumee.

"If you were to keep public works on the Maumee site," Tomkowiak said, "first of all, you have garbage trucks and a rat problem in the middle of a residential neighborhood which is not good. No. 2, you could get pretty close to the square footage that's needed for that kind of facility, if you take down a 1920s Albert Kahn building, which is the old firehouse. If you take that down, then you have to relocate the court, you have to relocate the council, you have to put everybody, including public works, somewhere temporarily for a year and it would cost a million dollars more."

Fries sees the relocation as a way to protect the city's assets. He worked for years at the Detroit Armory and Selfridge Air National Guard Base. He said he has seen the effects of corrosion and water intrusion on vehicles.

"Currently we have 5,000 square feet where 30,000 square feet is required," Fries said. "This will enhance the longevity of our vehicles. It will allow us to put our materials in a safe location. Our vehicles will not rust, they will not have water intrusion inside the facility."

"I can't tell you enough how important it is to save our vehicles and provide the community the savings," he continued.

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 7. To find more information on the candidates or watch the entire forum, visit the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe's website, grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org.

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Four candidates run for three City council seats

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

The four candidates running for three open council seats in the City of Grosse Pointe were sent questionnaires to express why they are running and issues they see the city facing in coming years. Below are their answers.

David T. Fries

Age: 65
Years living in the City: 15

Education: University of Detroit: Public & Business Administration - Communication

Defense Acquisition University: Level III Certified Logistician

Occupation: Department of Defense: Program Management: Acquisition - Logistician

Family: Single
What boards do you serve? What groups do you currently belong to?

◆ Past Governor Optimist International Michigan District

◆ Past President Lake Shore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe

◆ USAF - Lieutenant Colonel (ret)

◆ Selfridge Air National Guard Base - Base Community Council

◆ Selfridge Air National Guard Base - Family Readiness Group

◆ Grosse Pointe War Memorial

◆ Grosse Pointe Veterans Club

◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre

◆ Grosse Pointe Boat Club

Why are you running for election?

I believe in: communication, transparency,



David Fries

quality in government, strength and experience. No personal agenda.

What issues do you see facing the city in the coming year to four years?

I am pro-business development: building and the improvement of Mack Avenue between Fisher Road and Cadieux; Village District business development; consensus of our proposed hotel; Fisher roadscape between Kercheval and Maumee.

I am pro-community development: Consensus on our bond proposal —

Public safety to Mack and DPW to Detroit; lower taxes, i.e. millage requests; support education and quality of life in the City; improve demographics — young families and care of our seniors; maintain and improve water quality; concerns about the “asset management” paving schedule.

City park improvements: Reinforcement of marina piers and future of Elworthy Field.

Sheila Tomkowiak

Age: 63
Years living in the City: 30

Education: Central Michigan University,



Sheila Tomkowiak

Bachelor of Arts degree, journalism; University of Southern California, Knight Digital Media Fellowship

Occupation: Principal and creative director, Grayton Integrated Publishing; adjunct instructor, Wayne State University, journalism department

Family: Married 37 years to George “Buzz” Young; two grown sons, two grandchildren

What boards do you serve? What groups do you currently belong to?

◆ City of Grosse Pointe Parks and Harbor Commission: Began serving as a resident; became City of Grosse Pointe council liaison in October 2016.

◆ Grosse Pointe Urban Forestry Commission: Council liaison.

◆ The Family Center of Grosse Pointe: Ambassador’s Circle; volunteer marketing consultant.

◆ Grosse Pointe Boat Club: Longtime member, served as commodore in 2007.

◆ GrossePointeToday.com: Co-founded community website with the late Ben Burns, operating it 2009 to 2012.

◆ Marina Committee,



Chris Walsh

2003 to 2004: Member of the committee that served as an advisory board when the City marina was renovated.

◆ Grosse Pointe South: Adviser to student literary magazine, 2000 to 2010.

◆ Grosse Pointe Village Association: Produced



Don Williams

marketing materials, 1994.


Why are you running for election?

I was honored to have been appointed to Grosse Pointe City Council last October, filling out the last year of a vacated term. I am now running to

retain that seat. I have worked hard on the council and take the responsibility seriously. I believe it is important to contribute in a meaningful way to the community I love so much. Over the last 12 months, I have dug deeply into the issues, making sure that I understand them thoroughly. I have striven to be a rational and reasonable voice on the council, an approach I believe is immensely valuable to our city and its residents.

What issues do you see facing the city in the coming year to four years?

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Joe Ricci

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I believe we need to preserve and protect property values while moving the City forward with carefully crafted, responsible economic development projects. In the short term, our biggest challenge involves development in the Village. To date, council has selected a developer for a mixed-use development with the stipulation that no tax dollars from residents be used. Regardless of what you may have heard, no plans have been finalized; nothing is set in stone. Instead, the developer and City staff are working to determine if the project is viable. Once the due diligence is done, council will evaluate the project to see if it should go forward, be modified or be shelved. The community will be invited to weigh in on the details. I will carefully evaluate any proposal to help ensure that if it goes forward, hard data shows it will succeed, financing is solid, the design/configuration is in keeping with the community, parking/traffic details have been addressed and the best possible plan has been formulated to minimize disruption to the area during construction.

Why do you think you are the most qualified to serve this position?

During my 40-year career as a journalist and publications creative

director, I have learned how to come up to speed quickly and effectively on a wide variety of subjects — from appraisals/valuations to corporate law, from enterprise technology to stock car racing. I bring that ability to council, working diligently to understand complex material, sift through what is real and what is conjecture, evaluate issues fully and render reasonable, informed decisions. Once I understand all of an issue's nuances and complexities, I work to inform — not persuade — residents of the facts. I am open and accessible and happy to speak with residents, answer their questions and advocate for their concerns.

Chris D. Walsh

Age: 51

Years living in the City: 18 year City resident, 40-plus year resident of the Grosse Pointes

Education: Grosse Pointe South High School; Bachelor of Arts degree, The University of Michigan — Ann Arbor

Occupation: Senior vice president, Morgan Stanley, Grosse Pointe Farms office

Family: I have been married to Katy 24 years, daughter Molly attends University of Michigan and daughter Annie attends Liggett.

What boards do you serve? What groups do you currently belong to?

I am a 12-year incumbent on city council; I serve on the City of

Grosse Pointe pension board, as well as the City of Grosse Pointe Downtown Development Authority. I serve on the advisory committee for The Full Circle Foundation. I am a member of The Detroit Athletic Club, as well as The Country Club of Detroit.

Why are you running for election?

The City of Grosse Pointe has made great progress in the 12 years I have served on the city council. If re-elected, I will continue to work tirelessly for this community. We have improved our fiscal health. Our city pension is 130 percent funded and our city credit rating recently achieved an upgraded AAA rating (highest). Our business districts are flourishing. We have adopted a comprehensive infrastructure improvement program. Our public safety remains a top priority. Our commitment to fortifying Mack Avenue with our public safety department should be a significant improvement for the city, as well as our commitment to the delivery of top tier city services. I believe that my experience in dealing with these issues can serve as a powerful attribute that will continue to benefit the City of Grosse Pointe.

What issues do you see facing the city in the coming year to four years?

Working with the other Grosse Pointes on existing or potential collaborative efforts has been a

council priority every year that I have served. It will continue to be an issue. Ensuring excellent Public Safety will always be a top priority. We've had a budget surplus for 12 consecutive years. The budget management is a very important issue. Lastly, the direction of the commercial districts is very critical to the City of Grosse Pointe.

Why do you think you are the most qualified to serve this position?

I care greatly for Grosse Pointe. I have the experience to contribute to the continued progress of the City of Grosse Pointe. We will always have challenges as a city. I believe I can help successfully navigate these challenges going forward.

Daniel J. Williams

Age: 34

Years living in the City: 4

Education: Juris Doctor — Wayne State University Law School; Bachelor of Arts degree, English — North Carolina State University; Bachelor of Arts degree, Philosophy — North Carolina State University

Occupation: Attorney

Family: I reside with my significant other, Aimee Fowler, and her two children.

What boards do you serve? What groups do you currently belong to?

I am a member at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church and participate there in a number of capacities. I am a member of the State of Michigan Bar Association and the United States Supreme Court Bar Association.

Why are you running for election?

I want to be a sounding

board for, and give a real voice to, residents and business owners in our community who have felt largely ignored, particularly over major issues facing our city in the near future. I want to ensure everyone has real input regarding final decisions on the downtown Village hotel and the final location for our department of public works. We need more engagement, communication and transparency from our council and that won't happen without change. As a former assistant prosecutor and now as a trial attorney in private practice, my job is to advocate for those people who do not otherwise have a voice or feel their voices cannot be heard without an advocate. I believe the people of our community need an advocate on council and, if elected, I can fill that role for all our residents.

What issues do you see facing the city in the coming year to four years?

The next term on city council is perhaps the most important in many years. There are major issues that will have long-term impact before the council that will have to be voted on, or approved, in the next term. The first is the proposed hotel in the Village. In talking to voters over the past weeks, as well as many small business owners in the Village, there is a universal skepticism about the discussed 5-story Cambria Suites Hotel on Lot 2 and parking garage on Lot 3. I am opposed to such a plan, a sentiment that I have found is echoed by the vast majority of voters and businesses in our city. Without

a change on council, I fear that the present body will simply ignore residents and push through such a behemoth, despite the horrendous long-term consequences of such a decision.

Also, the next council will have the authority to approve the final plans for how the public bond money for the new public safety facility and public works facility will be spent. While almost everyone seems to feel that a new public safety building on Mack Avenue makes very good sense, most people do not feel that the proposed move of our public works department to Detroit is a sound decision. There are too many unknowns at this point about the long-term viability of moving our facilities to Detroit and we have not seriously considered any other options. Moving our public works' facilities and personnel into Detroit is not in residents' best interests, particularly when other options have not been thoroughly explored and the actual operating costs for the Detroit facility have never been presented to the public.

The council needs change. More transparency, better communication and a willingness to engage the residents and the small businesses that are already here and thriving in our community is the most important task for council next term. With the difficult decisions we have ahead, complacency won't ensure the best decisions for all of us. We have one of the best communities in the United States and I want to ensure that it stays that way.

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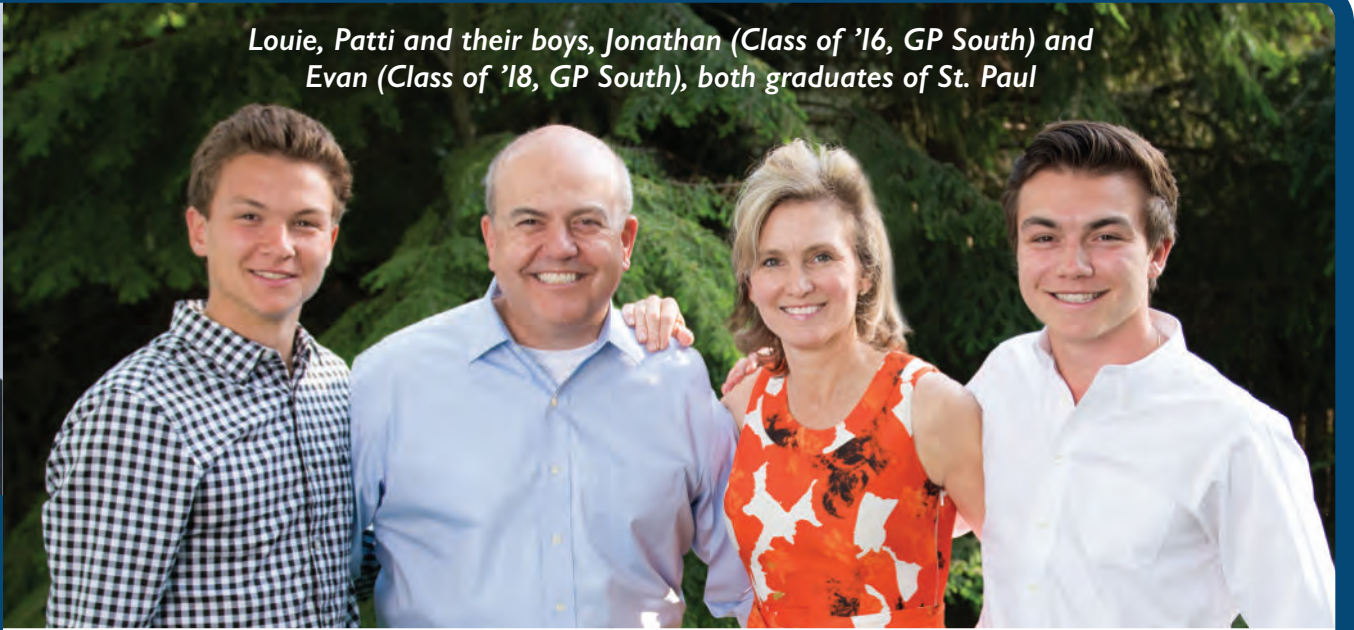
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Pop-up programs hosted by GP Historical Society

By Jody McVeigh
 Editor

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society hopes to pique the interest of the collective community as it introduces its new series, Pop-Up Programs.

The series opens 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the Pier Park community building, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tony Kartsonas, owner and founder of Historic Surfaces LLC, will discuss projects involving architectural conservation and the restoration and conservation of painted surfaces, wood finishes, plaster and murals.

“Introduction to Historic Paints and Traditional House Painting” includes a brief history and introduction to historic painting, Kartsonas said, including the development of hand-made paints to ready-



The cottage-like facade of 225 Touraine.

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made paints. “Education is a major component of promoting preservation,” Kartsonas said. “We’re a big advocate of that.”

Kartsonas has more

than 25 years experience in the industry. His wife and business partner, Mata, also brings 20-plus years to the table. The Grosse Pointe Park residents have shared their talents across the country, including the U.S. Capitol building and nine state capitols. The last few years, Kartsonas has worked on the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate and the Henry Ford house in Dearborn.

“There’s always surprises,” Kartsonas said about his work. “I’m continually learning. Craftspeople did things differently back then.

When you understand that, you have a greater appreciation for the craft. And there are challenges — to preserve something original or replicate or restore how it originally appeared; sometimes it’s easy, sometimes it’s complex and time consuming.

“We do a lot of front-end research as well,” he continued, “how the interior originally looked,

historic colors and finishes. That’s the fun part. It’s helpful because it’s informing the process that happens afterward.”

Kartsonas has been involved with 80 significant projects listed on the National Register of Historic Places or as national landmarks. He is skilled at gliding, glazing, polychroming, stenciling, trompe l’oeil, faux marbleizing, Venetian plaster and wood finishing.

Cost of the presentation is \$15 for historical society members, \$20 for non-members. For tickets, visit bit.ly/2xEL4Rk.

“I hope people get a general understanding that traditionally you didn’t buy paint in a can from Home Depot,” he said. “There’s a level of chemistry and artistry in how things developed. Hopefully people will feel compelled, maybe not to restore, but to understand more about their own homes and be sympathetic to more traditional aspects of it.”

The historical society’s new programming continues with a Pop-Up Tour 9 to 10 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 28, at 225 Touraine, Grosse Pointe Farms. The 4,214-square-foot home was built in 1927 by Walter A. Bernardi and Oscar C. Gottesleben, and has been in the same family four generations.

Owner Michael Goodell lived there 35 years before putting it up for sale last spring.

“My wife (Mary) was the only child of the only child of the original owner,” Goodell said. “Her mother moved to Arizona and had no interest in the house, so when her grandparents died, it went to her.”

Goodell said he was taken by the history, community and features of the house.


Mary Goodell’s grandfather was David H. Locke, who bought the house unfinished in 1928.

“He was a self-made man,” Goodell said. “He started working in a factory and then he built his own factory, Locke Pattern Works, which made all the patterns for the auto industry in the ’30s. He was a mechani-

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There's no excuse for skipping that flu shot

Be prepared as flu season nears

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

"I'm healthy. I don't get sick. I probably don't need one."

Mark Paschall M.D., a family medicine specialist with St. John Hospital & Medical Center, has heard these excuses and more from patients looking to sidestep getting a seasonal flu shot.

The fact is, everyone 6 months old and older should get the shot — the sooner the better.

"Centers for Disease Control recommends getting vaccinated at age 6 months all the way through the elderly," Paschall said. "There really is no end to the age limit. People we're most concerned about are the very young and the elderly, those over 65. It's really important for them to get vaccinated."

People with chronic illnesses such as diabetes, heart or kidney problems also are among those who absolutely shouldn't put it off.

"It's a pretty serious

disease," Paschall said. "People often underestimate the problem influenza can be. For most people, they think it's not serious enough or that they're healthy enough, but there are secondary infections to be aware of, too, like pneumonia and kidney disease."

The CDC estimates flu has resulted in between 9.2 million and 35.6 million illnesses each year in the U.S. since 2010. In the same time frame, flu has resulted in between 140,000 and 710,000 hospitalizations each year and between 12,000 and 56,000 deaths.

"Influenza is a respiratory illness," Paschall said. "Most everybody will have abrupt onset of fever, often with chills and a nonproductive cough There can also be headache, achiness, nasal congestion and a sore throat. The hallmarks of influenza are muscle aches and extreme fatigue."

"A lot of upper respiratory symptoms of other viruses are being run

down, a little achy," he continued. "But with influenza, there's a severe ache and you feel like you can't get out of bed in the morning. It's the same kinds of symptoms, but they're much worse."

Even people who feel they have strong immune systems or "don't get sick" often are at risk and would benefit from a flu vaccine, Paschall said.

"While you may have a lesser chance of getting influenza, consider those you're coming into contact with," he said. "Even if you're healthy, get the shot. You'll be protecting those more vulnerable than you. You may live with someone or come in contact at work with someone (with a weaker immune system). You're doing them a favor by getting the shot so you don't get the flu and pass it along to them. That's why all the doctors are

on board with this."

The biggest myth Paschall said he hears is, "you might get the flu from getting a flu shot. That may have been possible 10 or 15 years ago, because the vaccines were not as purified as they are now. This is not an infectible vaccine; it's not a live vaccine."

He noted the nasal spray previously used as

this one is relatively effective," Paschall said. "No vaccine is 100 percent, but this is much better than most."

This year, doctors are administering a vaccine with three components, he said, including a Michigan component for a strain first discovered in the Great Lakes State.

The other two strains stem from Hong Kong and Brisbane, Australia, the later of which has been hit hard by flu this season.

Paschall said the severity of the oncoming flu season cannot be predicted, but a long, cold winter usually means a bad flu season.

"If it's really cold and stays really cold, that may make things worse," he said. "If it's cold, people stay inside and keep the windows closed. That's when viruses thrive. Humidity plays a factor, too. If the humidity goes down, that allows viruses to thrive more."

Influenza can be

spread in respiratory droplets transferred through a cough or by coming in contact with infectious secretions or contaminated surfaces, according to the CDC. In addition to getting vaccinated, preventive actions to reduce the spread of germs — such as staying away from sick people and washing hands — can go a long way.

Last year, less than half — 47 percent — of the population was vaccinated. According to a study from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill released late last year, the flu accounted for \$5.8 billion in health care and lost productivity costs. Around 80 percent of those losses were tied to people who chose not to get vaccinated.

"The reason doctors like to give lectures is that influenza is very common," Paschall said. "We see a lot of it. It's serious, but we have a great way to prevent it. October through March is flu season. It takes a couple weeks (for the vaccine) to take effect, so get one now."

'Even if you're healthy, get the shot. You'll be protecting those more vulnerable than you.'

MARK PASCHALL M.D.,
St. John Hospital & Medical Center

an alternative to injections — and also which no longer is recommended by the CDC — is a live vaccine.

"But when they're injected now, it's not a live vaccine," he said. "It's literally impossible to get the flu from the flu vaccine."

However, side effects such as fever and body aches are possible for a day or two following vaccination.

"As far as vaccines go,

Moross Greenway hosts community clean-up Oct. 21

The Moross Greenway Project hosts its fifth annual Fall Community Clean-Up Day at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. This

year's event also includes daffodil bulb planting on the Moross median islands.

Interested volunteers are asked to gather at Grace Community Church's parking lot on Moross near the I-94 service drive for instructions and supplies. Volunteers

should wear gloves and boots and bring a trowel if planting bulbs. Water and trash bags are provided.

The Moross Greenway Project is a collaborative effort of eastside volunteers, churches, garden clubs and commercial organizations dedicated

to enhancing the landscape on the seven median islands along Moross Road between St. John Hospital & Medical Center and the I-94 service drive.

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Center for Integrative Medicine opens

A new and different kind of medical office has opened at Henry Ford Pierson Clinic in Grosse Pointe Farms, one where tiny acupuncture needles, a massage therapist's hands, a chiropractor's years of experience or a combination of all three can treat pain without medication, assist in infertility and digestive issues, control stress and anxiety, address weight concerns, addictions and sleep loss and curb the side effects of cancer treatment.

The specialists at the newly opened Henry Ford Center for Integrative Medicine — an acupuncturist, chiropractor, massage therapist and yoga practitioner — say the center is attracting a growing number of patients looking for care they haven't found elsewhere or, more often, complements or enhances care they're already receiving from a physician.

"We have many patients who come with a specific problem, obviously," said acupuncturist Mathew Kulas. "There's back pain, chemotherapy patients, sleep concerns, patients wanting to quit smoking, patients struggling with infertility. The list goes on. But we also have many patients who come to us seeking to preserve or enhance their wellness, to prevent illness or pain."



Acupuncturist Mathew Kulas, massage therapist Kathryn Glad and chiropractor David Betts.

That interest in integrative medicine from Pointers and neighboring communities mirrors a national trend in patients seeking more natural forms of care sometimes called holistic, complementary or alternative.

"What we offer, however, isn't so alternative," chiropractor David Betts said. "What we do is more and more being seen as an integral part of what people think of as traditional or mainstream or Western medicine."

Patients are looking to treat illness and pain in ways that don't involve drugs or surgery. Some come asking for relief after being told getting older means living with pain, said Ryan Gauthier, a manager for the center.

"That just does not always have to be," he said during an open house of the new office. "We work with care providers to provide the best care possible, no matter your age or situation. Often we can enhance the providers' important treatment and improve a patient's overall wellness. The Center for Integrative Medicine's approach allows us to treat the whole patient, not just the patient's symptoms, using evidence-based research that combines the best of Western and Eastern medicine."

Not only is the care approach different, the office surroundings are too.

From soft wood floors and walls painted warm,

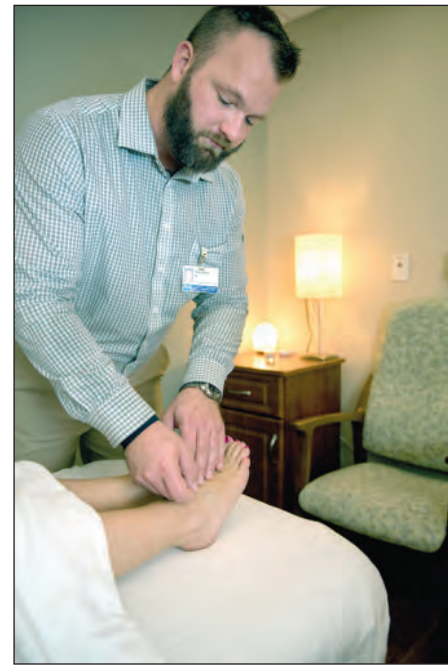
relaxing colors to salt lamps and relaxing lighting, the treatment rooms are meant to instill calm. In the waiting room are tea and water and a glass case of natural remedies and high-grade vitamins for sale.

"As a massage therapist, I want the surroundings to be as warm and inviting and as calming as possible," said licensed massage therapist Kathryn Glad. "Relaxation and stress relief is key."

The menu of services speaks to a growing focus on retail-style medical care as a way to meet patients' needs and lifestyles. All pricing is available online or in person. Patients can pay out of pocket as prices often match with similar ser-



David Betts gives a patient a chiropractic adjustment. Mathew Kulas performs acupuncture on a patient.



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vices in a non-medical setting or, depending on the reason for treatment, costs may be covered by insurers.

Henry Ford also has Centers for Integrative Medicine in Northville, Detroit and West Bloomfield. Other ser-

vices offered include cupping and guasha, reiki and functional medicine, an emerging field of medicine based on highly customized and individualized care based on balance — or imbalance — that can lead to chronic disease.

Habitual offender arraigned

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Gerald Duane Day Jr., of Detroit, was arraigned Thursday, Oct. 12, for a number of crimes committed in the City of Grosse Pointe April 22. He was arraigned via video because he currently is lodged in Wayne County for other crimes.

It is alleged Day entered a house in the 700 block of Washington with intent to assault the homeowner. It also is alleged Day attempted to restrain a child in the house with a weapon or dangerous instrument with intent to commit

sexual penetration. Day is charged with first-degree home invasion, a felony punishable up to 20 years in prison and/or \$5,000 fine; unlawful imprisonment, a felony punishable up to 15 years in prison and/or \$20,000 fine; criminal sexual conduct, a felony punishable up to 10 years in prison.

Day also is charged with habitual fourth offender, which could result in any of those charges carrying a sentence of life in prison.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Melissa Palepu said she was going to amend the charges to include one charge of felon in posses-

sion of a firearm and felony firearm.

"Mr. Day has seven active cases," Palepu said. "They all have similar charges where they are home invasions associated with assault — several charges of a felon

in possession of a handgun. He also has domestic violence charges and unlawful driving away of motor vehicle charges. He has two home invasions currently pending in Grosse Pointe Farms that he has been

arraigned on. He has a Grosse Pointe Woods case which is a home invasion."

Judge Russell Etheridge denied bond.

A probable cause conference is scheduled 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, with a preliminary exam scheduled 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24.

Scholarship awarded

The Grosse Pointe Symphony recently announced Katie Sesi is the winner of the 2017 Nester Scholarship.

Sesi, 16, is a senior at Ann Arbor Huron High School, where she is the concertmaster of the symphony orchestra. She has won the Rosalie Edwards Youth Music Competition, American Protégé International Concerto Competition and Lansing Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition.

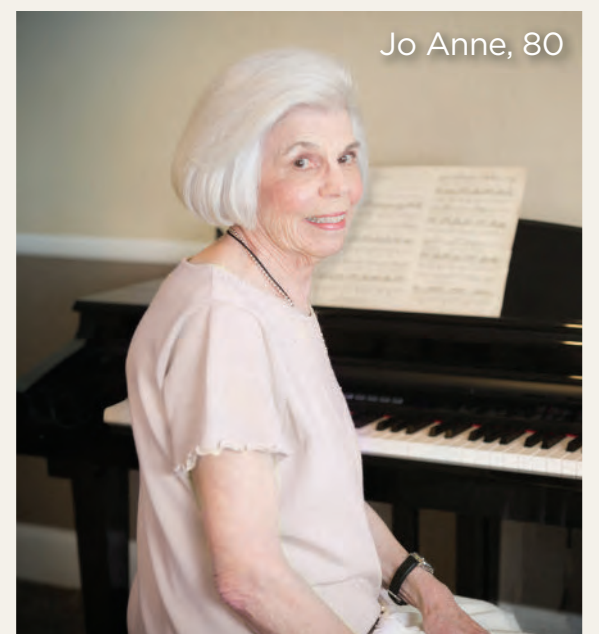
Sesi started the Young Musicians Mentors Alliance, receiving funding through a grant from the Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation. She is a member of the Michigan Youth Symphony Orchestra and was named to the Michigan All-State Orchestra, Honors Orchestra. Sesi twice was nominated as an outstanding soloist and cho-

sen as a Michigan Youth Arts Festival Concerto finalist. In addition, she has raised \$40,000 for children with cancer at The University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital by busking at the Ann Arbor Art Fair 10 years and collecting returnable cans and bottles.

A Girl Scout since fourth grade, she has received her Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, and was selected as the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan's Young Woman of Distinction for her Gold Award project.

She will receive a check for \$400 and perform during the Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Above, Terri Berschback and Marte Langton walk through the village with their pink bags and pink lemonade as they enjoy the event. Right, Lucas Uralli places a ribbon on the tree for his Uncle Al who lost his battle with pancreatic cancer and Owen Mills placed a ribbon on the tree for his Aunt Sue, who is a breast cancer survivor.



Serina Lyle, a one and half year cancer survivor, holds a tray of pink cupcakes perfect for the event.

Pretty in pink

St. John Hospital & Medical Center presented Get Your Pink On, a ladies' night event in the Village Oct. 5. Shops were open late, offering refreshments and the opportunity to meet healthcare professionals.



Katie Tompkins gets her passport signed by Ellen Durand at El's Boutique in the Village. Everyone received a pink bag of goodies that included coupons and a passport. Those whose passports were signed by participating businesses were entered to win a raffle prize.

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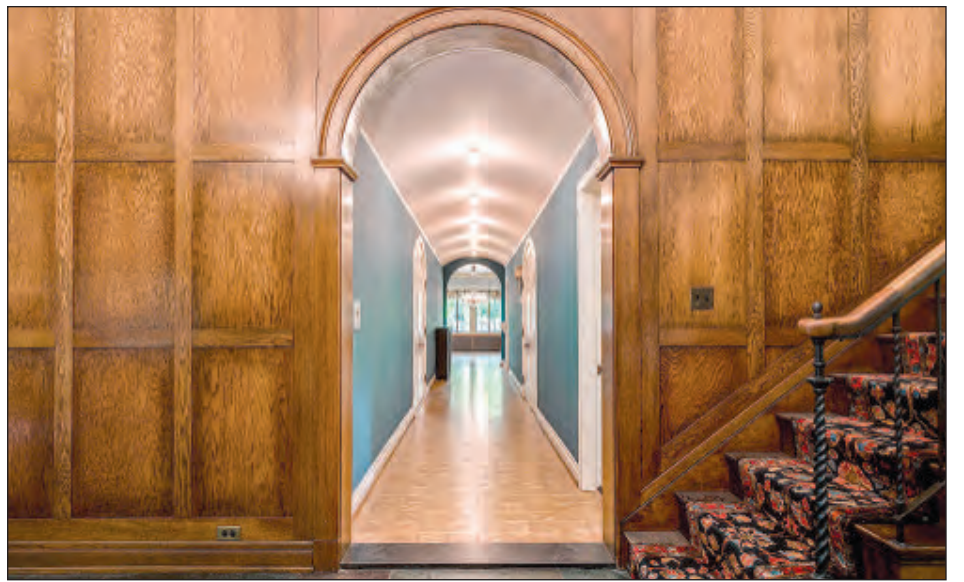


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Wide hallways make for great entertaining at 225 Touraine.

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cal genius.” Goodell will discuss the house’s history and details during the tour, which also includes dis-

plays of historic photos and documents, such as original blueprints. The tour also includes the home’s grounds, which were meticulously planned, created and cared for by Mary Goodell, who passed

away last year. “Mary was very involved in garden clubs and organizations,” Goodell said. “She designed numerous gardens in the community—the herb garden at the (Grosse Pointe) Academy, the children’s garden at the War Memorial. She was the prime mover and benefactor of the Veterans Garden at The War Memorial. She designed and created the culinary garden at SOC, too.”

Goodell — who wrote two novels while living at 225 Touraine: “Zenith Rising” and “Rebound” — said he’s sad to see the house leave the family, but it’s time to sell. He opened a winery, Amoritas Vineyards, in Traverse City, where his children live.

He said he’ll miss the house, which includes a prohibition-era basement bar, wide hallways and other amenities.

“This house is made for entertaining and we did a lot of it,” he said. “We’d have a hundred people for parties and it didn’t feel oppressive.”

The house has never been on the market, but Goodell said one of the reasons he agreed to host the Pop-Up Tour is because so many people have wondered about its interior.

“A lot of people told me over the years they’ve driven by the house and always wanted to see it,” he said. “The right person will find this and fall in love.”

Tickets for the tour are \$15 for historical society members, \$20 for non-members. Space is limited and tickets are available in advance only. For tickets, visit bit.ly/2xE14Rk.

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The Academy kicks off character education program

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

During his first year as Grosse Pointe Academy's head of school, Tommy Adams spent a lot of time listening. His goal was "to get a sense of where we were as an institution and where we were going," he said.

The second year is about putting ideas and initiatives that grew out of those conversations into action.

"One of the aspects that we talked about was the character education (piece) — personal growth in children," Adams said. "We needed to get back to the fact that we have the kids in the most formative years of their lives, pre-K through 8. Our job is to give them the best educational foundation we can give them and part of that foundation is their personal growth and character development. That is our focus."

Enter learning specialist and guidance counselor Jamie Lee Stott and Christian life teacher Renee Martin. Over the summer, they worked on a character education curriculum based on their own observations as well as those of teachers who visited other schools to assess their character education programs.

Stott also drew from her previous teaching experience in the Upper Darby School district outside west Philadelphia, where she served as positive behavioral intervention and supports coach. While the PBIS framework was similar, she said she and Martin broke it down to meet GPA's specific needs. This was based on meeting a vision of skills a GPA graduate should possess.

"There's a whole team that got together and decided what that would look like," Stott said. "Based on that, we broke it down into areas that we thought were most important for it to be a productive learning environment, (which) was that we need everyone to be respectful, to be responsible and to be safe. That will allow them to meet the objectives of that visionary GPA graduate that (we) had developed."

Classroom Expectations		
Be Respectful	Be Responsible	Be Safe
★ STAR	★ Keep classroom clean	★ Hands and feet to self
★ Use kind words	★ Arrive on time, be prepared, and keep your materials organized	★ Stay in assigned seat
★ Keep school property clean	★ Follow all directions	★ Ask before leaving classroom
★ Ask before using others' possessions	★ Technology away	★ Walk
★ Accept directions from all teachers		

Clear expectations for being respectful, responsible and safe are outlined and posted throughout the school.

What they came up with was a grade 1 through 8 curriculum outlining clear expectations — what they call "GPA's Great Expectations" — and consistent language throughout.

These expectations are broken down into what they should look like "in every area of the school, so (students) know, no matter where they are, what it means to be respectful in the classroom, to be responsible in the classroom and be safe in the classroom — in the hallway, the cafeteria, the playground, the restroom," Martin said. "All of them show what they should be doing, not what they shouldn't. We're focusing on the 'should'; the positive side of it. We tried to get all those 'nots' and 'no's' out of it and 'don'ts' because we wanted them to be aware of what they should do. A lot of them look at you and say, 'I know what I shouldn't be doing, but what should I be doing?'"

"From a processing standpoint, if you hear 'stop running,' what is the last thing you hear? Run. If you say 'Walk,' that is what you hear," Stott added.

Moreover, the focus is on the positive. "It's good to hear what you should be doing," Stott said. "There's lots of positive things you can do. Look at all these beautiful things you can do."

"It's always circling back to being respectful, responsible and safe," she said.

For Martin, the curricu-

lum is a natural fit with her emphasis in her first-through eighth-grade Christian life classes on character.

"(My curriculum) is all about character and being a good person and making good choices," she said. "(Students are) hearing about being a good person and (finding) their path." She uses stories from the Bible students can relate to while applying them to their own lives and today's society.

She began the year by asking students to define key words like "respectful" and "responsible."

"I did it with everybody (grade 1 through 8)," Martin said. "It was cool, because I realized very quickly that they could give really great examples, but they couldn't actually define the words."

As part of their common language, Martin and Stott came up with the acronym STAR. S stands for sit up straight; T track the speaker; A ask/answer questions; and R raise your hand.

While working with a group of eighth-graders in Christian life class, Martin said, "All I had to say was, I hope to see a room full of STARS today and it was silent. They just got to work."

The character education program will include a monthly team-building activity all students will participate in, Stott said. For example, in a STEAM — science, technology, engineering, art and math — project, students will be given materials and have to build the tallest tower

that will suspend a tennis ball in the air.

Teachers also integrate character traits into Monday morning chapel assembly talks. This year, eighth graders will take on some of these components and discuss them as leaders of the school, Stott said.

Even though it's early in the school year, many teachers already have noticed a difference.

"Teachers seem happy. They have seen a change," Stott said.

"And it's allowing for more learning to go on," Martin added.

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First-grader Fynn Stooke cleans the table in the cafeteria after lunch. Keeping school property clean is one of the expectations for students as part of being respectful and responsible.

Teacher of THE WEEK



Kathryn Sigouin

School: Our Lady Star of the Sea School

Years at OLSOS: 21

Grade/Subject: Librarian

Nominated by: Julie Aemisegger, principal

Principal's quote:

"Mrs. Sigouin helps foster the love of reading in all students. She teaches students in preschool through grade 5 each week. In addition, she helps the middle school students with research. Every student knows that Mrs. Sigouin is passionate about reading. I am very proud that she shares the importance of reading with every student."

What do you enjoy most about your role?

I love that in my role as a librarian, I see students from 4-year-old preschool through middle school, incorporating different categories of children's literature that span from introductory books, such as Pete the Cat stories, to more mature, young adult novels, such as The Lightning Thief series. I find it especially rewarding to watch individual students grow and develop their love for reading. It is important to me that the library has a nurturing, warm atmosphere that makes all students feel

welcome. I also strive to offer the latest and most relevant materials for the student body and teachers, which requires me to visit bookstores, search online and read children's literature journals.

Describe an accomplishment or "teachable moment" you experienced.

I am always especially pleased when I am able to connect the right book to the right student. In order to do this, the librarian needs to know the collection and the students. For instance, one middle school student was having difficulty selecting a book for a class assignment, and after I recommended a title that happened to be the first in the Lemony Snicket series, the student soon returned anxious to check out the next book in the series, even though his class assignment was complete. How rewarding to have a satisfied patron! Similarly, I enjoy helping teachers find specific books to meet their curriculum and instructional needs.

Name a book or person that has inspired you.

Mrs. Joan Kettel is a dear friend and a former



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colleague of mine. Joan worked side by side with me for 20 years before her retirement. She was one of the most knowledgeable people on children's literature that I have ever met. Joan and her husband, Dr. Raymond Kettel, invented a game that is used across the country, called Clue Me In. Many of the older Star of the Sea students remember playing it fondly. She freely volunteers her time in the library throughout the school year.

Favorite quote:

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book."

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Facilities committee addresses key questions

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System, faced with a loss of 1,000 students from 2010-11 to 2016-17, is not alone. According to Paul Wills, a partner at Plante Moran Cresa, many districts in Michigan are experiencing declining enrollment.

"The state's lost about 400,000 students in the last 10 years, about 35,000 just here in Wayne County," Wills said. "So this is very prevalent in Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, Kent County in the west side of the state. A lot of districts are facing this."

And how are these districts coping with the decline and resulting impact on the operating budget? According to Wills, Bloomfield Schools went from two high schools to one. Farmington Schools has gone from three high schools to two and shut down some schools. Others — including those in other states — are looking at different grade configurations. Indianapolis, for example, has K to 6 elementary schools and grades 7 to 12 high schools.

"Some districts are looking at 8-12 high schools because a lot of eighth-graders are already taking AP courses and art and music and band," Wills said, adding, "We have one district that's looking at eliminating elementary schools and moving them all to middle schools. That way they can offer all elementary kids theater, music, band, etc."

To help arrive at solu-



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Following a tour of Pierce Middle School, blue ribbon facilities committee members gathered in the library for a presentation facilitated by the Plante Moran Cresa team.

tions, many districts, including GPPSS, have included community members in the process by forming a blue ribbon facility committee.

"I think having a blue ribbon committee similar to what the district's doing here and actually having them come up with the recommendation is probably the best approach, the best practice," Wills said.

"It is a process," said Robert Stempien, PMC senior vice president. "What you're trying to do is relay facts, look at what you have before you and approach this in a very logical manner. It's great to get a committee like this together to really understand the problem and what options there are going forward."

With funding from the state based on a per-pupil allowance, Wills said the district's objective would be to cut either programs or square footage, while

keeping in mind the district's priorities.

"Every district can be different," he said. "Is it neighborhood schools? Is it walkability? Is it class sizes? Grade configurations?"

To continue examining these issues, the district's 50-member blue ribbon facilities committee met for the third time Thursday, Oct. 12, in Pierce Middle School's library. Prior meetings took place Sept. 21, at Grosse Pointe South High School and Sept. 28, at Grosse Pointe North High School. Each included a tour of the host facility.

The purpose of the tours "is to really look at ... how are the facilities being funded from a capital standpoint," Wills said. "The district has a sinking fund; they have some enhancement millage money that was passed by Wayne County districts. But obviously

that money's not enough to replace mechanical systems that are 50, 60 years old.

"There's not a lot of money in the general fund," he continued. "And the sinking fund only generates 'x' amount of dollars. And the enhancement millage — (it's) operations versus facilities. That's always the question. A lot of districts are going with a capital bond solution."

"You just can't rely on general fund dollars to take care of infrastructure issues," said Stempien.

The committee will address the following questions, posed in the PMC report:

◆ How should GPPSS address capital needs?

◆ Should GPPSS consider renewing the sinking fund or consider a capital bond?

◆ What is the dollar amount required to address capital needs versus the dollar amount the community would support?

◆ What capital needs should be included in that amount?

"Our recommendation for most districts is make sure you have the right footprint first before you plan a capital bond," said Wills.

Planning that footprint begins with understanding the numbers. For example, according to Wills, the cost to improve a building is \$50 to \$70 a square foot.

"If you have a middle school that's 150,000 square feet at \$50 a foot, that's a very significant amount of money potentially you wouldn't have to (spend) should ... that facility come offline," Wills said, adding the cost of a 50,000-square-foot elementary school ranges from \$2.5 to \$4 million. Middle schools range from \$5 to \$8 million and high schools from \$10 to \$20 million.

The committee's role is to make recommendations; final decisions rest with the administration and Board of Education.

"Our job is to be a facilitator," Wills said.

Future meetings are Thursday, Oct. 26, Parcels Middle School library; Thursday, Nov. 16, Monteith Elementary School gymnasium; and Thursday, Nov. 30, Brownell Middle School multipurpose room. All meetings are 6 to 9 p.m. and open to the public.

PMC's report is available at gpschools.org.

Week Ahead

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◆ Grosse Pointe South High School's show choirs kick off the 2017-18 season with their annual Fall Follies at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The performance begins both evenings at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for all lower level seats. Balcony seats are \$12 or \$9 for students or senior citizens and are available at gpsouth-choir.org, Posterity in the Village and at the door. Gold Cards are accepted at Posterity Gallery and at the door. Visa, Mastercard and Discover cards are accepted. A 50 cent convenience fee applies to online ticket purchases. Call the choir office at (313) 432-3638 with questions.

TUESDAY, OCT. 24

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public School System is showing "Screenagers," a film about the impact of the digital age on children, 6:30 p.m. in the Brownell Middle School multipurpose room, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Superintendent Gary Niehaus will introduce the 70-minute film and licensed master social worker Nicole Runyon will facilitate a question-and-answer session after. Tickets are free to parents and community members and can be reserved online at goo.gl/XHBaUZ. A preview of the film is available at this link as well. Earlier that day, all middle school students in the district will have an opportunity to watch the film. Students may opt out at their parents' request.

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Adams, too, has received positive feedback on the program.

"To be honest, it was already a part of the school's history for so long," he said. "We just need to get back to it and focus on it."

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National merit semifinalists named

Seven high school seniors in Grosse Pointe were named semifinalists in the 63rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. They are Alexandra Dean and Maximilian Rakozy — Grosse Pointe North High School; Daniel Garan, Hunter Levine and Sebastian Simon — Grosse Pointe South High School; and Alexandra

Diggs and Annelies Ondersma — University Liggett School.

These students have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance

to the finalist level of the competition. About 90 percent of semifinalists attain finalist standing and about half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

Students obtain semifinalist standing by scoring in the top 1 percent of U.S. high school students who took the Preliminary SAT test.



Pictured with North Principal Kate Murray are National Merit semifinalists Maximilian Rakozy and Alexandra Dean.

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Pictured with South Principal Moussa Hamka are National Merit semifinalists, from left, Sebastian Simon, Daniel Garan and Hunter Levine.



Liggett National Merit semifinalists Alexandra Diggs, left, and Annelies Ondersma with Head of Upper School Brock Dunn.

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Dear Mayor Serace and City Council
for the City of Grosse Pointe:

October 17, 2017

I have been a resident of Grosse Pointe for 42 years and managing member of Kercheval Company, the largest single tax payer in The Village, for 14 years. I write you in my capacity as a resident. The purpose of this letter is to both inform you and to raise objections to the current proposal to utilize Lot 2 (the Lot behind Marais and Starbucks) and Lot 3 (the Lot between The Neighborhood Club, the St. John Development and the former Ace Hardware), for the development of a hotel and condominium complex or frankly for any non-public purpose. I am not opposed to either the development of a boutique hotel or condominiums in the City. In fact, I am in favor of condominium development anywhere it is possible, in the City. What I am opposed to is the construction of this hotel on this property on Lot 2 and this condominium or any development on Lot 3.

There have been three meetings with the stakeholders, defined as the folks who own buildings in The Village and otherwise operate businesses there concerning the current plan. In none of these meetings was there a single positive comment about the development by anyone. I was shocked to hear the Mayor and most everyone else at The League of Women Voters' Meeting indicate that they weren't familiar enough with the status to make comment. How can that be? They urged that the public should "allow the process" to continue as if there was anything good to come out of this exercise. The location of this hotel, its massive size and its effect on parking are not going to change.

HERE IS WHAT WE KNOW

- 1. The Hotel Plan.** The current proposal calls for the construction of a two or three story garage on the entire of Lot 2, one of the busiest Lots in the City of Grosse Pointe, topped with a three story, 100 plus room Cambria Suites Hotel, plus a conference center, plus 3,000 square feet of commercial space. The building projected will be 60-70 feet high. It is higher than the current zoning ordinance allows and will dwarf the entire Village of Grosse Pointe and its surrounding buildings.
- 2. This is not a boutique hotel.** Cambria Suites is a flag of the Choices Hotel System. It is anticipated that the hotel will have an average room rate of \$150.00. That means that 50% of the rooms will be priced under \$150.00. The corporate room rate is advertised by the developer as \$109.00.
- 3. Parking.** The City recently conducted a parking study for this project which scrapped the study the City has relied on for over ten years, done by Carl Walker. The Walker Study says that The Village currently is 1,000 spaces short by the City Ordinance and almost 500 spaces short to serve the existing businesses according to the Institute of Traffic Engineer Criteria. These numbers are reflected in the 2012 Master Plan. This proposal demands hundreds of additional parking spaces, but the parking study submitted with the proposal suggests that there will be a parking excess of 25 cars at peak times. We don't believe the study. It contains fundamental errors. The Village will end up being hundreds of spaces short. There will be no room for future development anywhere in the Village and insufficient parking during peak hours or otherwise. Why is the City paying for a garage that isn't necessary, but for the building of a hotel? In the 2012 master plan study, the citizens overwhelmingly opposed building a parking deck on Lot 2. You didn't listen then and you are not listening now!
- 4. Condominium.** The condominium on Lot 3 appears to have been withdrawn "for the time being". In the last 5 years 10's of millions of dollars have been invested by the Neighborhood Club, St John's and Kercheval Company to revive the Village. These developments were without financial considerations from the City. The parking spaces in Lot 3 are necessary to serve the needs of The Neighborhood Club, St John's and the 12 tenants which currently occupy the former ACE Hardware. Leave Lot 3 as it is. This is the 3rd time the City has supported developments on our remaining surface lots. Leave our public lots alone!
- 5. Construction chaos will rein for two to four years.** The developers anticipate that the project will take a minimum of two years and perhaps four years to complete (depending on whether the condominium revives itself). The City suggests that the infrastructure required (sewer, electric and gas) before construction can begin will take an additional six months. In effect, The Village will be under construction for between 30 and 52 months, with cranes on St. Clair and Notre Dame. Even more extreme parking issues will exist during the period of construction. Many of the businesses currently operating in The Village, some of which have been there for decades, have indicated publicly that their businesses will not survive such a construction period.

HERE IS WHAT WE DON'T KNOW

- 1. No information on costs are available.** Neither the City, nor the developer are able to say the total cost of the project and who will pay for it, including the infrastructure cost, which generally falls on the shoulders of the City in such a development. We know that the City will be required to issue bonds in order to pay for the construction of the garage. Those bonds will probably be of a 23 year duration and will utilize 100% of the real estate taxes generated by this development. Said another way, the DDA, which was formed to utilize and spend increased taxes resultant from development in The Village will have no funds with which to improve the current Village or maintain it. When are we going to see 1 hour free parking?
- 2. How much is the developer paying for the land?** There has been no indication whatsoever as to what the developer is planning to pay for the most valuable land in The Village of Grosse Pointe. The City recently paid \$1.4 million dollars for the Alger Party Store property. The Staples property is advertised at \$3 million plus dollars. Both are tiny compared to the public land to be occupied for private purposes in connection with this development
- 3. Maire Elementary School is within 500 feet of this development.** How will the traffic during construction and the ultimate development affect the ability of the parents of students at Maire picking up and dropping off their children? It is a nightmare as it is. Does anyone feel comfortable having a 100 plus room, three story transient hotel and bar with a two to three story enclosed garage within 500 feet of an elementary school?
- 4. Public Safety and Fire.** None of the Grosse Pointes have a fire truck capable of fighting a fire in a 60 to 70 foot tall building. While I am not an expert, at least two ladder trucks will be required to fight a hotel fire in rooms 60 to 70 feet above the street. No study has been done or revealed concerning the increased costs to the Public Safety Department to control traffic and otherwise protect the citizens with such a large development in The Village.
- 5. The Sunrise Property.** The Sunrise Property is the two and a half acres located behind the CVS parking lot, Lot 4. When will that development begin? How will it be developed? It is currently zoned for hotel use, as well as condominium or apartment uses. The Sunrise people are again taking bids on the purchase of the property from prospective hotel developers, as well as potentially apartment or condominium developers. What is the hurry? These uses fit that property. They belong there, not on public property.
- 6. Staples Property.** The property is for sale. It is right next to the proposed new Public Safety Building. What about a hotel or condo there.
- 7. What happens if the hotel fails?** If the hotel fails, which to many of us seems likely, what will happen to a three story hotel? How will it be developed? Jacobson's sat vacant for almost 10 years. What will become of it? If the hotel fails, who will pay the taxes that support the bonds required by the hotel development in order to build a parking garage? The answer to that question is the full faith and credit of the City of Grosse Pointe, which means you and us.

These are just some of the immediate points that come to mind concerning this project. The mass of this project is not going to change. The parking problem will not go away. It is a bad idea.

Fix our roads and our sewers. Address the current needs of the City and The Village: rezoning and free parking. Let the free market support future development, not the public treasury. If you want to see how others feel log on to protectgppillage.com.

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Creative collections

Pointers share unusual assemblages

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There are a variety of reasons people collect things: knowledge and learning, relaxation, the competitive challenge, financial gain. But perhaps the most common reason people collect is out of basic enjoyment.

From traditional collections like stamps and old coins to more unique menageries such as bad poetry, phone books or cheese labels, one thing is certain: many people love to collect.

People in Grosse Pointe are no exception. Some collect with a purpose, others accidentally, but all have amassed collections that bring them joy.

Rock legends

Janet Kozlowski lives in Grosse Pointe now, but by her description, “I grew up at the Grande Ballroom. I was 16, 17. I can’t believe my mother let us go.”

Kozlowski has many fond memories of her youth, surrounded by the music she loved and the people who made it. She also has many physical reminders of days past — hundreds of concert posters and flyers dating back decades.

“I don’t usually put



them up, because it’s overwhelming,” she said. “I never thought I would amass this poster collection. Now I have hundreds.”

Kozlowski went to her first concert — Motown Review with Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye — when she was 16. After that, she was hooked.

By age 19, she moved to San Francisco and spent much of her time at the famed Fillmore West. She’d send the posters she was given back to her sister in Troy.

Several posters are framed and hanging in her house. Others are sandwiched between pieces of cardboard to keep them intact. Many

have a psychedelic look about them, inviting guests to check out classics such as Lou Reed, The Doors, Jefferson Airplane, The Police and Jimi Hendrix, as well as modern artists White Zombie, Snoop Dog, Marilyn Manson and Madonna.

Several of them are rare: a Michigan Palace poster “so rare, you can’t find it anywhere,” an uncut Hendrix print and a poster from the first concert ever at the Grande Ballroom.

Several of Kozlowski’s posters are signed by the artists who created them — Gary Grimshaw, Kris Dorris, Marc Arminski, Carl Lundgren. The prints

are silkscreen, not digital, she said, which makes them one-of-a-kind.

Among the posters and flyers are other items that are a collector’s dream — a photo from backstage facing the crowd during Woodstock; handwritten lyrics of The Doors’ “Riders on the Storm” and Bob Dylan’s “It Ain’t Me Babe,” the latter written on May Fair Hotel stationery.

Kozlowski, who’s seen MC5 20 times, sold 14 pieces to The Henry Ford in 2004, “because I wanted them to be preserved forever,” she said. “They vetted me; they wanted to know my story.”

She’s working on a book about her experiences. She has plenty of items on which to reflect as every piece of memorabilia reminds her of a story.

Like the time she met Lou Reed. Or when she was at the Jefferson Airplane house the night Grace Slick gave birth. Or trying to walk down Haight Street in 1968.

“You couldn’t walk down Haight,” she said. “There were thousands of people there.”

Kozlowski still has the keys to her first apartment at Haight Ashbury, as well as other significant items, but each of them is more than just a memory to her.

“It’s really all about Detroit rock-and-roll history,” she said. “I think someone should be doing a Detroit Rock City Hall of Fame. We need a museum. Motown is really the ticket, but it’s just Motown (music). What about all these great musicians? They’re so iconic.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Left, Grosse Pointe Farms resident Matthew Calcaterra has amassed more than 50 electric guitars, a portion of which are played in his den. Above, Calcaterra plays his most unique guitar, made of Polish reclaimed barn wood.

“I’ll never stop collecting,” she continued. “Even when I sell everything, I’ll still collect. I collect them because I just love them. They’re beautiful, interesting. For years all I did was travel around the country to go see music.”

Music man

While Kozlowski seeks a buyer for her massive poster collection, Grosse Pointe Farms resident Matthew Calcaterra gets a kick out of regularly recycling his collection.

His latest count is nine acoustic guitars and more than 50 electric — all of which he plays.

“I started playing when I was 13,” he said. “My parents bought me my first guitar. I don’t know what happened to it. I probably loaned it to a friend and never got it back.”

He played guitar through high school and college, but stopped after marrying Carrie.

A few years later, he saw his nearly forgotten guitar case in the basement.

“I must have told myself I was bored,” he said. “I opened it up and started playing.... Then I thought I was getting good, so I thought I should get another. I kept buying one after another after another, ones I thought I liked. I don’t know when I started (collecting), but this has been going on for a while. The bulk of it has been (collected) the last four years.

“I can’t drive through whatever city I’m in — if there’s a guitar store — without walking in... and walking out with something,” he added.

Some he buys because they look cool, he said, while others are high-end instruments.

“Each has a different look, a different feel, a different sound,” he said. “I don’t have a favorite, but I

have an interesting one. I got it online from Poland. It’s a Polish reclaimed barn wood guitar. It’s my most interesting.

“They’re like children,” he continued. “I don’t have a favorite — I love them all.”

Some of them are autographed by the likes of James Taylor, Jake E. Lee, Paul Gilbert and Uli Jon Roth, among others.

All of them were good deals.

“I buy guitars, I sell guitars and I donate,” Calcaterra said. “It’s a revolving inventory. Carrie likes the sell and donate part much better than the buying part.”

Last year Calcaterra started a music appreciation scholarship at Grosse Pointe South High School, where his wife was part of the Mothers’ Club, “for a kid with good grades and musical potential,” he said. “I’ve donated some to the school for raffles and jazz class, too.”

While he has no plans to stop collecting, he also has no plans to form a band.

“I do my own little thing,” he said. “I have a music studio in my basement where I record by myself. I’m a better collector than I am a player and I’m kind of shy. I plan on keeping doing this. Carrie is happy for me that I have a passion besides our family.”

Teacher’s PEZ

Bill Thompson probably wouldn’t say he’s passionate about his collection, but he sure does enjoy it.

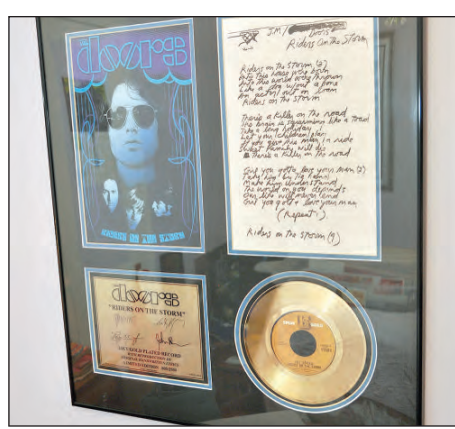
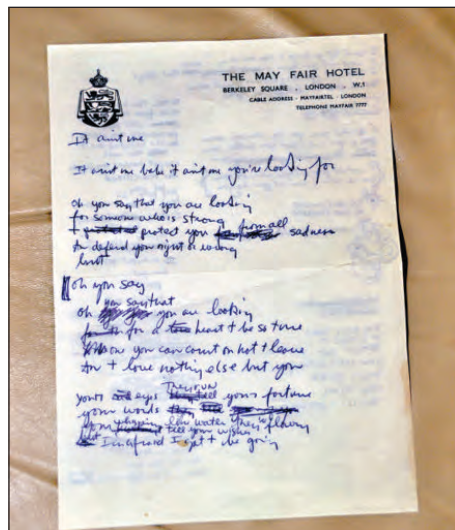
The Pierce Middle School seventh- and eighth-grade science teacher has amassed hundreds of PEZ dispensers, which he displays in his classroom.

“I’ve been teaching 23

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Clockwise from above, an Iggy Pop concert poster; Bob Dylan’s handwritten lyrics for “It Ain’t Me Babe,” written on stationery from the May Fair Hotel in London; a 24-karat gold record for “Riders on the Storm” with a reproduction of original handwritten lyrics by The Doors.



Six Strategies to Reduce Income Taxes



Suzanne Antonelli, CFP®
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When the blustery winds descend indicating Fall has arrived, it is the time of year when I meet with clients to finalize year-end tax planning strategies, and to complete a final check for Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) for clients 70 ½ years of age and older. The list below is not meant to be comprehensive

and you should consult your advisor prior to implementing any of these strategies.

- **Maximize your retirement plan contributions.** Maximizing your contributions to your 401(k) plan means you are saving more for retirement while reducing your current tax bill. The contributions you make while you are working (unless you are contributing to a Roth 401(k)), are pre-tax; the taxes are deferred until retirement when you are more likely to be in a lower tax bracket.
- **Make your IRA contributions.** Depending on your income limit and other factors, you may or may not be able to deduct your contribution. I also recommend spousal IRAs for couples where one spouse is not employed. This

is often overlooked by high earning clients who assume they are not able to deduct the contribution and feel it is not worth the effort.

- **Consider a Roth IRA conversion if you expect higher tax rates for your future.** This is also an effective tool to reduce future RMDs.
- **Contribute to a Health Savings Account (HSA).** An HSA allows for pre-tax contributions to an account that grows tax-free; future withdrawals are free from income taxes if you have qualified medical expenses. To be eligible to contribute to an HSA in 2017 you must be enrolled in a high-deductible health plan, for a single person the deductible must be \$1,300 or higher, for a family or married couple it must be \$2,600 or higher.

If you meet those requirements, a single person may contribute \$3,400; a family or married couple may contribute \$6,750. An additional catch-up contribution of \$1,000 is available if you are 55 or older.

- **Meet your RMD by giving directly to a qualified 501(c)(3) charity.** If you make a direct transfer to a charity, those funds count toward your RMD withdrawal up to \$100,000. I had a discussion with a client regarding this last week. He wondered why it would be better to use this strategy over merely contributing to the charity and taking the tax deduction.

Because the gift you made to charity was never in your possession, it is not included in your adjusted gross income. This can help you avoid the

Medicare surcharge for those with income over \$250,000 for couples filing jointly (\$200,000 for singles). It may qualify you for a lower Medicare premium, and it may make your Social Security less taxable. If you are unable to itemize, it is an especially valuable technique.

- **Contribute to a 529 College Savings Plan.** When it comes to saving and investing to pay for college, the most cost efficient vehicle for Michigan residents is the MESP 529 plan. Michigan residents may deduct \$10,000 for a married couple or \$5,000 for an individual for their state income taxes. Balances grow tax-free and withdrawals are free from tax with qualified education expenses.

Each individual situation is

unique; I strongly encourage you to consult your tax advisor to see if any of the above will help reduce your 2017 tax bill. All questions or comments are welcome.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Library

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library celebrates National Friends of Libraries Week with special events. Learn how a Friends membership can make a difference by visiting with Friends board members and receive a special treat 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Additionally, author Gloria Whelan will discuss her collection of short stories 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. Video rentals are free for Friends members during National Friends of Libraries Week. Non-members may join online or by picking up a form at any branch.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at Christ the King Lutheran

Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Mary McLaren Honsel, executive director of Crossroads of Michigan, speaks. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

Symphony

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairfield, Grosse Pointe Woods, with a preconcert talk with Charles Greenwell and Andrejs Jansons at 2 p.m. The program features Jansons'

"Wonderbird," as well as pianist Pauline Marting, who will play Brahms' first piano concerto in D minor. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and free for students. Visit gpsymphony.org.

Overeaters Anonymous

An Overeaters Anonymous group meets 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Bethel Lutheran Church, 26400 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores. Use the rear door to get to the basement classroom. Newcomers are welcome at OA, a 12-step recovery program for people who have problems with food or weight. Visit oagreaterdetroit.org or call Mary B. at (313) 410-5283.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists' Association presents the following programs at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms:

- ◆ 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 24, and Nov. 7, 14 and 21, "Acrylics with Al Sonnenberg."
- ◆ 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 24, and Nov. 7, 14 and 21, "Pen and Ink with Al Sonnenberg."
- ◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 11, "Using Color Creatively: A Palette Mixing Workshop with Rachel Reynolds Z."

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, and Sunday, Nov. 19, "Two-day Color Workshop with Vianna Szabo."

For information, call (313) 881-3454.

SOC

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

◆ 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays through October, Full Circle Farmers Market. The market, sponsored by Beaumont Hospital, includes fruits and vegetables, as well as flowers.

◆ 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, Halloween party, with entertainment by Don Stidham. Cost is \$15 and registration is required.

◆ 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, "Don't Hurt Yourself Taking Care of Your Loved One," with Craig Miller. Registration is required.

◆ 10 a.m. to noon Fridays, Oct. 27 to Nov. 3, "Find Your Family History on the Internet." Learn how to conduct family history research, identify and explore genealogy websites and discover techniques for using search engines and databases.

◆ 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, the film "Joy" is shown. Cost is \$2 and registration is required.

For information, call (313) 882-9600.

Senior Men

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$15. Men age 55 and older, retired or not, are welcome. Jackets are suggested. Call (313) 550-9661.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe

Chamber of Commerce presents Business After Hours at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Atwater in the Park, 1175 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Park. The event also is hosted by TradeFirst. Call (313) 881-4722.

Little League

The Grosse Pointe Little League Board of Directors hosts its annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1404 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. The board will provide an update on league activities and present a budget report. In addition, there will be an election for the board. All members are encouraged to participate.

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe meets Thursday, Oct. 26, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Patty Thoel, veterinary technician at Patterson Veterinary Hospital and Best Friends Boarding, speaks about the joys, problems and responsibilities of caring for animals. Social time begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. For reservations or information, call Ann Faull at (586) 776-0775 or Ellie Kaye at (586) 463-2463.

Lakeshore Bar Association

Attorney-turned-comedian Rob Jenkins performs Thursday, Oct. 26, at City Kitchen, 16844 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with food and beverages, followed by the show at 6:15 p.m. Jenkins, a Detroit native, was a 2016 participant in the Best of the Midwest Comedy Competition, has appeared on the Fox stand-up comedy show

"Laughs" and in Dave Landau's Detroit-based comedy "The King." The program is free for Lakeshore Bar Association members, \$20 for non-members.

Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, offers "Mind. Body. Belly," a prenatal yoga program, 7 to 7:50 p.m. Fridays, Oct. 27 to Dec. 15. Cost is \$70 per person for six classes or a drop-in fee of \$20 per class. Tea and snacks are provided after each class. Register at neighborhoodclub.org by Thursday, Oct. 26.

Pumpkin Fest

Johnstone & Johnstone on the Hill, 82 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents Pumpkin Fest noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. Each child receives a free pumpkin to decorate and keep. Treats and activities are included. Proceeds benefit Kids on the Go. Visit jjevents.wixsite.com/jjppumpkinfest.

Wild Birds

Wild Birds Unlimited, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts bird walks this fall at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Led by Wild Birds owner Rosann Kovalcik, the walks are scheduled 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 and Nov. 18. Cost is \$5. Purchase tickets online at fordhouse.org/events.

Senior Ladies

Groups of ladies are invited to join the Grosse Pointe Senior Ladies Club for lunch and card games 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$13. Call (313) 881-5931.

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Mary Roby and Cynthia Hempstead recently stepped down from the Neighborhood Club board of directors after serving a combined 41 years.

Longtime Neighborhood Club board members step down

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

After a combined 41 years on the Neighborhood Club Board of Directors, Mary Roby and Cynthia Hempstead have resigned their posts.

It's been a heck of a ride for the two — Roby a Grosse Pointe Farms resident and Hempstead a resident of Grosse Pointe Park. They were along for the ride early in their tenure — when “it was business as usual,” said Hempstead — and stayed steady when things ramped up, including the building of the current club and establishment of a capital campaign to fund it.

“It was always fun,” Hempstead said. “It's exciting to see it come together.”

Added Roby, “We're here for the community. I felt that was most important, to be offering a place where people had a reason to come, where they couldn't wait to come.”

Both women were asked by friend Mel Cunningham to join the volunteer board, Roby in 1995 and Hempstead in 1998. It was an offer neither could refuse.

“When friends approach, it's hard to say no,” Roby said, adding she agreed to join the board to work closer to home. “I'd been involved with an organization in the city ... which took a lot of time away from home. It was time for a change. I thought it was important to invest my time in the community.”

Hempstead, whose children were involved with sports offered at the club, said she was thrilled to be asked to join.

“(Cunningham) was not a person to say no to,” she said. “She would never ask you to do something she wouldn't do. There were great people on the board. One thing led to another and here we are, 20 years later.”

During the years, the two have been involved with numerous board decisions, including bringing men into the fold as the board historically had been run by women.

“I was involved in nominating Jack Ryan, the first male board member,” Roby said.

Don Lindow and Mike Bernard were added at the same time, Hempstead said.

“We only added men on the board about 10 years ago,” she added.

Together the board devised a recreation master plan, saw the construction of a new

building, raised funds and grew programming.

“Neighborhood Club went from the building it was on the corner to what we have now,” Hempstead said. “Building this building, planning it, getting expert opinions — to see the old building go down and this building come out of it was a pretty proud moment.

“We saw projects come and go,” she continued. “Some fit the community, some didn't. The Neighborhood Club's always been sort of forward thinking.”

“We were always looking forward to what had to be next,” Roby added. “It all happened at the right time. There was a great guy chairing the campaign who talked us into being very brave. It's not a style of life I enjoy, asking for money. But we were selling a very important entity here, very important for the community.”

The \$4 million project has been well received by the community, which always has been the aim of the board.

“The board and staff worked well together to respond to the community finding out what worked well and if it didn't, we'd replace it with something else,” Hempstead said. “We'd never get ahead of our-

selves. We're pretty conservative. I don't think we took a lot of risks that way. Everything was well thought out and planned. The board was good at making sure we could accomplish what we wanted to accomplish.

“You just want something good for the community,” she continued. “People enjoy the fact we're able to put something together that's highly respected and good for the community.”

Roby said there's always been something going on that has kept her interest, from projects to activities, including chairing the Win Malchie Bridge Fundraiser, named after the late Winifred Malchie, who was a bridge educator at the club.

“I don't play bridge, but my friend Barbara Weller got me fired up,” she said.

Hempstead said she enjoys seeing the club's connection with the community.

“The Neighborhood Club is visible, not only the building, but you look out on the playgrounds and all the kids are wearing Neighborhood Club T-shirts,” she said. “Everybody wants their kids on the best teams, but the Neighborhood Club is a place for kids to

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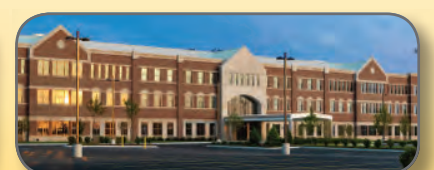
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Mariners Church of Detroit, 170 E. Jefferson, celebrates its 175th anniversary with a weekend of activities. At 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, the parish celebrates with dinner at the Detroit Athletic Club. Cost is \$65 per person. Call Charlotte McKenzie at (313) 259-2206 for reservations. The celebration continues 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, with an open house and church tours, a flag-raising ceremony, remarks, award presentation and Detroit Fireboat water show. Service follows at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 22.

Woods Presbyterian

Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, hosts its annual Kirkin' of the Tartans 10:30 a.m. Sunday Oct. 22, featuring tartans, kilts, bagpipes and swords. The St. Andrew's Society Honor Guard also will attend.

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, closes its "Detroit 1967" series with the presentation, "The Storytellers: Getting to the Heart of the Matter," with journalist and author Tim Kiska, at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 22. Call (313) 822-2814.

Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "A Mighty Fortress," celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22.

A freewill offering will be collected. Call (313) 885-4841.

St. Matthew

St. Matthew Catholic Church, 6021 Whittier, Detroit, hosts its autumn garage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29. Shoppers may find furniture, clothing, household items, books, jewelry and more. Additionally, St. Matthew School furniture and memorabilia — including sports uniforms, trophies and print materials — will be sold. Call (313) 884-4470.

Iroquois Avenue

Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church, 2411 Iroquois, Detroit, presents its Fall Supper & Sale 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. The event includes a buffet dinner, baked goods, attic treasures and quilts. All donations go to 2017 hurricane relief efforts. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for ages 10 and younger. Call (313) 921-2667 or email iroquoischrist@yahoo.com.

Unitarian

The Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church "Saturdays at 7:30" series presents pianists Anne Roberts and Susan Weiss, performing "Everything Is A Dance" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at the church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Selections include symphonic dances from "West Side Story" by Bernstein, "Danse Macabre" by Saint-Saens and other dance-inspired music, all

played on dueling concert grand pianos. Tickets are \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance, and available through the church office at (313) 881-0420 or gpuc.org/upcoming-events.html.

The church also welcomes Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, to discuss the latest news and challenges of the district, as well as answer questions. Call (313) 881-0420.

St. Margaret

St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 21201 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores, hosts its annual art and craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Raffles and food are included. Admission is \$1. Call Carol at (586) 296-2745.

Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its sixth annual "The Taste" at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, featuring food from 22 establishments along with a selection of beer and wine. Music is provided by the Chris Codish Trio. Reservations are \$35 before Nov. 18, \$40 at the door. For online reservations, visit olsos.org or call (313) 884-5554.

St. Paul Evangelical

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, offers a variety of Bible and book studies. Newcomers are welcome.

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

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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.

Leo J. Bonamy Sr.

A Mass with special intention for Leo J. Bonamy Sr., 93, will be celebrated 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. He died of kidney cancer in his sleep Friday, Sept. 15, 2017, and has been cremated.

A recent resident of Virginia and Florida, he grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods and raised his family in Grosse Pointe Park with Lenore Carnaghi Bonamy (deceased).

A glider pilot during World War II, he is a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran. He worked in human resources for Peoples Community Hospital Authority, ACCO-Mechanical Handling Systems, Continental Aviation, Studebaker and other Detroit area firms.

A member of the Knights of Columbus Gabriel Richard Council and troop leader of the St. Clare Cub Scout & Boy Scout Troops No.

Peace take place 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, starting with a short video followed by discussion.

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

◆ The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Group meets 7 a.m. the first Thursday of each month in the Bethany Room.

Call the church office for more information: (313) 881-6670.

399 during the 1960s, Leo is survived by his wife, Janet Simmons Bonamy; six children; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Esther Y. Howell

Esther Y. Howell, 86, died Friday, Sept. 29, 2017.

Esther was born March 29, 1931, in Detroit. She graduated from Highland Park High School in 1949 and received her undergraduate degree from William Smith College in 1953. She received a master's degree in higher education with a specialist certificate in gerontology from the University of Michigan in 1978.

Esther was passionately committed to improving the lives of older adults for more than 30 years. Her professional career and decades of active volunteerism mainly centered on aging-related issues and the provision of services to a broad range of older adults. She was an educator, advocate, leader and board member of several higher education and social agencies serving the aging.

Esther served 17 years as academic program director for the social gerontology curriculum at Wayne County Community College and 14 years as commissioner to the Michigan Office to the Service of the Elderly. She was twice selected to represent Michigan at the White House Conference on Aging in Washington, D.C. held every 10 years.

She also served six years as co-chairwoman of the board of visitors of Wayne



Leo J. Bonamy Sr.



Esther Y. Howell

State University's Institute of Gerontology where she directed fundraising and outreach programs that personally impacted thousands of Detroit seniors each year.

She also was a founding member of Services for Older Citizens in Grosse Pointe.

Esther is survived by her sons, David and Peter; sister, Pauline McNeill and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Church of the Messiah hosts 10th annual Fallen Angels event

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Ten years ago, the Rev. Barry Randolph had had enough.

"I got tired of burying children," he said. "What is this that's taken hold of our community? What's happening with this demographic when they think murder is a form of conflict resolution?"

Randolph organized the first Fallen Angels event at his church, Church of the Messiah in Detroit, to honor those whose lives were lost to violence.

"We just want everyone to know these aren't statistics," he said. "These are family, friends, neighbors. Their voices need to be heard."

Fallen Angels this year begins with a march at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, at Messiah, 231 E. Grand Blvd. Participants march from the church to Jefferson and back, then pause for interfaith prayer with representatives of the Muslim, Jewish and Christian communities.

Randolph said he expects more attendees this year because of the recent mass murder in Las Vegas, where 59 people died and hundreds more wounded.

"We stand united against all the mass shootings in America — Columbine, Sandy Hook, Vegas, Orlando."

CrimeStoppers, Detroit Police Department, business and government leaders and families of victims will be on hand as

well. "We go through the formality of what's happening," Randolph said. "Then music, a vigil for all the innocent victims — we'll say the name of every single person being honored — and then speakers."

'We can do something about gun violence.'

THE REV. BARRY RANDOLPH
Church of the Messiah

Detroit News crime reporter George Hunter will speak, followed by keynote speaker Lynette Davis, an evangelist from Columbus, Ohio, whose 6-year-old son was killed in front of her.

Other participating organizations at the event include Mothers of Murdered Children, Moms Demand Action, Saving Our Children's Future and Keeping Them Alive.

"There are so many organizations, so many people it affects," Randolph said. "A murder is done and only one person is murdered, but look how many people are affected. Every person in this congregation knows someone who was murdered and most of them know more than one."

"We want to get the message out that we can do something about senseless gun violence," he continued. "There are solutions. We all play a role. Talk about the solu-

tion — who's doing what and how we can honor loved ones by becoming proactive in their name."

Randolph said the church will distribute 200 gun locks at the event, held in partnership with Messiah's sister church, Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

"A lot of people at Christ Church are involved," he said. "We have a 25-year partnership. Quite a few come out for Fallen Angels."

Behind Messiah's sanctuary sits its memorial chapel, full of photos of people who've died — most of them murdered — including Grosse Pointe's own Paige Stalker, who was gunned down while sitting in a car with friends December 2015.

"We work very well with Paige's family and Saving Our Children's Future," Randolph said. "There are so many stories in this room. We want to honor victims of gun violence. It's emotional just coming in here."

Randolph said the purpose of Fallen Angels is to unite against gun violence and become a part of the solution.

"Gun violence affects everybody. The solution affects everybody. We all have a part," he said. "It's a human problem. God didn't cause it. We did. It's up to us to stop it. We have to change our behavior, bring solutions together, come up with a plan and do it. There are ways we can work together."

"We cannot just stand back and allow this to happen," he continued. "Detroit is not going to be a world class city if we don't figure this out."

Fallen Angels also serves as a way for people to get involved, Randolph said.

"They'll be able to sign up for Angels Night in the name of the person they want to honor," he said. "We don't want their loved one to be another number or statistic. As long as this exists, we will acknowledge they were here. We will give them a voice."

"And we really want to let them know they're not alone."

For more information, call (313) 567-1158.



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Giving back

Friday, Sept. 15, Giving Pack, a nonprofit organization founded by Grosse Pointe North alumni, delivered more than 800 school supply packs to Bagley Elementary and Young Elementary schools in Detroit. Next year, Giving Pack plans on expanding and providing school supply packs to three Detroit elementary schools.

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6B | DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

'Rigoletto's' 'duke' reincarnated as Mafia 'capo' in N.Y.

By Dina Winter
Guest Writer

Michigan Opera opened its 2017-18 season at the Detroit Opera House Oct. 14, with a modern version of Verdi's "Rigoletto" set in Little Italy during the 1950s. Here are two points of view.

One view: A great work of art should not be tampered with by later generations. Every detail of this opera has been molded by the composer. Every phrase and musical subtlety has been worked through with purpose. The scenes, the words, have been permeated with music appropriate to the composer's design. Any change presupposes the new director involved in the changes can "do it better" than the composer. Subtleties of genius thereby are lost to arrogant decisions and the public is the loser thereby. The new, updated version replaces the old, which has been "washed away" for new audiences who never saw the original version — and never will.

Another view: The story needs to be relevant to new and younger audiences. In opera, the story is all important. A young person must be able to identify with the characters for the plot to be meaningful. The story of a jester



working for a womanizing duke in 16th-century Mantua, Italy, who cares little for the reputation of young girls and deceives to win them can never have much appeal for today's youth. Bring the story up to date: A bartender working for a Mafia chief and with a lovely young daughter he is hiding from a dissolute and powerful Mafia boss and the rest of the world to protect her can be better understood and empathized with. The love and tragic end of the girl who gives her life to save her deceiver in a murder plot to kill him is more or less the same anyway, so why not, if it will bring youngsters to identify better with the story?

This unique modern production gives viewers a chance to experience what could never be experienced before. The bartender — formerly a jester in the court of the Duke of Mantua — baritone Roland Wood, sings and acts with conviction and excellence. The role of his beautiful daughter, Gilda, is exquisitely sung and

acted by soprano So Young Park; and Mafia boss, tenor Joshua Guerrero — reincarnated from the Duke of Mantua in Verdi's conception of the opera — is the scoundrel who woos, wins, betrays and brings woe to all his conquests.

Other important roles are those of Count Monterone (Kenneth Kellogg), an offended father whose daughter has been seduced by the "boss" and utters the famous curse, which seems to put an evil spell on Rigoletto's life; Sparafucile, the assassin (Christian Zarembo) paid by Rigoletto to murder the duke; and the assassin's seductive sister, Maddelena (Nicole Piccolomini), who lures the duke to the tavern on the outskirts of the Bronx to be murdered.

The setting in the first and second acts is a high-class bar belonging to the Mafia king in Little Italy, Bronx, N.Y. In Verdi's conception, it's the elegant and dissolute palace of the Duke of Mantua, Italy. The music is still Verdi's glorious score, but the new setting is brought up to date to the 1950s.

Other characters are Borsa (Matthew DiBattista); Count Ceprano (Erik Van Heyningen); Countess Ceprano (Kara



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Mulder), the attractive wife of the count; Marullo (Harry Greenleaf); an usher (Matthew Konopacki); Giovanna, Gilda's maid (Briana Elyse Hunter); and a page (Schyler Sheltrown), all of whom performed admirably.

Choral Director Suzanne Acton is particularly commended for her work. And orchestra members are to be congratulated for their outstanding performance in the pit, under the direction of Stephen Lord, MOT's principal conductor.

Will this modern setting make a difference in capturing the interest and fascination of youngsters and oldsters of

today? Please bring your teenage children and check it out. Here's your chance to introduce an opera that may win your kids, and perhaps yourselves, over to this art form as nothing else before could. (No one younger than 12, please). I'd be interested in your comments — and theirs — at dinawinter@comcast.net.

The next performances of "Rigoletto" are 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22. For tickets, visit michiganopera.org or call the box office, (313) 961-3500.

Winter is the opera reviewer for the Grosse Pointe News.

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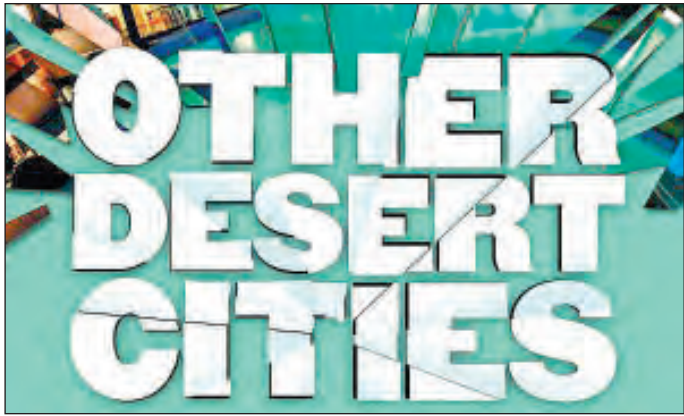
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GPT holds open auditions for 'Other Desert Cities'

The Purdon Studio Theatre, the black-box arm of Grosse Pointe Theatre, hosts open auditions for the February 2018 production of "Other Desert Cities" 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, and Sunday, Oct. 29, at GPT's rehearsal studio, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe. The production is directed by Jerry Nehr of Grosse Pointe Woods and produced through special arrangement with Dramatist Play Service.

Performances take place Thursday, Feb. 15, to Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The show tells the story of Brooke Wyeth, who returns home to Palm Springs for Christmas in 2004, and is unable to relax into the prickly, yet loving, embrace of her wealthy California family. Brooke has been in continuous rebellion against her conservative parents for a long time, but still craves their approval. She is anxious about revealing her publishing plans for her new memoir, about the



suicide of her beloved older brother, Henry, who was involved in the anti-war bombing of a draft board during the Vietnam War and brought disgrace to his unforgiving mother and father.

Over the course of Christmas Eve, Brooke spars with her parents, reminisces with her charming younger brother Trip and receives the dubious emotional support of her alcoholic aunt, Silda. When the news of Brooke's memoir is revealed, her parents are faced with a choice — either reveal a shocking secret they have kept for decades or risk exposure when the world reads their

story.

Spanning the international disasters of war, the bitter feuds of American politics and the intricate and equally bitter dynamics of one family's love and grief, Jon Robin Baitz's "Other Desert Cities" is a drama with themes of depression, addiction, family and memory.

The show contains adult language and is not intended for audience members younger than 18.

Call the ticket office at (313) 881-4004 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday for script availability.

For more information, visit gpt.org.

Oct. 26 fashion show benefits Liggett Breast Center

By Debra Kaszubski
Special Writer

See the latest fashions and help a local charity by attending Couture for a Cure, sponsored by the St. John Fontbonne Auxiliary.

The fashion show, which features two runways, benefits the Liggett Breast Center within the VanElslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital & Medical Center. Around 250 people are expected to attend.

"Two runways is unique," said Regan Wright, Fontbonne Auxiliary events coordinator. "The first runway is 32 feet in length and the second is 24 feet, so attendees will have 56 feet of runway viewing, which is highly unusual. (There's) not a bad seat in the house."

Six professional models from RGA Model Management showcase designer sportswear, dresses, career and casual looks, furs, cocktail dress and evening wear.

The fashions are from featured shops at the Somerset Collection, including L.K. Bennet, Halston Heritage, Lilly Pulitzer and Saks Fifth Avenue. Additional retailers include Tender, Suzy Perrette and Etcetera.

The healthcare team at the Liggett Breast Center use Priority Consult software, which provides patients a comprehensive care map from diagnosis through treatment and recovery. This software reduces

wait times for biopsy appointments for those who receive abnormal mammogram results. Patients now typically may have a scheduled appointment within five days versus waiting weeks. The center also uses a digital computer system that allows doctors to find the exact location of a breast mass or suspicious area so they can biopsy the mass or completely remove it.

The first Couture for a Cure took place in 1966 and was sponsored annually 40 years. Due to the recession, the event stopped in 2006. However, co-chairwomen Amy Danna, Tammy Haney and Alysia Laethem brought back the event last year with hopes it again becomes a signature event for the Fontbonne Auxiliary.

"As a past president I really wanted to get back to what brought me to the Fontbonne Auxiliary in the first place and that was the fabulous fashion show that I attended every year," Danna said. "It was always a highly-anticipated event that brought together all of the wonderful women in the community. We are so excited to have the fashion show back."

Couture for a Cure begins 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at Andiamo Banquet Center, 7096 E. 14 Mile, Warren. Tickets are not available at the door and must be purchased in advance. Call Wright at (313) 343-3675 or email regan.wright@ascension.org for tickets.

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A: You are not alone. Suicide affects millions of people every year. There are active suicide support groups in many communities. afsp.org/find-support and suicide.org both provide listings of various group options for your location.

In Grosse Pointe, a program called "International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day," is coming Saturday, Nov. 18, to bring together people who've lost someone

to suicide. The program, organized by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, features a screening of the documentary, "The Journey: A Story of Healing and Hope." The film traces the grief and healing journey that follows a suicide loss through the eyes of a diverse group of loss survivors and shows how those left behind navigate the aftermath of their loved one's suicide to find meaning and even joy.

The event also includes a presentation from an expert in the field of suicide prevention, Gigi Colombini, the founder of the Institute for Hope



and Human Flourishing in Birmingham, as well as a survivor panel and lunch, among other activities.

In the meantime, and always, remember to take good care of yourself physically — get good rest, drink water, exercise — and mentally by connecting with others who will listen without judgment and other survivors who understand what you're going through.

The Family Center's mission is to serve the

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Members of Troop 96 prepare worn flags for retirement.

Flags retired

Hundreds of worn U.S. flags were collected during September at Grosse Pointe Farms city hall for the annual flag retirement ceremony Saturday, Oct. 7, at Pier Park. The ceremony, performed by

Boy Scout Troop 96, was hosted by the Louisa St. Clair Chapter, National Daughters of the American Revolution and the John Paul Jones Society, Children of the American Revolution.



Meet fiber artist Jeanne Bieri

2017 Kresge Artist Fellow Jeanne Bieri of Grosse Pointe stitches together old handmade quilts and her father's

World War II Army blankets to preserve the memories they hold while also looking to the future. She uses the chain stitch,

used on the surface of Muslim clerical garments; according to tradition, each one represents a prayer or meditation.

Meet Bieri and see some of her work at a program in her honor organized by the Grosse Pointe Artists Association at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge,

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Cancer walk raises funds to ease families' financial burdens

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

University of Michigan freshman and 2017 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate Lucy Loch, 18, stood in front of a crowd of more than 100 people Sunday, Oct. 15, at Grosse Pointe North High School.

"I just want to thank everyone for coming out and being a part of this today," Loch told those who attended the Grosse Pointe North/Grosse Pointe South Cancer Run/Walk. "It means so much and your being here is going to help a lot of families." Those in attendance came to walk and run — and more important, raise funds for the organization founded by Loch's family as she battled cancer nearly five years ago.

"It's so special that the Grosse Pointe community, both North and South, can come together as one and raise money for such a worthy cause," Loch said. "The money raised helps ease a part of the financial burdens placed on families during this and it lets them just



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Lucy Loch leads walkers around the first lap of the North gym. The organization named after Loch, the I Love Lucy Fund, raises money for families of those who are battling cancer.

focus on getting better and healing."

The I Love Lucy Foundation was formed with that exact purpose in mind — helping families financially as loved ones battle cancer. Since its formation, the organization has helped more than 50 families. Events such as the run/walk help make this possible. The event was the third at North and the first time the two schools — and their respective cross-country programs in particular — have joined forces.

Grosse Pointe North cross country coach Scott

Cooper, who helped organize the event, emphasized the reach the disease has in the community and beyond.

"I have known so many people touched and impacted by cancer, we all have," Cooper said. "My own wife has battled thyroid cancer even. As the cross country coach, you hear even more stories of how it has affected people. So what I wanted to do was try to do something good, something positive. We want to try and bring some good news to this battle. I think we are doing that with this event."

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learn how to play a sport. Or if they don't want to play travel sports but want to be on a team, Neighborhood Club is the place to be. Neighborhood Club has been a springboard for things."

Executive Director Stu Alderman credited Roby and Hempstead with leading the way for the Neighborhood Club's success.

"To be a member of any board, you have to have a passion for what you're accomplishing," he said. "If you didn't care, you wouldn't have stayed this long."

"They were the main-

stay that got the Neighborhood Club moving forward in a positive direction," he continued. "It's never one person; it's always a team, but if we had a Mount Rushmore, you two would be on the Mount Rushmore for the Neighborhood Club."

The Neighborhood Club at 106 years old is one of the oldest non-profits in existence in Grosse Pointe. It celebrates its fifth anniversary at its current location with special events in January.

Roby, who continues to take chair yoga classes and stays active with the club, said she plans to visit often, even post retirement from the board.

"I'm here a lot," she said. "The staff is a wonderful group of people. These are our buddies. We're all in this together. It's a special connection for me. It's a highly thought of organization and the people who run it."

Added Hempstead, "As we have left the board, and others have left, we've been able to replace board members with people who have the same love and passion for the community and want to see everything continue on a good path going forward."



Kathy Brown, auction chairwoman, and Robin Heller, Grosse Pointe Garden Center president, stand by an All Things Grosse Pointe basket in the silent auction.



Grosse Pointe Farms Jim Farquhar bids on a bird-themed basket from Wild Birds Unlimited.

From left, event co-chair Jean Azar, Richard Thomas and event co-chair Hope Hoffman.



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Garden Center celebration

Grosse Pointe Garden Center hosted its second annual Celebration 365 fundraiser at The War Memorial Oct. 3. The event included cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and a silent auction; all proceeds support the work of the Garden Center.

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Heidelberg 3.0 begins with renovation of iconic Numbers House

Heidelberg 3.0, the new vision for the Heidelberg Project, is underway. Construction has begun on the Numbers House, one of only two original Heidelberg Project structures standing within the internationally-acclaimed outdoor art installation.

"The reinvention of the Numbers House marks the beginning of a new era for the Heidelberg Project and for the neighborhood we've called home for the last 30 years," said Jenenne Whitfield, president and CEO of the Heidelberg Project. "Rebuilding this structure is the first step toward realizing our vision. We're not just making a bricks-and-

mortar investment by rebuilding the structure. We are creating a community center for people that will inspire a new generation of creative leaders."

The renovated Numbers House will feature an artist-in-residence program, a new studio and gallery for emerging artists and an education and event space for neighborhood events and youth programming. The current appearance of the building also will undergo a transformation. Tyree Guyton, the artist and founder of the Heidelberg Project, will select an artist — the first of many to be engaged in the collaborative Heidelberg 3.0 — to design a new



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The iconic Numbers House will undergo extensive renovations as part of Heidelberg 3.0.

installation on the exterior of the building.

The Numbers House is a few doors from the Dotty Wotty House, where Guyton grew up. The Numbers House

belonged to Thelma Woods, who asked Guyton to paint numbers on the house in the 1990s to help teach her young children to count. Before her death, she told

Guyton she wanted her house to remain part of the Heidelberg Project forever.

"I can't believe the house is still standing and that my mother will have a legacy," said Jeremiah Woods, Thelma's son and one of the boys who inspired the original Numbers House installation.

Construction of the Numbers House begins almost exactly one year from the date Whitfield kicked off a \$100,000 capital campaign to raise funds for a new roof, windows, basic plumbing and electrical work. The six-month effort brought in nearly \$110,000 to kick-start construction.

The new roof is

expected to be completed this fall and demolition of interior walls already has begun. Construction is expected to start in spring. Laavu, a Detroit-based architectural design practice rooted in city-building, will serve as design partner.

"This is only the beginning of Heidelberg 3.0," Whitfield said. "This can be a blueprint for how Detroit neighborhoods can be rebuilt with long-term residents and new residents working together to be part of something bigger. Together we are going to reimagine this community, lift it up economically and preserve the legacy of what Tyree built over the last 31 years."

Women's events benefit Forgotten Harvest Farms

Pampered Chef founder to speak

Doris Christopher, founder and chairwoman of Pampered Chef, headlines two women's events Wednesday, Oct. 25. Proceeds from the dual events, titled "Forgotten Harvest Farms to Hungry Tables: Feeding the Hungry in Southeastern Michigan," benefit Forgotten Harvest Farms, a 125-acre farm in Fenton

that has provided more than 3.5 million pounds of fresh produce to children, families and seniors in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

The Women's Harvest Breakfast takes place 7 to 9:15 a.m. Oct. 25, at the Detroit Athletic Club, 241 Madison, Detroit.

The Women's Harvest Dinner takes place 6 to

9:30 p.m. the same day at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Both events offer time for networking as well as a Q&A with Christopher and an opportunity to purchase Pampered Chef products in person or online, with 30 percent of the proceeds benefitting Forgotten Harvest.

"The synergy for this event was obvious from the start," said honorary chairwoman Nora Moroun.

"Doris Christopher started her multimillion dollar business based on her passion to preserve family mealtime and provide families the tools they needed to prepare healthy, delicious meals. Forgotten Harvest Farms was founded with those same ideals — that every family deserves access to fresh, healthy food, no matter their means. We are so pleased to be able to bring these two organizations — Pampered

Chef and Forgotten Harvest Farms — together for two outstanding events."

Moroun has a special passion for Forgotten Harvest Farms, as her family donated the land for the 125-acre farm. Since 2013, Forgotten Harvest Farms has grown and harvested more than 3.5 million pounds of fresh produce that has gone to metro Detroit families in need who otherwise may not have access to fresh, healthy food.

"Metro Detroit women will not want to miss an opportunity to hear from

one of our country's foremost female entrepreneurs as well as network with similarly minded women in their community," said event co-chairwoman Nancy Gandelot. "Whether you are an entrepreneur with your own startup, working hard to climb the corporate ladder or just passionate about helping your community, these events are not to be missed. By providing both a breakfast and dinner event, we hope to reach more women who can benefit from and enjoy these experiences."

"We are so grateful to Doris Christopher and her daughter, Julie Christopher, for their generous gift of time and for sharing their story and expertise with us. We greatly appreciate their commitment to helping us alleviate hunger in metro Detroit," said Kirk Mayes, Forgotten Harvest CEO. "Proceeds from these two events are essential to providing fresh vegetables to southeastern Michigan families in need."

Tickets for the Women's Harvest Breakfast are \$125 each. Tickets for the Women's Harvest Dinner are \$150 each. Pricing for ages 35 and younger is available. Sponsorship packages also are available. Contact lgandelot@gmail.com for information. More event details and a link to purchase tickets may be found at forgottenharvest.org.

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COLLECTIONS:

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years; this is my 24th year," Thompson said. "Over the years, kids give you stuff."

He said he doesn't quite remember when the PEZ collection started or which student started it.

"Some kid probably brought in a PEZ dispenser and said, 'I thought you'd like this,' which probably led to another kid saying, 'Hey, I've got some of those at home,' and bringing them in. It's taken on a life of its own."

Thompson, who also coaches swimming at South, estimates he's received more than 200 dispensers — as year-end gifts, Christmas gifts or souvenirs from student vacations.

"Most kids give them to me out of the package — after they've eaten the candy," he said. "All of them are from kids; I've never purchased any Some of them remind me of people. Some have nice personal touches to them."

But none of them are a favorite, he said. "That's like saying I have a favorite student."

He does, however, really like his Elvis dispensers.

The collection expands beyond dispensers to a PEZ book and other memorabilia. Thompson said he occasionally wears a PEZ tie.

"It's neat for me," he said. "It's all special to me. I'll take it with me (when I retire). Those days I'm missing teaching, they'll be nice to look at."

For now, the collection not only adds character to Thompson's science room, but also serves a



Left, a portion of the PEZ dispensers Bill Thompson displays in his classroom. Above, Thompson said his Elvis PEZ dispensers are among his favorites.

function. "Sometimes I use them in lessons," he said. "I use them as examples when we talk about classifying or grouping things. I'll randomly throw them in as an example or part of a lesson. Most of them have a story to them that I'll weave into lessons. They relate to what we're talking about and bring subject matter to life."

"I'm thankful kids over the years were thoughtful to give me these to add to the room and make it a nice place to work, a nice place to learn," he continued. "It's a comfortable spot and I love it. I love coming to work every day. I'm thankful for everything they've given me."

"They may not remember the science, but they remember the PEZ."

Fun & (sort of) functional

A similar whimsy to Thompson's PEZ dispensers can be found in Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mary Lamparter's home. For Lamparter's collection, the more whimsical, the better.

She's been collecting handbags 34 years.

But not just any hand-

bags. Lamparter's collection includes handbags shaped like lips, an SUV, a stop sign and a top hat.

Her favorite — and first — is a Mickey Mouse handbag.

"In all our travels, I'd just run across something," she said. "They're just fun things. I never realized I had a collection until I realized I had a collection."

While Mickey currently holds her heart, a new handbag is quickly making its way to the forefront of favorites: a donkey and an elephant, arms around each other.

"I have a feeling this is going to turn into my favorite," she said. "I've only worn it once. (Macomb County Executive) Mark Hackel came over and asked about it. It's going to generate a lot of conversations. I wish our political system was like that."

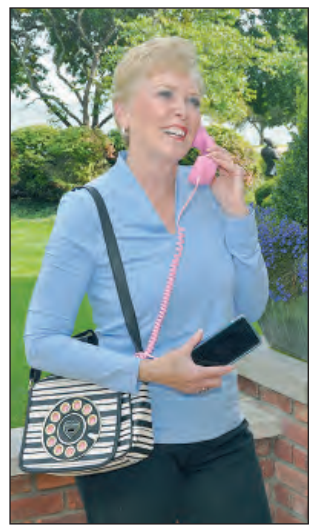
Many of Lamparter's handbags are by designer Timmy Woods. Some are made of wood; one was made from an actual ostrich egg.

"Every one is different, unique," she said. "We're not very good connoisseurs of anything. I have

Katherine Bauman jeweled bags. I like Judith Lieber. Mostly they're just things I've come across."

"All the places we've been, I always like to have a little souvenir," she continued. "(My husband) Ron's always supported this. He gets a kick out of people making comments about my handbags."

Lamparter keeps her handbags displayed on shelves in her bedroom. She said they serve as conversation pieces when she has guests and when



Mary Lamparter holds her cell phone while "talking" on her rotary phone handbag.

she wears them.

There's only one small issue.

"A lot of them are hard to carry because you can't get anything in them," she said. "A Kleenex, my fold-up glasses and my driver's license — that's about it."

Handbags aren't the only collection in the Lamparters' home. A

growing collection of glass vases, statues and artwork line shelves and bronze frogs and ceramic pigs have made their home at her house as well.

"I keep thinking I'm not collecting anymore, then I think of how many I've purchased in the last year," she said. "It starts as a onesie, then I run into something else or find another one and before you know it, you have a collection."

"The comments we get are just amazing," she continued. "Over 35 years, we've had fun just finding crazy things. I like something with a sense of humor, something fun. That's what the handbags are — conversation pieces. You've got to have some enjoyment out of life. If you can brighten it up with a pig or a hamburger handbag, why not?"



A selection of the unique handbags in Mary Lamparter's collection.



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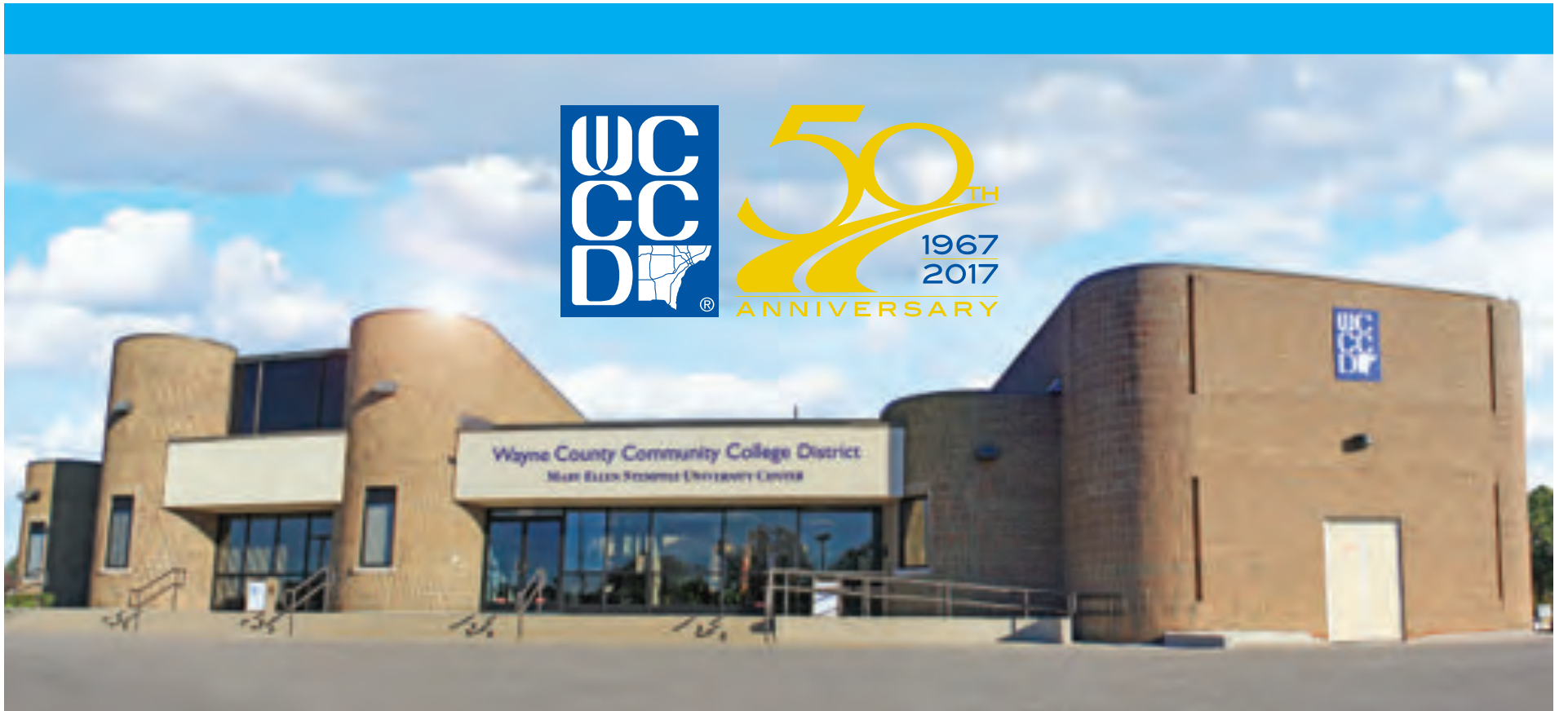
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RIVALS

South beats North

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

City rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South played their annual Stick It To Cancer game last week, drawing a large crowd on a cool, rainy evening.

After an even first half, host South used a five-goal explosion in the second to beat North 6-0.

"I was very impressed with our hustle and our girls were definitely ready to play," South head coach Amanda Amine said. "We had this game circled on our calendar. Playing North is the biggest game of the season. It was a great game and it was nice to see the girls win to give us some momentum heading into the state playoffs."

"We had a good first half, but then we lost momentum after South scored its second goal," North head coach Paula Cornwall said. "It is a



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's Hannah Voytowich scored four goals to lead the Blue Devils past Grosse Pointe North.

good cause and it was fun out here."

For the Blue Devils, Hannah Voytowich was the No. 1 star, scoring four goals, while the Norsemen's No. 1 star was goalkeeper Ally Saigh, who faced 21 shots, stopping 20 in the

first half.

Other goal scorers were Alyssa Czech and Izzy Adams and Tori Potter had the shutout in net.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 2-12 and Grosse Pointe North dropped to 4-9-2.

Golf

NORTH & SOUTH

North, South earn spot in state finals

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

All year head coach Peter Kingsley preached patience and dedication to improvement.

Those ingredients paid huge dividends last week when his Grosse Pointe North girls' golf team advanced to the state finals after placing third in a regional tournament at Pineview Golf Course.

The Norsemen shot a season-best 371 to grab the last spot in the state finals tournament.

South Lyon easily won the regional with 329 as each player posted a sub-90 score. South Lyon East was second at 361.

"That is 53 shots better than last year's regional with the same players," Kingsley said. "We battled through some tough situations today and the girls kept their cool and focus intact."

"Meghan played great and Sofia came through huge. It shows that hard work and patience can pay off in a big way,

great sports moment."

Winning medalist honors was North junior Meghan Gallagher, who edged South Lyon senior Elizabeth Harding 76-77. Gallagher had three birdies during her round.

The Norsemen's other golfers were senior Sofia Mihaylova with a personal-best 94, sophomore Bianca Clark with 100, senior Samantha Karwowitz with 101 and sophomore Ava Gallant with 119.

Next for North is the Division 2 state championship tournament Friday, Oct. 20, and Saturday, Oct. 21, at Bedford Valley Golf Club in Battle Creek.

Midland Dow is the defending champion.

South results

Wet course conditions couldn't keep Grosse Pointe South girls' golf team from playing a solid round in last week's Division 1 regional tournament at Burning Tree Golf and Country Club.

The top three teams advanced to the state

finals; and the Blue Devils were one of those squads after placing third with 354. Farmington Hills Mercy won with 337 and Livonia Franklin was second with 340.

For South head coach Harrison Stackpole, sophomore Kaitlin Ifkovits was the team leader, shooting 83.

Senior Ellie Connors was second for the team with 86 and sophomore Gray Rahm was next with 89.

Senior Molly DeBrunner shot 96 and sophomore Mia Rancilio had 106 to round out the Blue Devils' competitors.

Mercy had the top two finishers in the tournament with juniors Sophie VanderWeele and Mia Sooch carding 76 and 78.

Next for South is the Division 1 state championship tournament Friday, Oct. 20, and Saturday, Oct. 21, at The Meadows on the campus of Grand Valley State University.

Rochester is the defending champion.



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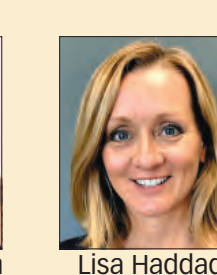
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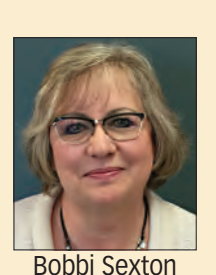
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Tennis

North, South, Liggett make finals

LIGGETT

Knights sweep field

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett boys' tennis team went indoors to play its Division 4 regional tournament last week, using Wimbledon Racquet Club to win another crown.

The Knights cruised, winning all eight flights and finishing with 24 points. Frankel Jewish Academy also made the state finals with its runner-up finish with 12 points.

Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central was third with five points, followed by Grosse Ile with four and Dearborn Heights Robichaud with two.

"We had some very solid performances today and it was nice of Wimbledon to let us use some of their courts since it was raining," head coach Mark Sobieralski said. "Now, I head to Lansing for the seeding meeting and then it is on to the state finals."

William Cooksey had an easy go of it, beating Jewish Academy's Jacob Bean, who defaulted the championship match at No. 1 singles.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Liggett's No. 3 doubles team of Matt Lesha, left, and Craig Buhler ready for a serve during a Division 4 regional held at Wimbledon.

Casey Scoggin and Andrew Staricco had easy title matches at Nos. 3 and 4 singles, beating Jewish Academy's Seth Kahan 6-0, 6-1 and Eric Adelson 6-1, 6-1, respectively.

Christian Ilitch also won in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3, over Grosse Ile's Ryan Cuddy in the title match at No. 2 singles.

In the four doubles title matches, the Knights lost a total of eight games, led by the No. 3 duo of Matt Lesha and Craig Buhler, who beat Jewish Academy 6-0, 6-1.

Alec Azar and Maddie Fozo won 6-1, 6-1 over Grosse Ile at No. 1 doubles and Patrick Ilitch and Victor Logan won 6-1, 6-1 over Jewish Academy at No. 4 doubles.

The Knights' No. 2 doubles squad of Spencer Warezak and Thomas Van Pelt won 6-2, 6-1 over Jewish Academy.

The day before, Liggett blanked city rival Grosse Pointe North 8-0 to finish its dual meet season 19-3 overall.

Next up for Liggett is defending its Division 4 state title Friday, Oct. 20, and Saturday, Oct. 21, in Novi. The Knights head into the finals ranked No. 1 in Division 4 and No. 8 overall in the state.

"This isn't going to be easy," Sobieralski said. "Greenhills and Traverse City St. Francis are very good teams and more than capable of winning the state championship. There are going to be some outstanding and close tennis matches."

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen go 8-for-8

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' tennis team was back on home turf last week for its Division 2 regional tournament.

Last fall, the Norsemen played at Warren Woods-Tower, but this time around the Norsemen enjoyed the confines of their home courts and won the title with a sweep and 24 points.

Warren DeLaSalle also made the state finals with a second-place finish of 15 points and L'Anse Creuse was third with 8.

"We had to scramble a lot this morning due to the rain and we used a few locations, but now the sun is out, the courts are dry and we're playing some good tennis," head coach John Van Alst said.

The Norsemen were pushed in only several sets in the eight finals matches. At No. 2 singles, David Daher beat DeLaSalle's Robby



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

North's No. 1 doubles team of Ethan Aziz and Blake Graham won their flight in a Division 2 regional tournament.

Shiner 7-5, 6-4, and at No. 1 doubles Ethan Aziz and Blake Graham won 7-5 in the second set after cruising in the first 6-1 against DeLaSalle.

At No. 2 doubles, Blake Danna and Sonny Mulpuri won 6-0, 6-1 over L'Anse Creuse, while Bill Steigelman and Matt Mourad won 6-1, 6-4 over DeLaSalle at No. 3 doubles.

Joe Haney and Kenny Heaton won 6-2, 6-3 in the finals over DeLaSalle at No. 4 doubles.

In singles, it was

Hunter Williams pitching a shutout, 6-0, 6-0, over DeLaSalle's Andrew Meldrum at No. 1 and at No. 3 it was Bella Gallant defeating DeLaSalle's Joe Janusch 6-2, 6-4.

Charlie Ramsdell completed the sweep with his 6-2, 6-0 victory over DeLaSalle's Michael Jones in the finals at No. 4 singles.

Grosse Pointe North and DeLaSalle move to the Division 2 state finals tournament Friday, Oct. 20, and Saturday, Oct. 21, at Kalamazoo College.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils finish runner-up

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It wasn't easy, but in the end the Grosse Pointe South boys' tennis team dug deep and earned a trip to the Division 1 state finals.

South finished second with 15 points to get the automatic bid. Troy won the regional with 22 points and Troy Athens also made the finals after earning 11 points.

"We had some great matches today and making the finals in seven



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South's No. 4 doubles team of Alex Acker and Jackson Marchal made the finals of their flight in a Division 1 regional tournament.

flights was awesome," head coach John Willard said. "I'm proud of our boys. They achieved a goal through a lot of hard

work and now we're headed to the finals."

Sean Miller made the finals at No. 1 singles and lost 6-0, 6-0 to Troy's Steve Forman, who is one of the top players in the Midwest, and Michael Willard made the finals at No. 2 singles, but lost 6-1, 6-0 to Troy's Brennan Cimpeanu.

Kenny Prather was a semifinalist at No. 3 singles, ending his day with a tough 7-5, 7-5 loss to Athens' Shray Naik and Jacob Harris was a finalist, falling 6-2, 6-0 to Athens' Pranjal Guar.

The Blue Devils' No. 1 doubles team of Teddy Sweeney and Turner Sine nearly won the flight, but lost 7-6, 5-7, 6-3 to Troy in the finals.

At No. 2 doubles, Mickey Kuchta and Sam Packer lost 6-0, 6-1 to Troy in the finals and the No. 3 doubles squad of Dylan Haggarty and John Lynch also took their finals match with Troy to three sets, but lost 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

The No. 4 doubles team of Alex Acker and Jackson Marchal made the finals, but lost 6-1, 6-1 to Troy. Next for South is the Division 1 state championship tournament Friday, Oct. 20, and Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Greater Midland Tennis Center.

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Soccer

RIVALS

North wins division, but South moves on

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's been 12 long years since Grosse Pointe North boys' soccer team won a division title, but the Norsemen did just that last week, beating archrival Grosse Pointe South 4-1.

The Blue Devils had

several chances to score in the opening half and controlled a majority of play, however, it was a 1-1 game as Billy Hoover tallied for the Norsemen and Joey Erickson for the Blue Devils.

North's Tommy Kohler scored early in the second stanza to make it 2-1 and Dylan Watts added a

goal several minutes later to increase the lead to 3-1.

Putting the finishing touches on the scoring was Avery Clark, who scored midway through the second half to give the visitors the three-goal lead.

Grosse Pointe North finished the season 9-1-2

in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and Grosse Pointe South finished 2-9-1.

On Monday evening, both teams opened the state playoffs with Division 1 district games on home turf.

South beat visiting Warren Cousino 5-3 on

penalty kicks, while North ended its season with a 1-0 loss to Warren DeLaSalle.

North finished 12-4-3 and South improved to 5-12-2.

Peter Hummer scored for the Blue Devils early in the second half and the Patriots tied it late.

In the shootout,

Connor Stencel, Matthew Moran and Hummer converted their kicks, while the Patriots made only two of their four.

It left it up to Teddy Loosvelt, who won the game with his goal.

"It wasn't pretty, but we survived tonight," Cilano said.

Football

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Two in a row

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

There were a lot of reasons why Grosse Pointe South's football team could've packed it in this season.

On the list were a plethora of injuries, a tough loss to rival Grosse Pointe North and tough competition week-in and week-out in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

Instead, the Blue Devils captured a division title with a resounding 34-10 win over visiting L'Anse Creuse North Friday night.

"We put together a complete game tonight," head coach Tim Brandon said. "Offense, defense, the kicking game, everything gelled this week."

An offensive attack led by junior tailback Conor McKenna, who had 127 yards rushing on 24 carries, paced the squad against the Crusaders as South took a 13-10 lead into halftime.

An onside kick to open the second half set up the first of two touchdowns for the Blue Devils in the



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's Riley Francis hauls in a catch before running the final few yards for a touchdown in the Blue Devils' win over LCN.

third quarter, both courtesy of scampers by senior Jermaine Young. The first was from four yards out and the second from the 2-yard line.

Senior Justin Hunter capped the scoring at the 1:22 mark of the fourth quarter with a 4-yard scoring run between the tackles.

South started the scoring in dramatic fashion with a 33-yard flea-flicker from junior quarterback Ryan Downey to senior wide-out Jacob Hinkle

and eventually to junior Riley Francis, who then dodged would-be tacklers en route to the end zone.

This TD brought the crowd to its feet and gave the home team a 7-0 lead.

The victory sealed the deal on a second straight MAC White title and also puts South in good position for a playoff berth at 5-3 overall heading into the final week.

Grosse Pointe South finished 5-0 in the MAC White Division.

defensively we made some mistakes and have to clean that up, but overall this was a nice win against a good, skilled team."

The offensive line was dominant once again as senior Sheldon Cage rushed for 286 yards on 39 carries with three touchdowns and senior wide receiver Peter Ciaravino had 48 yards on two carries, plus caught five passes for 68 yards with two touchdowns.

Senior quarterback Bjorn Bjornsson threw for 151 yards and three touchdowns.

Others who chipped in rushing and receiving were seniors Tyler Hill, John Lizza and Darrick Hollowell, as well as junior Ka'Ron Henderson.

The Norsemen scored first on a 49-yard pass from Bjornsson to Lizza, but the Panthers tacked on the next two scores to

lead 14-7 after the first quarter.

Cage scored on two runs in the second quarter and Bjornsson hit Ciaravino with a 17-yard TD pass with 24.2 left to help the Norsemen take a 28-21 lead to the half.

Bjornsson and Ciaravino connected again for a touchdown, an 18-yard pass, early in the third quarter to make it a 35-21 game, but the Panthers didn't go away and added a touchdown late in the period to make it a 35-28 game.

The Norsemen's defense played their best in the fourth quarter, stopping Roseville on both its possessions and the offense added a 30-yard Lizza field goal and a Cage touchdown run to put the game away.

Senior Erickson Glazard led the defense with 10 tackles, while Lizza had nine and Cage had five.

North is 5-2 overall.

Sailing

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



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Three-peat

Grosse Pointe South's sailing team won its third straight state championship last weekend. It's the fourth time in the past five years South has captured the state title. Team members above are captain John Walton, captain Blake Stackpoole, Carly Orhan, Christi Schiebner, Anna Carron, Taft Peck, Drew Clutternuck, Dom Dulac, Emma Turner, Gwen Hudson, coach James Cooper, coach Jerry Partridge and coach Harold Stackpoole. South beat competitors Grosse Ile, Black River, Spring Lake, Cranbrook-Kingswood, Grosse Pointe North, West Bloomfield, Traverse City Central, Traverse City West and Detroit Country Day.

Swimming

NORTH & SOUTH

Villani, Fisher shine at MISCA meet

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls' swimming and diving teams competed in the annual Michigan Interscholastic Coaches Association Meet last weekend at Eastern Michigan University.

They had several top 10 finishes, including two from Norseman Sam Villani and one from Blue Devil Clarice Fisher.

Villani was second in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 56.52 and sixth in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 53.53, and Fisher was fourth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 57.21.

Another top 10 finish was posted by North's 200-yard medley relay team of Villani, Ava MacGillis, Olivia Peruzzi and Alyssa Carlino, which was seventh with a time of 1:51.59.

The Norsemen's 200-yard freestyle relay squad of Peruzzi, Carlino, MacGillis and Villani just finished out of the top 10, taking 11th with a time of 1:41.57.

For the Norsemen, Carlino was 46th in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:02.10 and

MacGillis was 44th in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:18.91.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Carlino was 50th with a time of 56.47 and in the 100-yard breaststroke MacGillis was 25th with a time of 1:10.44.

For South, its 200-yard medley relay foursome of Sarah McCabe, Fisher, Ava Boutrous and Hadley Gordon took 17th with a time of 1:53.61 and Boutrous was 22nd in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:58.47.

In the 200-yard IM for the Blue Devils, Fisher was 22nd with a time of 2:14.28 and they had four swimmers in the 50-yard freestyle with McCabe, Lily Bates, Gordon and Hannah Blanzly taking 59th, 60th, 83rd and 93rd with times of 25.93, 25.94, 26.56 and 26.84, respectively.

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with times of 1:04.45 and 1:07.74 and in the 400-yard freestyle relay Bates, Gordon, Blanzly and Boutrous had a time of 3:50.23 to take 23rd.

Earlier in the week, North lost 97-89 to Utica Eisenhower in its final Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet of the season.

They finished 2-2 in the division.

The Norsemen started with a win in the 200-yard medley relay as Villani, MacGillis, Amelia Fly and Peruzzi had a time of 1:57.22 and Carlino won the 200-yard freestyle at 2:02.03.

The Norsemen came back to win the 200-yard freestyle relay with Peruzzi, MacGillis, Helen Michaelson and Villani posting a time of 1:45.75.

Their time was just a finger tip ahead of Eisenhower, who finished with a time of 1:45.85.

Villani and MacGillis won the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard breaststroke with times of 1:02.00 and 1:09.75.

The Norsemen finished second in the 400-yard freestyle relay with Angelina Cavaliere, Sophia Vitale, Katie Flynn and Carlino turning in a time of 4:02.30.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen share title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's football team checked off its final two boxes of its list of goals for the 2017 season last weekend with its 45-28 road win over Roseville.

The Panthers came into the contest 4-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division and the Norsemen 3-1. A victory guaranteed a share of the division title and a state playoff spot for head coach Frank Sumbera and his Norsemen.

North finished 4-1 in the MAC Blue. Roseville and Port Huron also shared the division title with the 4-1 mark as Port Huron beat Warren Cousino.

"This was a big win for us on the road and playing on grass for the first time all season," Sumbera said. "We really got after them offensively and

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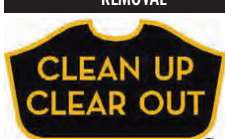
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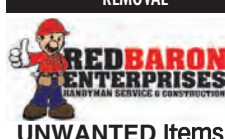


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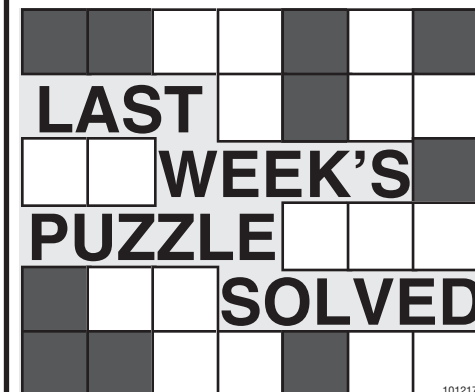
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Chevy
- Equinox, e.g.
- The enemy
- Pharmaceutical
- Corroded
- Wise one
- Simple
- Guard of a sort
- Leading man?
- Unlikely loser
- Every crumb
- Illustrations
- Frank
- Pamphlet
- Peruke
- Regret
- Kind of mark or tag

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- Ostrich's cousin
- Rumble faction
- Adolescent
- Witness
- Cutting tools
- Hexagonal state
- Kill a bill
- Unisex garment
- "I - Anyone Till You"
- Id counterpart
- Billion-dollar
- seller
- Handed out hands
- "Awesome, dude!"
- "Born in the -"
- Workout site
- Trainer
- Journal
- Colorless
- English river
- The Bee -
- So
- Croupier's tool
- On the briny
- Candle matter
- Suspect's pic
- Article of food
- Placekicker's pride
- Lillian of mail-order fame
- Losing power, like a battery
- Obey a comma
- Mid-month date
- Arrive
- Chills and fever
- Small barrel
- George's brother
- Be victorious
- Raw rock

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