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Sumbera's next play call

By Bob St. John and Mary Anne Brush
 Staff Writers

Frank Sumbera's attorney, Gary Spicer, hasn't seen an outcry like this since Detroit Tigers President Bo Schembechler fired Ernie Harwell.

Since news broke within the Grosse Pointe and athletic communities about his departure as Grosse Pointe North

High School football and baseball coach, Sumbera has received an outpouring of support from former players, coaches and families, among others. One petition asking for his reinstatement has generated nearly 3,000 signatures and other groups are just as supportive, according to Spicer.

The administration claims Sumbera verbally resigned at a meeting. Sumbera says he

asked what his options were and for time to talk with his family.

Sumbera and Spicer met with Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jon Dean and district attorney Mark McInerney "to see if reasonable people could discuss the situation without threats of litigation or acrimony," Spicer said. "The meet-

ing was civil."

However, the administration declined to discuss reinstatement.

"Our position very honestly hasn't changed," Niehaus told the Grosse Pointe News. "We're in the process of interviewing football candidates. We hope to (announce) a head football coach as of the board meeting on Monday. We



See CALL, page 2A Frank Sumbera



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The poor condition of the Lakeshore Road seawall is obvious to those who walk along the 3 1/2 miles of county-run shoreline.

Seawall fix creeping forward

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES AND FARMS — Rising water in Lake St. Clair may mean better fishing, but it also brings shoreline deterioration — an infrastructure issue for which Wayne County has

been seeking federal assistance several years.

"We're waiting for what the cost will be then the hunt for the money," Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen told the Grosse Pointe News.

The poor condition of the Lakeshore Road sea-

wall is obvious to those who walk along the 3 1/2 miles of county-run shoreline. The damage sustained from Lake St. Clair has resulted in disintegrated and fallen concrete panels with exposed rebar posts planted eight decades ago.

"(The seawall) was

installed a long time ago and it is ready for some serious maintenance and repair, if not replacement," Grosse Pointe Shores Department of Public Works Director Brett Smith said. "It's getting to a point where it's

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Donaven joins Farms council

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Sierra Donaven will be the newest member of city council.

Donaven was appointed unanimously by council Thursday, July 12, in a special meeting to fill the seat left vacant by Therese Joseph, who resigned in May.

"As a member of the Beautification Advisory Commission, which I chair," said Councilman Lev Wood, "I've come to know (Donaven) as a dedicated public servant. She is attentive to details in our committee meetings. She is always well prepared. She has always been willing to learn and most of all I have learned, over the several years that I've known her, she has an impressive desire to help and to serve others."

Donaven, a retired 20-year federal criminal investigator for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, has lived in the Farms since 2011.

After winning a beautification award the next year, Donaven was encouraged by Wood to join the Beautification Advisory Commission, she said. She took him up on his suggestion and was selected to serve on the commission shortly after.

It was encouragement from a newly retired friend who told Donaven she still had more to give and God, she said, that



Sierra Donaven

led her to run for a position on council.

"I felt a calling; it's that simple," Donaven said. "I've always been a volunteer in whatever community I've been living in."

Donaven said serving and assisting others is in her DNA.

"Everyone that knows me, they will tell you Sierra really is for everyone," she said. "She loves all people from all walks of life and she has an open-door policy. I'm always available to assist someone."

Besides the beautification commission — and now council — Donaven served on the board of directors for the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods NAACP branch and has volunteered her time for numerous causes in Detroit and Grosse Pointe.

Donaven was one of six applicants who applied to fill Joseph's seat.

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Council, community hear DPW update

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A crowd of impassioned residents filled council chambers Monday, July 16, hoping to express their opinions on the proposed Department of Public Works facility planned

for Maumee where the current facility is located.

The nearly three-hour, standing-room only meeting often became testy as neighbors of the Maumee site and councilmembers were presented with the newest iteration of the site by Partners in Architecture. Neighbors say the city

is attempting a "bait and switch."

City Manager Peter Dame said the bond language was written vaguely to allow for a backup plan in case something happened to their first choice.

Many residents at the See UPDATE, page 4A

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Comedians to perform at historic Emerald Theatre in Mt. Clemens

MOUNT CLEMENS — Veteran comedians Dave Landau and Jeff Horste bring their unique brands of funny business to Mount Clemens' historic Emerald Theatre on Saturday July 21, at 8 p.m.

Dave Landau, who cut his teeth with Second City in Detroit as a teenager, is one of the most in-demand working stand-up comedians today. He has appeared on Comedy Central's "Live at Gotham", "Comics Unleashed" on CBS, as well as being prominently featured on three seasons of NBC's "Last Comic Standing." He is also a regular on two radio shows: The nationally-syndicated "Bob & Tom" program

and the "The Anthony Cumia Show with Dave Landau." A recovering addict/alcoholic, Landau, recently told stories about being placed in a mental institution on Comedy Central's hit show "This Is Not Happening" and was honored as one of the top 21 club comics of today at HBO's Las Vegas Comedy Festival.

Jeff Horste covers topics ranging from book bags and candy corn to racial inequality. He has appeared on Comedy Central twice in the past year. He recorded a half-hour special on "Kevin Hart Presents: The Next Level" and was featured on "Kevin Hart Presents: Hart Of The City." Horste appeared on the

FOX TV show "Laughs" and performs in some of the top clubs in the country, working with the likes of Demetri Martin, Mike Epps and Michael Ian Black. Horste has also performed in Atlanta's Laughing Skull Comedy Festival, the Boston Comedy Festival and the Oddball Comedy & Curiosity Festival.

Tickets for the 18-and-over show are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and are on sale now at www.theemeraldtheatre.com. The historic Emerald Theatre is located at 31 North Walnut Street, Mount Clemens, MI, 48043 in the heart of downtown Mount Clemens, Michigan.



Financial advisor named to Forbes' 'Best-in-State' list

Merrill Lynch announced Financial Advisor Kevin Huntsman has been recognized on the inaugural Forbes "Best-in-State Wealth Advisors" list. In all, 638 Merrill Lynch advisors are included on this year's list, the most of any firm. "We are incredibly proud of Kevin and his recognition on this list and believe he consistently demonstrates what it means

to be a leader in the wealth management space through strong dedication to a high standard of service for our clients," said Nathan Marsden, market executive. "We look forward to celebrating and supporting his future success." Huntsman resides in Grosse Pointe and has been a part of Merrill Lynch's Grosse Pointe/Detroit office 40 years.



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Pictured at Teknicolor's recent ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Jenny Boettcher, executive director, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce; Aaron Binder; Bruce Smith, city manager, Grosse Pointe Woods; Kevin Westfall, owner; Bob Novitke, mayor, Grosse Pointe Woods; Lee Cooke, owner; John Miller Jr.; and Linda Reid, director of membership, Grosse Pointe chamber.

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still stand by the original statement that (Sumbera) resigned or retired verbally at the meeting three administrators had with him.

"One thing that I think is fair for people to understand is that all of our coaches are at-will employees, so they're not guaranteed any more than one year at a time."

"It's not that cut and dry," Spicer said. "He has a good legal position and he has a lot of people who will support him in and outside the courtroom."

Sumbera has a decision to make how to proceed from here.

"Frank is concerned about an adverse impact on Grosse Pointe North," said Spicer. "He is mainly concerned about his coaches, his players."

In fact, when his assistant coaches came forward and offered to resign in solidarity, "Frank called them up and said that's not good for the players," Spicer said. "He has always been concerned with what's best for the players."

The question lingers whether the decision by the administration was influenced by the opinions of a few disgruntled parents. All Sumbera was told at the 9 a.m. meeting June 27, with North Principal Kate Murray, Athletic Director and Assistant Principal Michelle Davis and Human Resources Director Nicole Pilgrim was they had received complaints and letters from parents from the baseball team and

were going to terminate him as football and baseball coach as of 3 p.m. that day.

He was told they had received letters, but he was not allowed to review them. While he acknowledged having verbal confrontations with a parent through the fence at the baseball diamond several weeks prior, the parent didn't follow through on any protocol to meet with him formally to try to resolve their differences.

While he and Spicer have reviewed the parent surveys completed at the conclusion of the baseball season, "you're looking at complaints that are basically filled out by hostile parents," Spicer said.

In Spicer's view, the district needed to have a procedure in place for parental complaints.

"The board of education has to implement a procedure for accountability. There has to be communication and there has to be opportunities to resolve a situation before it gets to a catastrophic point of no return," he said.

Sumbera said his biggest regret is to no longer have the opportunity to coach his players. His hope is, if he cannot be reinstated as coach, one of his assistant coaches will be offered the head football coach position to help with the continuity of the program.

Given the opportunity to return as coach for his 50th year, he said he would welcome the opportunity.

"I'm a Christian man. I could forgive," he said.

"No matter what does happen, I'm tarnished," he added. "There's an asterisk."

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Grosse Pointe native, artist shows work in Village

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — “My work has taken on the philosophy of the East and the philosophy that grounds India and that’s really to find the best in everything and to find light,” Martha Kumari Meagher said.

Meagher’s abstract and colorful style is inspired by her experiences traveling the world — from living the last two decades in India to studying meditation with the Dalai Lama in the Himalayas to losing her eyesight for 16 months in Ghana. It all informs her

work.

Meagher currently is in town showing her art at Blue Sparrow Art, 17114 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, through Saturday, July 21.

Born and raised in Grosse Pointe, the last 20 years Meagher has lived in India. From there she has been able to travel the world.

When she lived in Ghana, Meagher said she developed an eye infection and lost her sight. Doctors told her she would never see again and she should get used to living blind. She relearned the menial — and some not so menial, like driving a car and

shooting a gun — tasks by feel. She luckily regained her eyesight and because of her experience said her other senses became incredibly acute.

The newfound connection to her surroundings affected how she made art.

“I was sitting on the wet grass and that was affecting what I was doing,” she said. “The sound of the insects and the feel of the wind. So all of those things became incorporated into my work.”

It also is ephemeral, drawing on the “now” in which it was made and the Kalachakras she

studied in the high desert of the Himalayas.

“Nothing will ever look the same because, in the words of Buddha, we never step in the same river twice. ... People ask me, can I copy this? Can I make it smaller? Can I make it blue? I can’t,” she said. “I really can’t because those were the particular energies that were running through this particular body at that particular time.”

Blue Sparrow Art is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.



Martha Kumari Meagher, a Grosse Pointe native who spent the last 20 years living in India, is currently showing her art at Blue Sparrow Art, 17114 Kercheval, in The Village.

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causing damage to our infrastructure, specifically a sewer we have running parallel with the seawall on Lakeshore.”

Smith said early spring his sprinkler technicians heard a gushing sound from a manhole cover while working near the sewer line between Lakeshore and its seawall in the south end of the Shores, which “sounded like a waterfall.”

Technicians investigated, uncovering an estimated flow of 80 gallons per minute during dry weather, according to a report delivered by City Engineer Jesse VanDerCreek to city council during its June 19 meeting.

“The seawall is disintegrating and the lake is literally behind the seawall,” said Smith, who pointed to a sinkhole where DPW installed 30 yards of crushed concrete earlier this month. “And we could probably install another 30 yards in that hole.”

Added Smith, “The land erosion is terrible. We have one spot that the erosion is up to a flower bed. The flower bed is going to start getting washed away.”

Maintenance of the Lakeshore seawall, extending from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in the Shores to The War Memorial in the Farms, falls under the jurisdiction of Wayne County. However, fixing hazards, such as sinkholes, emerging from erosion due to the seawall’s deterioration, has fallen on Shores and Farms personnel.

“Wayne County hasn’t reimbursed us for any repairs and we haven’t really sought reimbursement yet,” Smith said. “When we have some extra material, we’re just filling holes. What we’re doing is not a fix to the problem. We’re just trying to lessen the amount of hazards that are out there.”

Smith said he submitted several service requests to Wayne County with no results.

In March, Shores City Manager Mark



PHOTOS BY MELISSA WALSH

Areas of exposed rebar appear where chunks of concrete panel have fallen from the Lakeshore seawall.

Wollenweber and Farms City Manager Shane Reeside applied for a 2018 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Great Lakes Habitat Restoration grant for federal financial and technical assistance in restoring areas of the seawall, but were denied Friday, July 13.

The application process included a preliminary study conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Of the nine projects submitted for the grant, two were selected — Lake Erie Metro Park in Wayne County and Brandenburg Park in Chesterfield Township.

“We’ll continue to work with the Army Corps of Engineers to get grant money next year,” said Wollenweber.

“They built that road and expanded it in the ‘30s and ‘40s. And to do so they had to put the seawall in. It’s clearly a Wayne County thing,” Wollenweber said, explaining former U.S. Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick requested funding for the Lakeshore seawall restoration several times.

“She would make some effort to put some earmark in for it,” he said.

committee and to get involved in the government and the running of the city.”

Donaven will be sworn in at the next council meeting Monday, Aug. 13.

“I absolutely love this community,” Donaven said. “There is nowhere else for me to live.”



Signage along Lakeshore alerts visitors of shoreline hazards.

is determining the cost of the seawall restoration, possibly \$20 million to \$30 million.

Congressional interest in the problem “opened up the door to the Army Corps of Engineers,” Killeen said.

“So I wouldn’t call it in limbo, but it’s in the bureaucracy,” he added.

Killeen promised to keep the county involved while the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers continues its assessment.

“It’s lurching forward, but it has to get done,” he said. “And this is as close as we’ve been. We’re talking to the right people.”

However, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is a federal entity, “and they’re busy,” he said.

“At least it’s creeping forward,” said Killeen.

by Wayne County.

“It certainly will require an engineering solution,” Reeside said.

Early May, Reeside and Wollenweber jointly drafted a letter to Killeen requesting short-term assistance and a long-term plan.

Killeen responded by inviting Reeside and Wollenweber to meet with Deputy Director of Wayne County Public Services Lawrence Young and Andrew Kandreas from the Office of the Wayne County Executive, who promised to evaluate the condition of the seawall for a long-term fix.

“We basically asked them to provide a game plan and accelerate maintenance at this point,” said Reeside. “And Mr. Killeen has been helpful with putting us in contact with the right resources in Wayne County.”

Reeside said U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence and Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters also have expressed initiative in finding a solution for restoring the seawall.

In the meantime, the city managers hoped for approval of their request for a NOAA grant.

“From what we heard (the request) was considered a viable project,” Reeside said.

The Farms and Shores

will request another federal Great Lakes restoration grant, whereby, if approved, there would be some shared local cost with the federal financial assistance.

“This has been a problem for 30-some years and it’s slowly getting worse,” said Killeen, calling the Lakeshore seawall issue “a hard nut to crack.”

The first step, he said,

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“I think that this was again a robust group and just a phenomenal group that wants to get involved,” Mayor Louis Theros said. “I encourage you all who did not get this position to get on a

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Grosse Pointer honored with state award

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

In the early 1980s, John P. Jacobs was awarded the Robert E. Dice Medical Malpractice Defense Award. He said he's had numerous associates see the award, look at him and ask, "Who's Bob Dice?"

"I see that as the ghost of Christmas future," Jacobs said referencing the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel's new award named after him. "Who's that John Jacobs guy? Why was he so great?"

In 2017, the MDTC established the John P. Jacobs Appellate Advocacy Award to honor the best appellate lawyer in the state.

The 73-year-old Farms resident has been practicing law more than 40 years. His Detroit-based law firm, Jacobs Diemer, boasts nearly \$3 billion in reversed judgments on appeal and his own curriculum vitae contains two full pages of honors and illustrious appointments.

"But, when I heard about (the award) I said, who's going to want an award named after me?" he said.

Jacobs was born in Chicago and raised on the eastside of Detroit. He attended University of Detroit for both undergraduate and law school, graduating with his Juris Doctor degree



John P. Jacobs was recently honored by the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel when it named an award after the Farms resident. Jacobs has spent more than 40 years working as an appellate lawyer and has earned a reputation as one of the best in the state.

Smith Civil Rights Project fellow and spent a few years in the South, fighting for civil rights, an experience which continues to motivate him to take up pro bono cases for those in difficult circumstances.

"Watching the poverty, looking at the racism, looking at the economic deprivation, looking at some attitudes, nothing bad ever happened to me, but some of the guys on my team got shot, some got bullwhipped," he said. "There was a sheriff in Alabama that used to bullwhip the civil rights lawyers. ... I was marred for life."

After his fellowship, he said he knew he was going to return to Detroit because of his wife, Linda, and the innate pull of the town.

"You can't explain to non-Detroiters how you could possibly come back," he said. "But, it's a draw. It's a great town."

He finished the last six months of his fellowship in Pontiac. Then he needed a job.

"I had to make a living and I wanted to do nothing but appellate work," he said. "It's all I ever wanted to do. ... It's an unusual specialty because everybody loves the Sturm und Drang of trial work. It bored me to tears. I couldn't stand it. But the intellectual rationalization of handling appeals ... it's way more interesting."

He landed at Plunkett

Cooney, which was exploring opening an appellate department, and stayed 20 years.

"I flourished there for 20 years," he said. "I had a lot of fine mentors."

After he left Plunkett Cooney and started his own firm, he said his focus has been going after big verdicts.

"Big verdicts are actually a toxic poison to the legal system," he said, "because they are usually obtained by outlandish people. It really does great harm to all the other meritorious cases because it makes them look phoney by comparison."

His law firm represents a long list of insurance carriers, health care providers, municipalities, corporate and small businesses and charitable organizations.

"I'm an interesting character in the sense I have always done a lot of pro bono work for good ol' progressive causes and I earn my daily bread for corporate America," he said. "It's kind of schizophrenic."

But, he said, it's the pro bono cases that keep alive his passion for the work.

"I am one of those lucky people that found his niche early on," he said. "I've loved every minute of it. Every minute. In fact, at the ripe old age of 73, I am supposed to be retired, but I'm not."

magna cum laude and first in his class.

It was in law school where he first found his love for appellate work.

"When I was in law school, the legal research end of law school floated my boat," he said. "The tedium of actual disciplines really didn't capture my fantasy. But I'll tell you what did. Tracking down the answer, as complex or as arcane. I lived in the library. I just loved it."

Jacobs said working as an appellate lawyer was the only real place his passion for deep research could be used regularly.

"I found myself absolutely loving the arcane vicissitudes of legal research and if you're going to do that there's only one place, which is appellate work," he said.

It also was in college he became interested in progressive politics. In 1971, he was appointed a Reginald Heber

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meeting said they voted for the bond to pay for the DPW and a new Department of Public Safety building because the city said it was moving the DPW facility off its current site, in the middle of a residential

area, to a warehouse on Canyon Street in Detroit — just across Mack.

That was the city's plan until January. It was in the late stages of purchasing the facility — and had initial site plan approval from the city of Detroit — from Ascension St. John, which had been using it to store medical records,

until Detroit pulled its approval and the deal fell through.

Now, council is left to solve the issue of upgrading the facilities, which they say are in dire need of improvements, in a city that doesn't have a lot of available space.

Partners in Architecture explored the option of other sites

in the city December 2017, when Mayor Christopher Boettcher requested another round of due diligence in the project.

The architects concluded for DPW to function, it would have to be split into multiple locations because there isn't a big enough site to house the entire department, except at Maumee.

The split would ultimately create inefficiencies in time and resources, said PiA.

While the Maumee site wasn't its first choice, the city sees no other choice for its new DPW, both economically and

logistically.

"We still have to create a public works that is a usable facility for our people," Councilman Chris Walsh said. "... We have to create a solution that is workable."

Councilman Dan Williams agreed with Walsh, adding the city is doing all it can to appease neighbors and find a compromise.

"We've reduced the heights," Williams said. "We've listened to the complaints. We've enclosed it to reduce the noise. There isn't another option."

But residents are worried about property val-

ues if a 27,000-square-foot facility is built on Maumee.

"I can tell you that there's no doubt about the fact that a building like this, backing up to all these properties, will clearly diminish the value of those properties," said real estate broker Tom Youngblood.

The new facility is proposed to be fully enclosed with a maximum height of approximately 27 feet — 5 feet less than adjacent condominiums. It's sited to allow an approximate 5-foot buffer between property lines on either side and 8 feet on the back side.

Williams didn't believe a new building would diminish property values compared to the current facility in its state.

"But I have to say, an enclosed new structure of this type is going to have less impact on property value than what was described at the December and November meeting. ... I just can't believe the current situation back there is going to decrease property values less than this building."

Council did not take action.

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A resident in the 400 block of Lakeland reported her mail stolen Friday, July 13. She said gift cards were stolen from a piece of mail that had been opened with a razor blade.

Wheelbarrow stolen

A wheelbarrow and water jug were stolen from a construction site in the 700 block of Neff overnight between Monday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 10.

Catalytic converter stolen

A catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle in the 17000 block of Mack overnight between Tuesday, July 10, and Wednesday, July 11.

Drunk neighbor

Residents in the 600 block of Notre Dame called the police on their upstairs neighbor 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 9. They complained the neighbor was banging on the floor, yelling and making loud noises. The neighbor was cited earlier in the week for the same thing.

When police responded they found the neighbor intoxicated and not making sense. She was arrested on a warrant out of Romeo. She also was discovered to have a .123 percent blood alcohol content.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Double dipped

A resident in the 400 block of Cloverly was the victim of two home invasions Sunday, July 15.

Approximately 3:30 p.m., the 79-year-old resident was in his backyard when approached by an unknown white female asking for a glass of water. He invited her into his house where he discovered another unknown white female in his dining room. When asked what she was doing there, both women left through the front door without responding. According to witnesses, they entered a tan or gold-colored Cadillac sedan and left with a 40- to 50-year-old black male.

The victim said three checkbooks were miss-

ing from his kitchen counter and said it was possible the front door was unlocked.

The resident then went to dinner, returned approximately 6:30 p.m. and watched television until 11:30 p.m. When he went to the bathroom, he discovered his back window broken out and blood splatters on the floor.

His bedroom had been rummaged through. Jewelry, coins, checks and two trash cans were reported stolen.

Neighbors said they saw a vehicle matching the description of the Cadillac from earlier in the day parked close to the residence approximately 7 p.m. and a tan-colored Buick sedan approximately 7 a.m.

The next day, the victim said he discovered three checkbooks on his front porch. A trash can lid was found down the street.

Third time's the charm

A 35-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated for the third time 1 a.m. Sunday, July 15, on Lakeshore at Fisher.

Officers responded to a call of a woman walking in the middle of the street asking for a ride. She said she was coming from a friend's house and was lost. She was unable to say where her friend lived and officers noticed a strong smell of intoxicants emanating from her person.

A vehicle was found parked on Fisher with its window smashed out. The woman first denied it was her vehicle, but finally admitted to driving and parking the car

there. She said someone smashed her window with a brick.

A field sobriety test was conducted and she was found to have a .24 percent blood alcohol content.

Drunken driving

A 59-year-old Farms woman was arrested for driving under the influence after causing an accident 11:45 p.m. Friday, July 13, at Mack and Moross.

Witnesses said the woman attempted to turn left onto southbound Moross from westbound Mack when she T-boned a vehicle on Mack.

No major injuries were reported.

While interviewing the Farms woman, police noticed a strong smell of intoxicants. The woman admitted to having one glass of wine at 6 p.m. that evening. A field sobriety test was conducted and she was found to have a .19 percent alcohol content. A half-empty fifth of vodka was found on the passenger-side floorboards.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

DWLS

◆ A 30-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license 10:40 a.m. Tuesday, July 10, on Mack at Nottingham. He was stopped for speeding.

◆ A 27-year-old Park

man was arrested for driving with a suspended license 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 10, on Kercheval at Cadieux. He was stopped for erratic driving.

Mirror part stolen

An unknown person stole the inner assembly of a vehicle's driver-side mirror overnight Wednesday, July 11, in the 1400 block of Maryland.

Caught stealing mail

Two Detroit juveniles were arrested for stealing a package from the front porch of a residence in the 1300 block of Buckingham 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 12.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Patio-entering and theft

A homeowner in the 2100 block of Hawthorne reported a possible home invasion in progress 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, after returning home from work and finding two flat-screen televisions lying in her backyard.

She, her husband and two grown children had left the house by 8:45

a.m. that morning. She was the first to arrive home.

Responding officers found no one in the house and no sign of forced entry. The subject(s) likely entered through an unlocked patio door.

Items reported stolen included a 50-inch flat-screen television, a laptop computer, rings, a watch and a purse.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Where's the beef?

A motorist reported seeing a man stealing meat at the Kroger grocery store on Marter Road and Jefferson to a patrolling officer on Lakeshore 1:27 p.m. Tuesday, July 10.

He said the subject was traveling south on Lakeshore in a silver Chevy Traverse.

Officers located the vehicle and made a traffic stop.

The driver, who did not have valid proof of insurance, was arrested.

When an officer asked about packages of meat in the back seat, the driver said the meat belonged to his passenger, whom he was paid \$10 to transport to the Kroger store.

The passenger could

not show a store receipt for the meat and was arrested by St. Clair Shores police.

Flat tire, drunk driver

When an officer stopped to investigate a vehicle with a flat tire parked in the left lane of northbound Lakeshore near South Deeplands 4 a.m. Sunday, July 15, he found the driver asleep in the driver's seat with the vehicle running.

While waking up the driver, the officer detected an odor of intoxicants. He conducted field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test resulting in .165 percent blood alcohol content and the driver's arrest.

Wrong plate, no insurance

When an officer checked the plate of a GMC Yukon during a red light at Vernier and Lakeshore 3:15 p.m. Sunday, July 15, he found the plate registered to a Ford van.

Further investigation showed the driver owned both vehicles and switched the plate. He was arrested for not having valid vehicle insurance for the vehicle he was driving.

— Melissa Walsh
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GUEST OPINION By Clinton R. Andrews

Demand ROI from SMART

For years the Grosse Pointes have passed the SMART transportation millage and have contributed millions of dollars to its operation. For a long time, SMART transportation has provided only “token” bus service to the Pointes while diverting our tax dollars to provide enhanced service to other communities. SMART has been unabashed about the transfer of our wealth to fund buses serving Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Huntington Woods, Royal Oak and Birmingham; none of which could hardly be described as “economically disadvantaged” communities.

For years, the only full-time service the Pointes have had is Route 610, from the city limits, up Harper to 15 Mile and Gratiot. SMART’s excuse has been that “nobody in Grosse Pointe rides the bus.” And for good reason: This bus is essentially “the bus to nowhere.” It has no destinations of importance — no shopping destinations, no entertainment destinations — and not even a regional transit center for connections. It has been described by SMART employees as “a connector bus.” Who would want to be forced to wait 45 minutes apiece for two different buses each way, four buses in total, just to shop at Walmart or Meijer?

SMART is once again coming before our voters Aug. 7 asking for a renewal of their millage. Now is the time for the Pointes to organize a bargaining committee, summon John C. Hertel, the general manager of SMART, to a meeting and demand we receive the services our taxpayers are paying for and rightly deserve.

If we are not going to receive any value for the tax dollars we contribute, then we have a responsibility to advise our residents to vote against the millage and opt out of SMART, saving our money and funding our own community transit. The Park has successful proof of concept with its “K Line” trolley service.

Or we can continue to do nothing and SMART will continue exploiting our indifference and complacency and donating our valuable tax dollars to the suburbs of Oakland County. Those communities care about and insist on receiving value for their tax dollars and they get it.

I believe the time has come that we too demand a return on our investment.

Editor’s note: This letter was originally addressed to the Grosse Pointe Park mayor and council.

Late deliveries

Last week many of our subscribers did not receive their Grosse Pointe News on Thursday. This was the fault of the main Fort Street post office, which did not deliver copies to the Park Grove and Grosse Pointe post offices until late Thursday evening or early Friday morning.

We apologize on behalf of the U.S. Postal Service.

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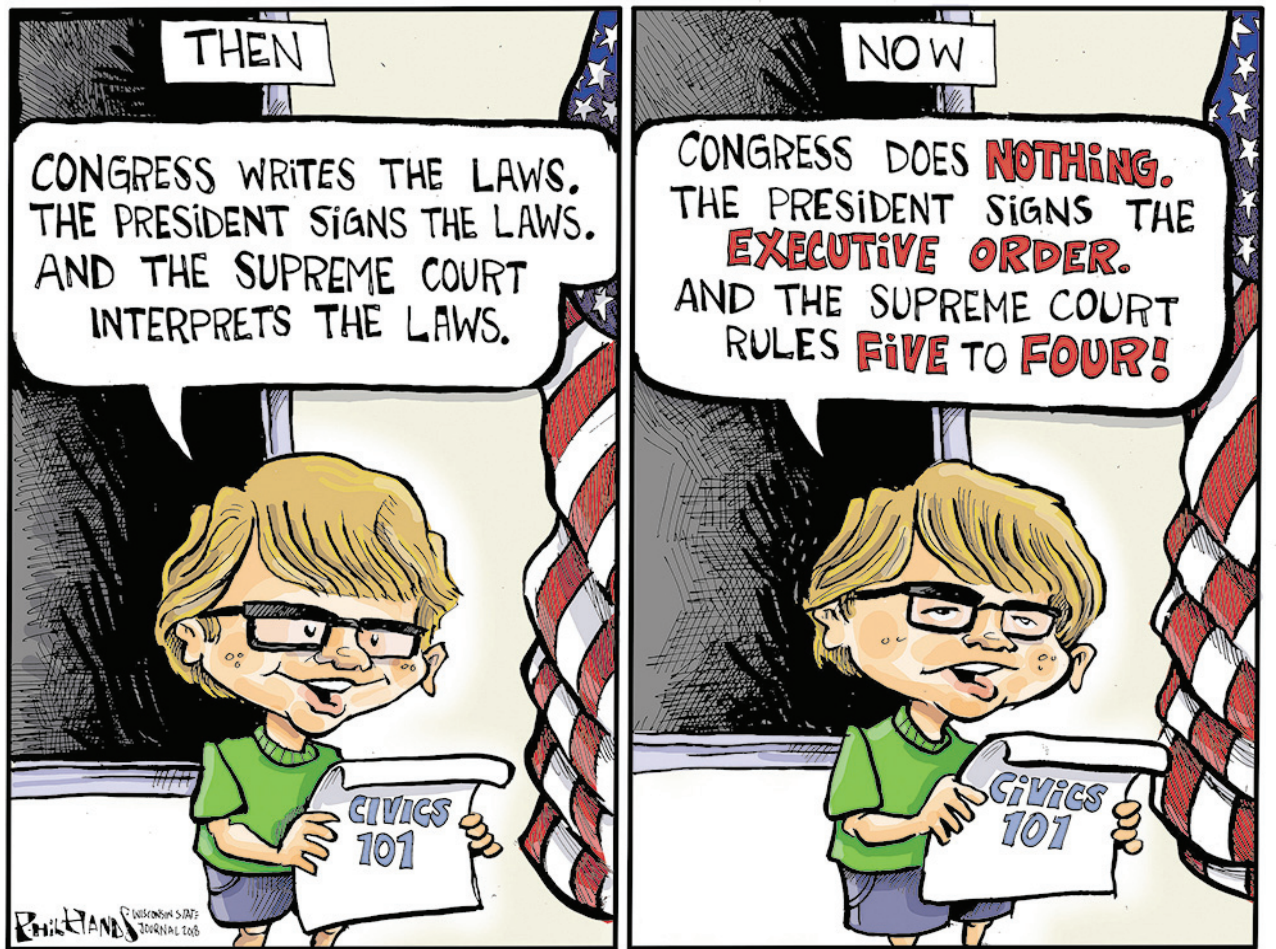
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Garden Tour a success

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center had a successful 27th annual Garden Tour thanks to all the people involved. This long-standing event helps support the Garden Center, a nonprofit organization, with the mission to promote education, beautification, horticulture and conservation in our community.

Publicity is such a major part of any event. Thanks to the Grosse Pointe News, Mil Hurley, Pointe Magazine, The War Memorial and many other organizations who supported our event. None of this would have been possible without the generosity of the six homeowners who opened their beautiful, unique gardens to the public.

Donated raffle items included Robert Fionda’s beautiful watercolor painting “Just the Suggestion,” a sterling silver necklace and diamond pendant from George Koueiter Jewelers, Waterford crystal ball candlesticks, a gardener’s basket from Lowe’s Home Improvement and a verdigris finish resin birdbath. Big thanks go out to Costco and Breadsmith for their generous donation of snacks that were enjoyed by our guests.

The public safety departments in the Park, Farms, Shores and Woods were cooperative and available to ensure the safety of the public during the tours in their cities.

Many more people helped make this tour a success such as the local businesses who sold tickets and sponsors and donors who provided financial support. A big

thanks to the artists, many from the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, Master Gardeners and garden club members and volunteers who worked in all the gardens.

For membership and other information on the Garden Center, call (313) 499-0743, email gpgardencenter@outlook.com or visit us at gpgardencenter.org. We are now in the process of selecting homes for the 2019 Garden Tour on June 21-22. If you or anyone you know is interested in being on a tour, please contact us.

KATHY BROWN AND
GINNY BROWN
2018 Grosse Pointe
Garden Tour Co-Chairs

Blue Ribbon Committee not what it seems

To the Editor:

In fall 2017, as a concerned citizen with deep appreciation for Grosse Pointe’s legacy standing, I requested and was granted admission to the GPPSS Blue Ribbon Committee led by Superintendent Gary Niehaus. I looked forward to reviewing the administration’s plan to solve the many issues it faces and contribute to solution development.

Using school directories borrowed from friends and Q&A during tours, it was apparent a significant number of participants (plus or minus 85 percent) were current or past members of the GPPSS, or ones who stand to benefit from a bonding measure, such as architects.

Is there any reason to believe the content of this GPPSS-sourced committee could represent the community’s best interest much less be considered a “Blue Ribbon Committee”?

Could a majority of the committee put conflict of interest issues aside and consider solving problems such as how to sell underused assets and prepare financial proformas that consider declining enrollment? More significantly, despite record sources of cash in 2017 of \$111.5 million, fund equity is stalled and school assets continue to deteriorate.

Superintendent Niehaus announced his decision to advance a \$110 million bond at the final BRC meeting. It was based on a survey prepared by GPPSS administration and despite many concerns by the minority, it was completed by committee members at the Oct. 12 meeting. Because GPPSS is transparent, I ask Gary Niehaus to post the complete unedited results of this survey to the GPPSS website and to the Grosse Pointe News to publish for community review.

JOHN SHOOK, PE
Grosse Pointe Farms

‘The Bond’

To the Editor:

As a community, we inherently care about the safety of our children. In today’s society, unfortunately, schools have become targets. To be frank, the physical security of our schools built 50 or more years ago are ill prepared to face this new challenge.

All of the buildings require new or improved entries. Many of the buildings allow a person to be “buzzed in,” but do not require the person to go through a vestibule or office to verify their identity.

All of the classroom doors require the teacher to physically lock them from the outside, exposing them to harm. Should the worst happen, a room full of trapped children.

Most buildings are wholly lacking in modern security cameras and some do not have PA systems that can be heard by all in the event of an emergency.

Our public safety officials have amazing response times and will be there in a few minutes, but a few minutes is all the time the assailant

requires.

The current funding sources cannot make the improvements needed to protect this community’s children. This is the reality of the world we live in today and, as a parent of two children in the district, it frightens me greatly.

Please support “The Bond” to provide the Grosse Pointe community with “Better Schools, Safer Schools,” and the “Stronger Community” we all desire and our children deserve.

MATT JEWELL
Ferry Parent
Grosse Pointe Woods

Vote yes on GPPSS bond

To the Editor:

In July 2008, my husband and I purchased a home in Grosse Pointe Woods. We were not from this area, but we knew from both research and word-of-mouth we wanted to raise our children here.

Why? Two factors — the highly-acclaimed local parks and, more importantly, the school system. We could have settled somewhere closer to our respective hometowns, but we chose to make the move because we wanted our kids to have the best. We wanted to be part of a community that held its schools to a high standard, valued education and was willing to invest in future generations.

Ten years later, I am still happy to live in Grosse Pointe. We are proud our children are able to attend schools with such talented and resourceful educators.

It’s disappointing, however, these educators have to be so resourceful with such limited and aged resources.

I am supporting the upcoming GPPSS bond initiative because I believe our students are worth the investment.

I am willing to pay a little more in taxes (roughly \$200 per year on a \$300,000 home) to make sure our buildings are safe and secure.

I’m willing to invest in GPPSS to guarantee that when the time comes for me to sell my home, my property value won’t be

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I SAY By Karen Fontanive

Vacation leads to self-discovery



I just returned from two weeks' vacation. I learned a number of things during that time.

First, I learned if you have a column due your first day back, do it before vacation. I've had a jumble of thoughts and nothing long or cohesive enough to resemble a column. So this is a mish-mash of ideas from throughout my vacation time.

◆ July 4. I do not like

Michigan's "new" fireworks law. It's not the late-night noise so much as the fear something is going to go awry and start a fire. If the fireworks seem close, I'm out checking my roof and yard for errant firestarters.

◆ I tried to watch the World Cup. I really did. But if a match is supposed to last 90 minutes and it's in its 96th minute, when is it ending? I don't know when to hoot and holler, bite my nails or whatever else I need to do to express excitement.

◆ Part of my vacation I spent in California helping my daughter finish settling in. This 22-year-old April University of

Michigan grad decided she likes the California climate better than Michigan's and headed west with no job, no home and no roommates. Enter Facebook. She found two other like-minded recent college graduates, signed a year's lease and got a job within a week of moving out there. Not what I would have done at 22 — and not just because there wasn't any Facebook!

◆ While I was in California, it was hot — never below 90 and a few days over 100. Other than what it does to your skin, I prefer below zero temps to above 100. I get a bit cranky in heat.

◆ The high ponytail is my go-to best friend in heat. Ariana Grande be damned. No low pony, which she apparently is bringing back, in 85-plus temps.

◆ I have a love/hate relationship with gardening. I like trimming the shrubs; I hate cleaning up after. I hate weeding, but I like planting the flowers, but I hate weeding.

◆ Did you know that you — or maybe some men — can grow stubble during a six-hour-35-minute tennis match? Ask John Isner. Before and after photos would have verified what was happening during his Wimbledon semi-finals match. My husband

noticed it because, unlike me, he wasn't sitting minutes on end watching the match. He caught some at the beginning and a little at the end. "Look at his beard," my husband said as the final minutes ticked by. Wow. He was right.

◆ Speaking of my husband, he rocks. He served as chauffeur, dog sitter, basement cleaner and flower waterer in my absence. And guess what? He can do it all (even though I like to think I am the indispensable one!). He took our son to the airport for a 7 a.m. July 4 flight. (Our son, who shows up the night before at our house with his recent rescue

dog. So much for my husband's alone time.) My husband played chauffeur again the next morning for my 8:30 a.m. flight, 11:50 p.m. Saturday night for our son and 11:40 p.m. Tuesday night for me. When I got home, the basement was cleaner than it had been since the day we moved in 26 and a half years ago. With both children no longer living with us, it is time to go through our accumulations. My husband did his part. Now it's my turn.

◆ I think a two-week basement cleaning "vacation" is in my future — possibly full of many more discoveries.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

BLACK MARKET CASE BEFORE GRAND JURY: Grosse Pointe's Black Market Case reached the Federal Grand Jury state this week.

The grand jury is investigating the market operated by a woman exposed by the News five weeks ago. She has been questioned and is expected to be taken before the grand jury for a further hearing.

The case involves the sale of rationed goods without the use of ration points. Those who purchased goods are expected to be prosecuted as well.

MISSISSIPPI MISS'S TRAVELS HALTED BY PARK POLICE: A young girl, 18, has been picked up twice within a week by Park police on a charge of vagrancy. The girl gave her name but in decency this is withheld as the young woman is seemingly not beyond redemption.

She gave her home as Grenada, Miss., and has been hitchhiking and beating her way generally often in the cabs of truck drivers for the past several weeks.

Mrs. Monaghan, the Park police matron, took the girl, after giving her a cleaning, to the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Home, where

her case will be looked into her disposition decided.

1968

50 years ago this week:

ALLARD ROAD BATTLE RESUMED: The Battle of Allard Road flared into open combat again in Grosse Pointe Woods council chambers. More than 100 Allard Road residents showed up armed to the teeth with intent glares, rhetorically-phrased insults, statistics and anecdotes.

One hour and 10 minutes after the opening shot was fired, the skirmish ended in a draw and the attacked forces withdrew from chambers. There were no fatalities and the conflict could only be termed a stand-off.

The aroused citizens agreed reluctantly to the Woods Director of Public Safety putting into effect a new plan for thinning

out the traffic on Allard. They charged however, the proposed plan was "very weak" and complained of "stalling tactics."

STUPID PRANK INJURES TWO: A motorist and his passenger received minor injuries when their car went into a hole at South Oxford and Wedgewood about 10:30 p.m. The car was not driveable.

A Woods patrolman dispatched to the scene found the barricades placed around the 12 1/2 feet long and 8 1/2 feet deep hole removed. The lights were extinguished and the barriers placed on the lawn of a house in the block. The hole had been dug for the installation of sewer crocks.

1993

25 years ago this week

RECYCLING FEES DISTURB RESIDENTS:

Recycling in Grosse Pointe Park, formerly provided free, will now cost residents \$30 annually per household.

Recycling was intended to reduce costs by cutting the total amount of materials sent to the incinerator, for which the city was charged on a per-ton basis. However, if the minimum tonnage requirement to the incinerator was not met, charges increased.

City council decided the best way to charge residents for the new service was to add a fraction of the cost to each household's bi-monthly water bill.

DOGS SLAIN AFTER TERRORIZING PARK NEIGHBORHOOD: Three people were bitten and police officers were attacked several times

before two stray dogs could be captured and subdued on the northeast end of Grosse Pointe Park.

Police were summoned to Vernor and Audubon to capture two large mixed-breed dogs running loose that had bitten a 15-year-

old girl. Police then learned the dogs also had bitten a 13-year-old boy and 51-year-old man in the same neighborhood. The police were able to herd the dogs into a rear yard on Harvard.

— Karen Fontanive

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July 20, 22 @ 7PM

LEAVE NO TRACE

Abruptly moved from their off-the-grid life in Portland, Oregon forests, a father & daughter set off on a harrowing journey back to their wilderness homeland.

Coming Soon

EIGHTH GRADE

Elsie Fisher is a revelation as 13 year-old Kayla, enduring the tidal wave of contemporary adolescence as she makes her way through the last week of middle school—the end of her disastrous 8th grade year before she begins high school.

Coming Soon

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Invented something? Patent it.

Camp Invention teaches lessons on protecting intellectual property

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

An 8-year-old participant at this year's Camp Invention at Brownell Middle School came up with such a great idea, she was told not to talk about it. Not until she patented it, that is.

At this year's camp, held June 25 to 29, participants learned, in partnership with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the importance of protecting their intellectual property with a patent.

Camp Invention, a nationally recognized, nonprofit summer enrichment camp, challenges children in kindergarten through grade 6 to find their inner inventor by learning the process of innovation. The camp has come to Grosse Pointe more than 20 years, according to Bob Hasinski, regional program manager for the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Hasinski runs all the programs in Michigan and Puerto Rico.

"This is a camp that always does very well," said Hasinski. "Even with a new staff, it's like a well-oiled machine."

Kerby Elementary School teacher Jodie Randazzo, new to the program as director, made it a family affair by bringing her children, ages 8 and 9, with her.

"They are loving it. They love the different theme every day," she said.

On Monday, children wore their color group. Tuesday was silly hat day, Wednesday was "represent yourself day"



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Clockwise from top left, fifth-grader Emmanuelle Dillman runs her hands through the blood cells bin in Robotic Pet Vet. In addition to reverse engineering and building a robotic dog, campers learned about veterinary care; Fourth-grader Mason Tapling with his robotic pet Dave; Campers work on their robotic dogs; In Mod My Mini Mansion, third-grader Carina Jensen made a mansion with a kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, living room and playroom. She also created toys that pick themselves up and a self-cooking stove.

and Friday, the final day of the camp when parents joined campers for an inventors showcase and awards ceremony, was crazy sock day.

On Thursday, campers wore their Camp Invention T-shirts in honor of special guests Alfred Kindred, assistant regional director at the Midwest Regional Patent & Trademark Office in Detroit; Jared Logan, a student at Harvard University intern- ing for the USPTO; and

Sara Sass, a member of the patent office's Washington, D.C., headquarters on a four-month outreach detail in Detroit. Hasinski and Randazzo led the visitors on a tour.

"What we're here to do is observe future inventors," Kindred said. "At the patent office, that's what we do. ... We're here to see the kids in action and see how we can partner with the National Inventors Hall of Fame to make sure we (educate kids) about

intellectual property. ... That's part of our DNA, trying to get people to be more creative and not only that, to show them how important it is to protect their intellectual property. And how important that is now because we are no longer a manufacturing economy. We're a service-oriented economy, which means if the United States is still going to stay ahead in the technological game, we have to make sure people are inventing here and

are protecting their invention."

"You can be an inventor at age 5 or you can be an inventor at age 95," said Sass. "You can apply for a patent either way."

"I wish I had something like this when I was in school," said Logan. "I love this. Just being able to see all these inventions and different mind sets putting their heads together coming up with something that can be protected and patented. I really think future inventors are in this room."

One of those future inventors was the 8-year-old who came up with both a problem — her dog barking while her mother was on the phone — and a solution.

"Her solution to that problem is actually an invention," Kindred said. "And not only that, she named it something unique and I told her, 'Don't say that again.'" Not until she could patent the idea, at least.

Each year, the program features a new curriculum inspired by National Inventors Hall of Fame inductees. This summer the curriculum included Opibot, in which campers launched into the future with their own small, self-driving robots that sense changes in light; Robotic Pet Vet, in which campers nursed their robotic puppies back to health; Mod My Mini Mansion, which gave campers the opportunity to design their own futuristic smart homes filled with gadgets, LEDs, technology and innovations; and Stick To It, in which young innovators invented and crafted solutions to real-world challenges by building their own prototypes.

"I felt like I went to Lawrence Tech teaching

this class," said Jane Plieth, an art teacher at Pierce Middle School who is the instructor for Mod My Mini Mansion. "I learned more about green technology than I've ever known and it's all about things I've known little pieces about. ... I've been learning so much about how I can make my house greener. Whoever invented this (module) is over the top."

Plieth said students are learning about wind, solar and hydroelectric power, geothermal technology and water reuse while creating their modern mansions.

"They have to come up with new and inventive ideas," she said, adding, "Inventors think, but most importantly they listen to problems. They're problem solvers."

Charles White, a rising seventh-grader at Parcels Middle School, said he wants to solve problems for people in the future. His favorite program was Stick To It because "we get to build anything we want. It's called the 'knock your socks off' challenge." He was building a robot to help "people with chores or whatever they need help with. Maybe it can get food for them," he said.

Stick To It also was Morgan Barsh's favorite because "we get to invent stuff. We make an idea and then we build the prototype." She added it's important to stick to something "because then you actually finish." Barsh is going into fifth-grade at Poupard Elementary School.

Emmanuelle Dillman, a rising fifth-grader at Defer Elementary School, had difficulty picking a favorite activity.

"They're all fun," she said.

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decreased because the schools haven't been maintained.

There is a faction in our community who will argue mismanagement on the part of the district, but the reality is that as a donor district, GPPSS residents pay far more in school taxes than we receive back from Lansing.

These same people will argue we shouldn't put money into existing buildings without closing a facility, but do we hold off on all maintenance until a decision like that is made, potentially a year from now?

Is it responsible to endanger our students and staff and to hold our property values hostage because of ongoing disputes with administration on unrelated matters?

The responsible choice this fall is to vote yes on the GPPSS infrastructure bond.

JEN EVANS
Grosse Pointe Park

Coach Sumbera deserves better

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to "Our View: Coach Sumbera Deserves Better." As a longtime employee of the district, I couldn't agree more with the article's sentiments.

Frank Sumbera is a friend, colleague and a man of great character and integrity. The fact he was let go from the

school he loved and devoted decades to in such a disrespectful manner is shameful.

Frank may have been tough and demanding at times, but he truly bled green and gold and now all of his memories, memorabilia and gear are tarnished. His license plate spells out the word Norsemen!

But doesn't one want the varsity football coach to be tough and demanding on kids? Isn't the point of high school sports to foster growth both physically and mentally, create a sense of discipline and spread school spirit?

Since there has been no indication of what "mental anguish" Frank caused his players, the community is left to make assumptions that degrade his character.

The fact the classless parents who complained (and ultimately got what they wanted by getting him fired) are bragging on social media about getting what they wanted is disgusting. The names he has been called by them are despicable.

The fact the "investigation" into these complaints involved the parents and the players who had issues with the coach and didn't involve any other parents, players or assistant coaches, or "minimal" participants, according to the superintendent, makes the whole thing feel like a big set up.

It may have been time for North to move in another direction, but it should not have happened this way.

Frank deserves the baseball field named after him, a celebration of his successful career and loads of praise from his colleagues and former players. Instead, he was ambushed and shown the door.

The other issue here is the outcome of this debacle for teachers, coaches and other extracurricular leaders. It seems if a few vocal parents take their complaints to the administration about what happens in a classroom, on the field or stage, you could be terminated without getting the full story.

Parents are welcome to have opinions and express them if they are unhappy, but a few disgruntled people or outcomes (not enough playing time) shouldn't end the career of a dedicated educator.

Until the complete story is fully addressed, the community is left to discern what they believe happened. As a district employee, and a parent, it seems parents now run the show and that scares me.

What is done is done, and Frank Sumbera will no longer be under the Friday night lights or in the dugout and it is time to accept that change.

But, he deserves better than what he has been given and the district should rectify the situation and give him the send-off he truly deserves.

A CONCERNED GPPSS EMPLOYEE
Editor's note: For obvious reasons, we agreed to run this letter without the employee's name.

We support GPNHS

To the Editor:

We support the Grosse Pointe North High School administration and the Grosse Pointe Public Schools in their staffing decision as it pertains to Coach Frank Sumbera. We feel compelled to send this letter given that the GPNHS leadership cannot comment publicly on personnel issues and thus cannot respond — nor should they.

To be clear: We did not play for, nor did we have any students who played for Mr. Sumbera or in the football or baseball programs. Nor did we interact with him during our years as parents of GPNHS students. We have never approached anyone in the administration regarding his coaching skills or strategy.

But we have had numerous interactions with Ms. Murray and Ms. Davis. Our recently-graduated students were involved in athletics, student government and other clubs, as well as classes taught by Ms. Davis. We were actively engaged in various parent organizations.

Ms. Murray and Ms. Davis have always been very approachable, reasonable and practical. They manage a large high school and athletic department, serving multiple constituencies and handling issues and conflicting opinions on a daily basis.

Knowing the GPNHS leadership as well as we do, we are confident this staffing decision was not a quick-trigger, reactive action as some have pre-

sumed it to be. We have complete faith it was researched, evaluated and alternatives sought and considered.

Not every decision the administration makes may be popular, but it may be appropriate given all of the facts (that we are not privy to) and a thoughtful review.

We are deeply saddened by how some have chosen to portray the administration, including the Grosse Pointe News, particularly because GPNHS cannot comment on a personnel issue.

Based on numerous national and state benchmarks, GPNHS is a leading academic and athletic institution thanks to the team led by Ms. Murray.

The community has chosen experienced, thoughtful, objective professionals and administrators to guide our students: They have earned our respect and deserve our support.

RYAN MCCARTHY
BOWERS
MARK BOWERS
Grosse Pointe Woods

Where does the buck stop?

To the Editor:

Reading the Coach Sumbera story is a tragedy for our community. What is the chain of command in our school system?

1. Superintendent?
2. School board president?
3. School board?
4. Principal?

Who planned this character humiliation? When did they plan it and who all was informed at what time and gave their

approval?

Only three names are given for the event: Kate Murray, Nicole Pilgrim and Michelle Davis.

How can our school system have such lack of sensitivity that it can allow such disgraceful actions against a 50-year exemplary employee?

The damage has been done to a loyal, extremely well-liked community teacher. How can his self-worth be restored with less than the release of the person responsible and the full reinstatement for Mr. Sumbera?

The buck should stop here.

Hurray for Mr. Sumbera and his great career.

STEVEN SMITH
Grosse Pointe Farms

Let's retire athletic director

To the Editor:

My wife and I have lived in Grosse Pointe Woods over 50 years. Our four children are products of Grosse Pointe education.

Our children were enrolled in the athletic programs offered by Grosse Pointe North High School.

Mr. Frank Sumbera has left a very positive, lasting impression on our children.

It is inconceivable that he has been asked to retire. The third most winning coach in the state of Michigan.

Let's retire the Grosse Pointe North athletic director for this mistake.

We hope the school board can resolve this matter.

SALVATORE AND
MARILYN TESTA
Grosse Pointe Woods

TEACHERS IN THE SUMMERTIME

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

Liggett art teacher ties botany into visual arts

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Jennie Osman loves visiting art galleries. As a visual arts educator for pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade students at University Liggett School, she shares that love with her students. She also is coordinator for the Manoogian Art Gallery, the center of the creative and performing arts program at Liggett.

Osman is an avid visitor to New York museums and often takes advantage of summer to check out the latest exhibits, bringing back to her classroom what she learned. Last summer she was accepted to a week-long art workshop offered by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Guggenheim Museum



COURTESY PHOTO

Jennie Osman during her visit to the Georgia O'Keeffe "Visions of Hawaii" exhibit in New York City.

and Museum of Modern Art.

As a horticulture major at Michigan State University, Osman also loves gardens. She worked several years for Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island as head gardener before

earning a Master of Arts degree in teaching from Wayne State University. She completed her fourth year at Liggett this spring and taught art at Cesar Chavez Academy in Detroit previously.

As soon as school let out

mid-June, Osman headed to New York City to visit several art exhibits. Top on her list was the Georgia O'Keeffe Hawaiian exhibit housed throughout the New York Botanical Gardens for the summer. She also visited the Whitney Museum of American Art.

Each year, Osman said she teaches her students about the oversized O'Keeffe botanical paintings. O'Keeffe also is a focus during her annual kindergarten art show.

According to Osman, the exhibit featured paintings done by O'Keeffe in 1939 when she spent a short time in Hawaii, where she was commissioned by the Hawaiian Pineapple Company — now Dole — to do native tropical

paintings for the company's ad campaigns. The exhibit included her series of paintings, memorabilia from the trip and, because of the venue, a display of tropical Hawaiian flowers in the conservatory.

"A large part of my teaching philosophy is exploration and exposure," Osman said. "I encourage exploration of materials and I expose young artists to as many styles of art, past and present professional artists and art movements as possible throughout their lower school experience."

"Georgia O'Keeffe's artwork can be taught and applied and used as inspiration to my 3-year-olds all the way up to my fifth-graders," she continued. "There are basic

elements of art, such as big simple shapes found in her work, that are concrete and attainable enough for my younger students, but there are also more in-depth concepts, like color theory, proportion and organic shapes for my older students to be inspired by."

Her hope with this summer's visit was "to gain more knowledge on this not-so-known Hawaiian collection and bring more inspiration back to Liggett for the upcoming year." Ideas for next year include using O'Keeffe's Hawaiian series pastel paint palette as inspiration for teaching paint mixing and O'Keeffe's selection of Hawaiian flowers and plants as inspiration for teaching realistic drawing and painting.

Voting no on bond

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Jay Hackleman and Margot Parker have a message for fellow Grosse Pointe residents — vote no on the school bond.

Both are Grosse Pointe Park residents with a long-time interest in serving their community. Both have spent decades in the Pointes — 40 years for Hackleman and 50 for Parker, though she clarifies, "I didn't grow up here. I'm a New Yorker." She graduated from Barnard

College in New York City and refers to herself as an East Coaster despite her years in the Pointes.

"I'm a product of the Midwest," said Hackleman. "I went to schools in Illinois and Indiana and Iowa and Michigan."

Both raised their families in Grosse Pointe Park and sent their children to Grosse Pointe schools. And both serve on Grosse Pointe Park's tax assessment board of review. It's in this capacity they hear concerns

from fellow residents on high property taxes.

"We're involved in the community," said Parker. "The other aspect is because we're on that assessment board, we have a great sense of what people in the Park at least feel about their tax situation. When they come to us about their assessments, we can't do anything about the tax, but we can listen to them about their assessed value."

"When people come to see Margot and me, they're mad because their taxes are too high," Hackleman said.

Concern over rising taxes is one reason they say they oppose the \$111 million critical needs infrastructure bond referendum on the ballot for the November election. Mistrust of the process is another.

"Less than 25 percent of your total tax bill goes to Grosse Pointe Park," said Parker. "When you look at your tax bill — not so much the summer tax, but the winter tax — it has this laundry list of stuff which is what I take to the review board."

"They're all great, but they stack up," said Hackleman.

A better option than raising taxes, in Hackleman's view, is to address declining enrollment by closing buildings.

"Pristine facilities are not going to solve our problem," he said. "We've got an elephant in the room. It's declining enrollment. It's unstoppable. And you can ignore that if you want to and then import students (through open enrollment), or raise the taxes because there's no other way to do it, or you can deal with the facility issues and it would be a huge ongoing savings there and just get a burden off the books."

As to which buildings to close, Hackleman said, "There's an easy answer to that and the people that have all the facts were in this so-called blue ribbon committee which was stacked with insiders and they were guided in a way to resolving that."

The administration building on 389 St. Clair is one possibility, along with Barnes Early Childhood Center, Hackleman said.

Parker said she did not choose to be part of the blue ribbon facilities committee "because I figured it was going to be a

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Prize winners

The Alliance Française of Grosse Pointe held its annual Distribution de Prix, a reception to honor high school students who have excelled in French language classes.

Honored at The War

Memorial May 31, were students from De La Salle Collegiate High School, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools, Regina High School and University Liggett School.

In keeping with an old French tradition, 16 students received merit certificates and books. In addition, scholarships were awarded to students nominated by their teachers more than once during their four years of high school.

This year's recipients were Chase Warren from

Grosse Pointe North and Karina Minanov from Liggett. Cole Tobola from De La Salle received the Danielle DeFauw Scholarship for having been nominated four consecutive years.

In addition to recognizing students, Distribution de Prix Chairwoman Amal El-Hosni acknowl-

edged their teachers.

"You work tirelessly with your students and instill in them a love of the language and a curiosity about different cultures," she said. "Thank you for helping raise citizens of the world."

The Alliance Française is the largest network of French language and cul-

tural centers in the world. Its mission is to promote knowledge and appreciation of the French language and Francophone cultures and to encourage friendship and collaboration with the French-speaking world. The Grosse Pointe chapter was founded in 1970.

— Mary Anne Brush

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whitewash. I could have volunteered for it and I chose not to because I've done this before and it's like whistling in the wind. Unfortunately, they tend to have a preordained agenda and so it's cloaked in having this community input, but they (the school administration) stage the input."

She said she served on a strategic planning committee years ago, adding, "We've been involved in these things for lo these many years. The characters have changed, but not the mindset."

Her chief concern is the remaining debt from the 2002 bond.

"We still owe \$28 million on this proposal and they want to dump \$110 million on top of it? It's unconscionable."

In her view, new construction from the previous bond only increased operating costs.

"When you have construction, there's always operating costs of running a structure," she said. "They chose to ignore the maintenance and so now you have built up over time these incredibly terrible situations that when they did the tour, this is what they

showed people. How did (they) let it get like that?"

While Parker did not go on any tours during town halls hosted at each school building, she said she saw the pictures.

"I live in an old house. We know what's involved. You have to keep up with things. You just can't let it be deferred, because it only gets worse. Especially water damage. ... It's not to say it shouldn't be done, it's to say have they addressed it, are they addressing it, will they continue to address it, or will they just use this money cattywampus?"

Parker said she also didn't understand the claim the schools aren't secure.

"I went over to Pierce (Middle School) the other day and you can't get in the door. You have to (identify) yourself. You have to press the button and they want to know who you are and you go in and you have to go into the office. You can't wander around the halls because people are watching. It's not free access."

"You've got these ongoing costs," said Hackleman. "If you have a TV screen, who's going to be watching the monitor? If you have a guard there, then you have to staff it. I don't think that's part of the bond, but there are

going to be more costs down the road for these other things.

"If our schools weren't safe, there are 5,000 families who wouldn't be letting their kids go there today," he added.

Nor are they swayed by the walkable neighborhood schools concept touted by the blue ribbon facilities committee, pointing out the heavy traffic near local schools during drop-off time.

Parker said she supported the 2002 bond "because you need to update and fix your buildings. But as I said, there is still \$28 million out there in outstanding debt."

While neither supported the \$50.2 million bond proposal for technology that failed in February 2014, Parker said she would support a bond "if there was a regular plan that everybody understood and not this gobbledygook."

"I think we've got to look at capacity and not just utilization," Hackleman said. "We're not operating anywhere near capacity and we have brick and mortar that would sustain 1,000 more students and who knows, in 13 years, we might be down 1,000 more students and we need to address that."

"I think they have to go back to the drawing board and come up with some-

thing that is going to appease the community," said Parker. "I would hope that they would really address maintenance. Who runs their maintenance? How do they handle their maintenance? What are their priorities? They're all over the board."

Regarding parameters established by the Board of Education to identify future closures, "It boils down to 'trust me,'" Hackleman said. "And frankly, I don't trust them."

He encouraged others to come forward with their concerns and contact him.

"I'm in the White Pages," he said. "I'm findable."

Parker urged residents to pay attention to what is happening locally.

"In Washington, you can go crazy over that and you can go crazy over Lansing. But not enough people know what's going on in their own community. We do have a closer say here on how our money is spent. ... We can do something about what's going on in our community. And that's with our (city) councils and with our school board. I think it's a very salient role the Grosse Pointe News has to get that message to the community so they do know their voices count, their voice is heard and they can make a difference."

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the district requesting on the ballot?

On Nov. 6, 2018, voters in the Grosse Pointe Public School System will be asked to consider a bond not to exceed \$111,040,000 for specific facility needs as explored in the 16 Town Halls. These focus on keeping students safe, warm and dry.

What does this mean to me?

1 mill is 1/1000 of the home's taxable value. Taxable value is roughly half the market value. This bond is for approximately 1.5 mills.

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What happens if voters turn down the bond?

If voters turn down this proposal, future costs of repairs to buildings would have to come out of the district's general fund budget, which is the main operating fund for students' instructional needs, including all staffing.

What about the sale of buildings or grounds?

GPPSS continues to investigate potential sale or lease of buildings to right-size the district for current and future enrollment. The Board of Education, Blue Ribbon Facilities Committee and each of the 16 Town Halls looked at enrollment projections and building utilization as well as possible lease rates, sale prices and operational costs. The sale of the properties would not be sufficient to meet the urgent repair and/or replacement needs throughout the district on an ongoing, long-term basis.

Why now?

The average age of district buildings is 77 years. The district chose the November election for transparency and to eliminate special election costs.

— from gpschools.org

Correction

In "Saying yes to the bond" in the July 12 issue, it should have stated the 2002 bond is due in 2027, not 2020. As of June 30, the total bonded indebtedness is \$30,110,000 for 2007 refunding bonds and 2017 refunding bonds.

Perspectives from Better Schools, Safer Schools, Stronger Community committee members in support of the bond appeared in the July 12 issue of the Grosse Pointe News. For more information on the bond, go to gpschools.org.

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What's old is new again City couple restore, reopen historic Detroit Club

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Several months have passed since real estate investors Emre and Lynn Uralli reopened the venerable Detroit Club. Since then they've seen a healthy response from the Grosse Pointe community they call home.

The City of Grosse Pointe residents have done their fair share of remodels, but the Detroit Club was their biggest project to date.

"We've done a lot of historical homes — a lot of Mizner-style houses in West Palm Beach," Lynn Uralli said. "We've done a lot of buildings, but nothing to the extent of this."

Former owners of the David Stott Building, the Urallis purchased the Detroit Club in 2013, from club members Nick and Lorna Abram, co-owners of Woodward Parking Co. Inc. Only a dozen or so members still used the building at the time, Uralli said.

They spent four years restoring and renovating the 1891 building.

"We did not have a plan," Uralli said. "We owned the Stott building and then sold it. We needed a place to call home for our business, rather than at our home in Grosse Pointe."

"But it had to have the right character," she continued. "There are only a few buildings that compare. This building, I've always wanted to get into it. We bought it the same day, closed in five days. It was a natural thing — to slowly start to renovate without a master plan."

The Urallis did their



The club's lounge features several pieces of furniture that were part of the club's past.



An antique letter-writing table from the club's early days.



This private dining room seats up to 12.

best to restore as much as they could, considering the building's rich history. They approached the project with a goal of keeping the natural integrity of the building intact.

They started on the Grille Room, which includes the club's original hardwood floors, bar and woodwork. Uralli found chairs piled up in the basement; she had them reupholstered and they now serve as seating in the Grille Room.

Other rooms on the club's first floor include a great room popular

among original members, said Detroit Club controller, Adriana Sarti.

"The furniture was reupholstered or Lynn selected new furniture to fit with the flow of the building," Sarti said, adding the room includes original hardwood floors and furniture, as well as the building's only working fireplace. "Even things that were restored and not changed needed updating and TLC."

Off the great room, guests will find the library.

"Lynn locked up the

books she found here, so they could be preserved," Sarti said.

Above the fireplace hangs a reproduction of Frederick Remington's "Cutting Out Pony Herds."

"An original Remington used to hang there," Sarti said. The painting was purchased by the club in 1912, but, "when the downturn in the economy happened in the '70s, the club needed repairs and funds to continue operating, so it sold the Remington."

During club operations, tablets and laptops may be used in the library; however, cell-phone use is restricted to one of four old-fashioned phone booths, which are found on the first and second floors.

"We ask guests not to



The library features a replica of a Remington painting that formerly hung in the same spot.

speak on their phones in the dining room," Sarti said. "So they can go in a booth where it's private and quiet and there's a fan."

The building's second floor houses staff offices and the grand ballroom, which accommodates up to 120 seated guests at round tables. The room at one time hosted art exhibitions. It is situated in one of the building's turrets, so the window panes and frames are arched — a unique feature of the club.

Smaller rooms are available for meetings, showers, parties or luncheons.

The third floor boasts the "jewel of the building," the presidential ballroom, which accommodates up to 150 guests. Four past presidents are confirmed to have dined here — Franklin Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and Hoover.

While much of the room was renovated in 1920, the lights are original.

"They were first candles, then oil lamps," Sarti said of the chandeliers. "Now they're electric."

The wood in the ballroom was hand-carved in 1920, and though the Urallis tried to renovate as much as they could, the dance floor was damaged beyond repair and had to be replaced.

To the side of the ballroom is a staging room, used for cocktails before an event in the main ballroom.

The first, second and much of the third floor

all were restored through the Urallis' efforts. The remainder of the third floor, all of the fourth floor and the basement were part of extensive reconstruction.

"This building was originally built for the Detroit Club — it never housed anything else," Sarti said. "It was all men. It was all meeting rooms, gathering rooms and smoking rooms."

Added Uralli, "There were a lot of animal heads and empty bottles of scotch around here."

The third floor now includes a temperature-controlled wine cellar with a capacity of nearly 700 bottles, "so members and guests can see the wine and choose their own bottle," Sarti said.

The third-floor kitchen runs the length of the building, Sarti said, and is led by Executive Chef Kirk McKinney.

A billiards/game room on the third floor houses a slate pool table as well as a drafting table — both among dozens of original pieces left in the building.

"Who only knows what was drawn on this, given the caliber of people that were here," Sarti said.

Just down the hall, a cigar bar was built where a bridge used to connect the club to the former Free Press building.

"Everything you see is brand new," Sarti said. "This was a vacant tunnel. Now it's the Uralli Cigar Lounge. ... We do

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The Detroit Club: A rich history

The Detroit Club was formed Oct. 11, 1882, by attorney Samuel T. Douglas and banker James Campbell, who decided the area needed a club where local businessmen could fraternize and talk about business.

Founding membership consisted of 10 businessmen, who gathered at a rented house on Lafayette. They quickly recruited 100 more members, among them former Michigan governor Russell A. Alger, Michigan Telephone Co. founder Hugh McMillan and real estate magnate James B. Book.

Less than a decade later, the club hired architect Wilson Eyre to design a new building — a four-story brick and stone Romanesque Revival completed in 1891.

At 135 years old, the Detroit Club is Detroit's oldest private social club. Notable guests who've entertained at the club include Presidents Harry S. Truman, Herbert Hoover and Franklin D.

Roosevelt, as well as Prince William of Sweden, The Duke of Windsor, Charles Lindbergh, John D. Rockefeller and Edward G. Robinson.

Notable past members include John Bagley, Charles L. Freer, Christian Buhl, Hazen Pingree, Edsel B. Ford, Henry Ford, Walter P. Chrysler, Ransom E. Olds and James W. Packard.

The Detroit Club was at the epicenter of numerous pivotal events affecting Detroit's and the nation's economic growth, consumerism and industrialism. In 1902, the Automobile Club of Detroit was formed during a series of meetings at the club. After an extensive series of meetings 1944 to '45, Henry Ford II regained control of Ford Motor Co. from Harry Bennett while hosting mediations at the club. Later, Lee Iacocca used the club to launch his campaign to restore the Statue of Liberty and develop Ellis Island into a museum.



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Marking a milestone

City of Grosse Pointe resident Jean Gilbert turned 100 Sunday, June 1. Gilbert's family had two parties for her and Services for Older Citizens hosted another. At SOC, Gilbert got a cake and was presented with a flag that was flown over the nation's capital at the request of Sen. Debbie Stabenow in gratitude of Gilbert's service in the U.S. Women's Army Air Corps during World War II and in celebration of her 100th birthday.

Gilbert said she was thrilled to receive a letter in the mail from former President Barack Obama, written May 8, 2018, sending his best wishes for a happy 100th birthday and telling her that over the course of a century she has made extraordinary memories and woven her unique story into the American narrative. Obama went on to write, "You are part

of a generation who summoned the compassion and strength to guide our nation through some of our greatest challenges and triumphs."

Monday, July 2, City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Chris Boettcher visited Gilbert at her home.

"This is wonderful," Gilbert said. "It is such an honor to have the mayor at my house."

Boettcher and Gilbert talked for a while. Boettcher asked about Gilbert's ancestry and Gilbert shared stories about her military service and raising her children in a house in the City.

"You sure have lived a full life," Boettcher said.

When asked what her secret was to living 100 years, Gilbert said, "Working hard, having family support, eating a doughnut or something sweet daily and keeping my fingers crossed."

— Renee Landuyt



Gilbert sits with her daughters, Charlene, left, and Kathryn.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Chris Boettcher heard Jean Gilbert has a sweet tooth, so he brought her a cupcake during his visit.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, presents "Success with Succulents," 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 19. Tickets are \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. Visit fordhouse.org to make a reservation.

The Ford House offers house and grounds tours 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 27. Tours of the grounds only are offered 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 31. Tickets are available online only at fordhouse.org.

The Ford House presents "Art in the Meadow," a watercolor painting workshop, Saturday, July 28, led by Beth Gauthier from Rainy Day Art Supply. Artists of any level, ages 16 and older, are welcome. Visit fordhouse.org.

Libraries

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

◆ Tween Craft: Art Lab, 2 to 3 p.m. Friday, July 27, for ages 11 to

13. **Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park (313) 821-8830**

◆ Hummingbirds Music Together, for newborns to age 5, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Monday, July 23. Registration is required.

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

◆ Drop-in summer story time, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 25.

◆ Family Drive-in Movie, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 26, "Coco."

SOC

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

◆ Full Circle Garden Growers Farmers Market, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, through September.

◆ Senior Real Estate Workshop, 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, through July 31. Reservations are required. Remaining topics include "Getting up to Speed with the new Housing Options," July

24; and "Making Your Real Estate Transition Successful, Not Stressful," July 31.

◆ The premiere of a series of short films by SOC volunteer Harry Burkey, starring SOC participants, takes place 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 20. Food and refreshments are included. Charity donations are accepted. For information, call Burkey at (313) 885-1393.

◆ Artist Lounge: "Sunrise Sail," 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 25. Cost is \$20.

◆ "Keeping You Fit at Home — Fall Prevention and Fall Recovery Strategies," 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, with physical therapist Keith Finley.

◆ "Creating Confident Caregivers," 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 26 to Aug. 30, with Carolyn Van Dorn of Nursing Unlimited.

◆ The movie "Wonder" is shown 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, July 27. Cost is \$2.

◆ Ask the Therapist, 9:15 to 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month, beginning Aug. 7.

◆ August birthday celebrations, 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 9. Those with August birthdays are invited for a free lunch, birthday cake and keepsake photo.

◆ "Keeping you Fit at Home — Core Strengthening Exercises," with physical therapist Keith Finley, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 9. Registration is required for all of these classes. Call (313) 882-9600.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, July 20, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday, July 20, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 1 to 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

To register, visit redcrossblood.org.

Toastmasters

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

Senior Men

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 24, at the War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. World War II historian John Wukovits speaks. All men age 55 and older are welcome to attend. Jackets are requested. Lunch is \$15. Visit seniormensclubofgrossepointe.com for event and membership information.

Skin care

A free educational skin care class for teens and adults takes place 2 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at Choices Bath & Body, 17112 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Call (586) 262-6288 or visit choicesbathandbody.com.

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Lakeshore Optimists aim to help kids

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe may take the summers off from formal meetings, but its social gatherings are going strong.

Next up, the group hosts a chicken roast picnic 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, at Osius Park. Cost is \$25 per couple, \$15 for individuals, plus a dish to pass. Guests are welcome.

Later this month, Texas Hold 'Em tourna-

ments begin.

The tournaments, plus membership dues, allow the club to support and sponsor numerous organizations throughout the year — including Full Circle Foundation, Toys for Tots, The Family Center, The Lake House and several others — as well as activities like the Grosse Pointe Farms Fishing Rodeo.

"It's a social and charitable organization," said Ken Mokray, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident and club member. "The focus is helping kids."

June, the group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at The War Memorial. Meetings begin 7:30 a.m. and last no longer than an hour.

"Speakers come in and address the group," Mokray said. Past guests have included representatives from Pingree Farms, Detroit Horse Power and Wigs 4 Kids. "We're introduced to all these groups who are doing something for the community."

The group also sponsors annual programs, including Youth

Appreciation Awards, Optimist Oratorical Contest, Respect for Law Program and Coats for the Cold Clothing Collection.

"We're looking to do a signature project that our name is associated with," Mokray said, "but we haven't settled on anything."

The group also has made an effort to attract grants to help even more children.

"We see ourselves, if we can get some grants, to be a retail-level distributor to smaller foundations in the

community," Mokray said. "We're trying to position ourselves in that arena. Grants will help us make a bigger impact."

The club also is hoping to make a bigger impact with increased membership. A fairly new member himself, Mokray said the club is a great group of nice people with a common goal.

"Coming from the outside, I think there's a lot of these organizations that have a commitment to the community to become engaged to do things," said Mokray,

who hails from New York. "The impediments are that people are busy or they don't know about them."

"This is a way to give back to the community," he continued. "Everyone is rowing in the same direction — to help the kids. ... I joined because I wanted to give back to the community and as a way of meeting people (who are) like-minded."

Anyone with questions or interest in joining the group should call President David Franks at (248) 894-5665 or visit lakeshoreoptimist.com.

New features at The Village Sidewalk Sale

There is more to love at The Village's annual Sidewalk Sale, this year Friday, July 27, and Saturday, July 28. Adding to the once-a-year sales and discounts are extended hours, an art fair and a special Friday night edition of Music on the Plaza.

Sidewalk Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. July 27, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 28.

The two-day sale offers special sales pricing, unique offers and giveaways from Village merchants and businesses. Participating retailers offer significant discounts off regular

prices on end-of-season merchandise, as well as items for special purchase exclusively during the two-day sale.

In addition to great shopping, dozens of Michigan artists display and sell artwork at the art fair along Kercheval.

Friday night, July 27, The Sun

Messengers take the stage 7 to 8:30 p.m. on St. Clair at Kercheval. The rain location is Maire Elementary School, as with all Music on the Plaza concerts. Find weather updates and venue changes at facebook.com/thevillagegrossepointe.

Kercheval will be closed to

automobile traffic during sale hours. Parking is available at public parking lots and The Village parking structure. Parking information also is available at thevillagegp.com.

The Sidewalk Sale is supported by Genesis Automotive Group.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Susan Fell

Finding the right balance for children during summertime

Q: I feel like my kids are over-scheduled, even in the summer, but when they have down time, all they want to do is use their devices or play video games, which I like to avoid as much as possible. How can I have the best of both — an active schedule with appropriate, quality down time?

A: As parents, we want the best for our children, but we sometimes forget to teach them how balance and healthy stress management play into a successful life.

Our society does not promote or reward laziness. Efficiency, expertise and over-involvement are highly promoted. We expect much from ourselves and our children; it's easy to fall into the comparison trap and feel pressure to overextend by signing up for multiple activities, teams, clubs, volunteering, etc.

The truth is quality time cannot exist with a quantity of time.

As our children grow they begin to experiment with ways to balance fun and work, while becoming increasingly independent. Learning to balance social and academic pressures, with busy schedules, is a challenging but necessary life skill. They will look to parents for guidance and encouragement. Listed below are ways parents can help their children achieve a healthy balance in a variety of ways:

- ◆ When considering activities, discuss time commitments, costs and requirements of each.
- ◆ Encourage children to prioritize their choices and set limits on the number they participate in.
- ◆ Discourage comparing themselves to peers or siblings. Individual ability to manage multiple activities differs from person to person.
- ◆ Create a family calendar.
- ◆ Hold weekly family meetings to improve communication and opportunities for decision making and activity planning.

Video games and other technology can be used in healthy ways to reduce stress and for enjoyment; however, like all other activities, time on devices should be used in moderation. Parents can help children schedule appropriate time for physical activity, family, friends, schoolwork and use of technology.

Recognizing stress

and making adjustments in our hectic lives is important and can be critical to lifelong emotional and physical health. If your children complain they are over-extended or stressed, listen. Allow them to change or reduce activities when they need to, even if you believe they have potential.

They may not notice

when they are experiencing overload. Watch for signs of stress (irritability, changes in sleep or eating habits, repeated illness, lower grades, etc.) and make appropriate changes.

Model healthy levels of work, recreation, family and community involvement yourself. Remember, success should not only be mea-

sured by how much you do, but by how happy you are doing it. Teach your children the same.

Susan Fell CSW, has served students 19 years at Brownell and Parcels middle schools in the Grosse Pointe Public School System as a school social worker. GPPSS is a member of the Family Center's Association of familycenterweb.org.

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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.

Valerie Arlene Van Note

Valerie Arlene Van Note, nee Lewis, peacefully passed away from lung cancer Thursday, July 12, 2018, in Stow, Ohio. She was 78.

Valerie was born Oct. 5, 1939, in East Lansing, to Earl and Arlene Lewis. She was the second of their three daughters. Valerie was predeceased by her parents; youngest child, Victoria Marver in 2007, and more recently, dear husband of 57 years, David P. Van Note in May 2017.

Valerie graduated from Sexton High School in Lansing and regaled her family with stories from her high school days. She earned an associate's degree in accounting from Wayne County Community College. She worked in patients accounts in a local hospital before passing the Series 7 Exam and becoming a stockbroker.

Valerie will be deeply missed by her sisters, Sandra Fenner and Kandy Byington (Monty). She also will be dearly missed by her children and grandchildren: son, Matthew P. Van Note, wife, Kate, and their children, David P. Van Note II and Madeline A. Van Note; son, Christopher L. Van Note; daughter, Elizabeth Labick and her daughters, Kathleen T. Labick and Kimberly E. Labick; and Victoria's family, husband, Rodney A. Marver, and their children, Camryn A. Marver and Maxwell A. Marver. There also are dozens of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends who will remember her well.

Val was a lifelong artist and supporter of the arts. She sewed, knitted, crazy quilted, embroidered traditional style and silk-ribbon style, sculpted, dabbled in multi-media pieces, painted and quilted. She enjoyed travel, visiting Africa, Alaska, China, England, France, Greece, Morocco and, of course, "Up North" Michigan, and more. She generously chaired and participated in fundraisers; knitting mittens for children, making IV angel dolls, sewing quilts for troubled children and decorating bras to raise funds for cancer research. Val was a great friend, gifted hostess and creative party planner. She joy-

fully sang off key, loved musicals and was an avid reader. She challenged herself and those around her to experience and learn more.

She loved being a mother to all four children, including involvement in their scouting, classroom parties, field trips, recitals, sports games and prom events. Her six grandchildren all know how to play Yahtzee and have heard of Doris Day because of her. Val's energy and drive were unbounded; her smile dazzling and infectious.

Donations may be made to a local art center in her name, or the family suggests sending flowers to a loved one instead of flowers to Val's service.

A funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, July 21, at St. Joseph's Cemetery, 2520 W. Willow Street, Lansing. Her children will host a celebration of Val's life immediately following the service. Directions will be provided at the chapel service.

The family is being served by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, East Lansing.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at greastlansing.com.

Matthew Ireton

Matthew Ireton, 58, passed away Sunday, July 1, 2018.

Matthew was born July 14, 1959, to Donna and Jim Ireton. He was a 1977 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

A fisherman, rock collector, animal lover, gardener and sportsman, Matthew knew a vast amount about many things. "The Cabin" and "Up North" were his favorite destinations. Prowling the woods was a treasure, too, especially at morel mushroom time.

Matthew is survived by his mother, Donna; brothers, Mark and Mitchell; and sister, Marsha. He was predeceased by his father, Jim, and brother, Martin.

His family and many friends will miss his creative spark and delightful humor.

The scattering of ashes and a private memorial service will be at a future date.

Gregory Vernon Aljets

Gregory Vernon Aljets, 69, passed away Saturday, July 14, 2018, surrounded by family.

He was raised in Grosse Pointe Woods and was a 1967 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. He was a Vietnam veteran who suffered many years from the effects of Agent Orange. Greg worked at General Dynamics 20 years and took a medical retirement in 1996.

Greg will be missed by his wife of 48 years, Marie (nee Clifford); daughter, Carrie Smith (Brian); sister, Sharon Smith and mother, Mildred (age 102), as well as many other loving relatives and friends.

Visitation is 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 24, at Adragna Obarzanek Funeral Home, 33250 Ryan, Sterling Heights. Rosary recitation is at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 25, at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church-St. Germaine Campus, 28301 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Interment with Military honors is in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

Donations may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen at cskdetroit.org.

Raymond Wesley Scott

Raymond Wesley Scott, 87, of HarborChase in Sterling Heights, passed away peacefully Thursday, June 21, 2018, in Clinton Township, after a valiant fight with Alzheimer's and dementia.

Raymond was born July 5, 1930, in Detroit, to Ernest C. and Della Mae (nee Timmons) Scott.

He was predeceased by the love of his life, Lois D. Scott; son, David Scott; stepson, Robert S. Mangus Jr. and brother, William Scott, who passed away at a young age.

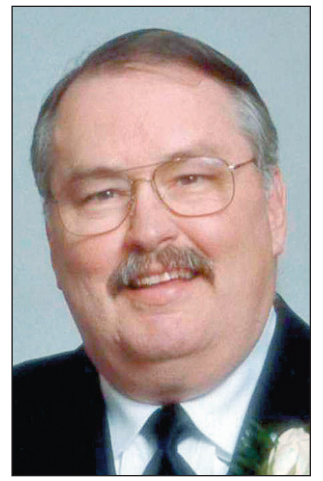
Raymond is survived by daughters, Deanna Scott and Jennifer Naife (Paul); sons, Michael Scott (Elaina) and Gerald Scott (Ramon); stepdaughters, Beth DeRyckere, Deborah Connelly (Leo) and Wendy Biernat; stepsons, Mark Mangus (Kay), Kevin Mangus (Andrea) and Ross Mangus; and many



Valerie Arlene Van Note



Matthew Ireton



Gregory Vernon Aljets



Raymond Wesley Scott



Dennis William Hickey



Daniel Patrick Raymond

Dennis William Hickey

Dennis William Hickey, 79, died Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

Dennis grew up in Detroit, where he worked with his mother, who owned a local market near St. David Catholic Church. He never regretted bypassing extra-curricular activities to work in the family business.

Dennis graduated from De La Salle Collegiate High School and earned Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Business Administration degrees from the University of Detroit. He was an executive with Sears, from which he retired after 36 years of service. He was an active member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe.

Dennis was a gregarious man, known to do kind things for others. He will be remembered for his dedication to his family, friends and faith.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 55 years, Peggy; daughters, Lynn Stacey and Denise Hickey; beloved grandsons, Andrew Stacey and Dennis Burmeister, who were the light of his life; siblings, Dick Hickey Sr. Colleen Hickey SSJ and Mary Jean Dailey and many nieces and nephews, including Kathy Falk, who was like a daughter to him.

A memorial gathering will be 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 20, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, followed by the funeral Mass at noon.

Donations may be made to the Capuchin

Monastery, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 are appreciated.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Daniel Patrick Raymond

Daniel Patrick Raymond, 39, passed away Monday, July 9, 2018, at the home of his family in Oscoda.

He was born June 10, 1979, in Detroit, to Richard and Mary Catherine Raymond and grew up on the east side of Detroit and in Grosse Pointe Woods. He graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1997 and attended Michigan State University on an academic scholarship.

Danny enjoyed playing sports, quoting his favorite movies, making others laugh and spending time with family and friends — especially his younger sister.

He is survived by his father, Richard; brother, Eric; sister, Rebecca; 16 loving aunts and uncles; 39 cousins and countless friends.

He was predeceased by his beloved mother, Cathy; and grandparents, Frank and Nancy McCabe and Clarence and Patricia Raymond.

He will be deeply missed.

A funeral service was July 14 at Grace Community Church, Detroit.

Donations in Dan's memory may be made to the My Father's Business Ministry at Grace Community Church, gracewired.com/outreach/our-city/my-fathers-business/; or Soar Detroit at soardetroit.com.

SOC program helps caregivers avoid burnout

Caregiving can bring many positives to one's life, but it can also take a toll, both physically and emotionally. Without finding a balance between caring for a loved one and maintaining one's own mental, physical and emotional health, there's risk of developing what's known as caregiver burnout.

"Feeling exhausted, unmotivated, constantly frustrated and forgetful, as well as having problems at work or with relationships, are all signs of caregiver burnout," said Deb Miller, assistant executive director at Services for Older Citizens.

Caregiver burnout not only can interfere with the ability to

care for a loved one, but it's a leading contributor to placement of that person in a nursing home. It's also risky to one's own health, raising the risk of chronic depression, hypertension, diabetes, stroke and premature death.

"It is important to have life balance between caring for loved ones and caring for yourself," said Carolyn Van Dorn, facilitator of the Creating Confident Caregivers program at SOC.

It helps to know when a break is needed and what to do if a caregiver is close to depleting their emotional, mental and physical reserves.

The Creating Confident Caregivers program is a universal-caregiver-tested program proven to be effective in reducing the stress experienced by family members or others caring for someone with Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss. CCC is designed to increase knowledge, skills and the outlook of caregivers.

The six-week program runs 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 26 to Aug. 30, at SOC, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Workshop basics

The workshop and materials are free of charge. The program provides caregivers with

information and tools in four main areas:

- ◆ Managing Daily Life
 - ◆ Managing Behavior
 - ◆ Managing Your Own Well Being
 - ◆ Managing Resources
- In the workshop, caregivers will learn to:
- ◆ Reduce the stress of giving care,
 - ◆ Improve confidence as a caregiver,
 - ◆ Increase knowledge and understanding of Alzheimer's, dementia and memory loss,
 - ◆ Understand behaviors,
 - ◆ Handle everyday activities easier,
 - ◆ Develop techniques to

assist the person being cared for,

- ◆ Improve outlook as a caregiver and
- ◆ Make time to care for oneself.

The workshop is available to family members providing primary care for a spouse, parent, relative or significant other who is experiencing Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss and living at home; family members assisting the primary caregiver with caregiving activities; and non-family members acting as caregivers.

To register for CCC, call Van Dorn at (313) 642-1122.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul Evangelical

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of Bible and book studies. Newcomers are welcome.

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

Peace 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 the first Thursday

of each month in the Bethany Room.

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts "Spirit and Sandals," a worship service on the lawn, 10 a.m. Sunday, July 29. A potluck picnic follows.

St. Ambrose hosts miracle guest

Paula Medina Zarate, who was miraculously healed through the intercession of Blessed Solanus Casey, will speak and take questions following a 7 p.m. Mass and blessing of the sick Tuesday, July 24, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

Joining Zarate will be her parish pastor, Father Jozef Timmers, OFM Cap., the Capuchin friar

who encouraged her to pray to Father Solanus.

Zarate will be in Detroit to participate in a novena leading to the first celebration of the Feast of Blessed Solanus Monday, July 30.

A retired teacher, she traveled from her home in Panama to Detroit in 2012 to pray at the tomb of Father Solanus. During this time of prayer she received a life-changing, miracu-

lous cure from ichthyosis, a skin condition that causes the skin to become dry and scaly.

All are invited to attend the event. The full schedule for the novena and feast day activities is available at solanuscasey.org/feast.

For more information about the July 24 event at St. Ambrose, call (313) 822-2814 or email stambrose@comcast.net.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Jim Rizer

Quite a rescue

Earlier this month we were captivated by the account of the 12 boys and their soccer coach trapped in the flooded cave in Mae Sai, Thailand. The story first broke internationally as the missing team was discovered in the cave. The drama built as we learned about the challenges ranging from narrow points in the cave to the boys' inability to swim. The situation was described as impossible.

We watched as an international team of diving experts assembled and a plan was devised to make a way and lead the boys out of the cave. The boys heard of the plan and needed to respond in faith that the plan and the rescuers could save them from the pit. Our hearts raised as we heard the first two boys had been delivered from the cave. Over two more days, the entire group was rescued. This is the good news story of the year.

In many ways, this is like the biblical rescue account.

Like the team, we have wandered off and find ourselves trapped in a circumstance in which we are powerless, lacking the ability to free ourselves. Our

choices and sin have entrapped us in a proverbial cave of our own wayward exploration, a situation from inside the entrapment which seems impossible.

Then we get a glimpse of hope. "When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, 'Who then can be saved?' But Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible'" (Matt. 19: 25-26).

Like the deliverance of the boys, God had a plan and makes a way by sending a rescuer who has abilities and power that are needed. Jesus enters into human history and comes to where we are and offers deliverance, forgiveness and freedom (Romans 5: 6-9).

Like the boys, the only thing that stands between us and freedom is acting on faith that God's plan and the rescuer, Jesus Christ, can truly save (Romans 10: 13).

This is the good news. God loves you too much to leave you entrapped and did everything necessary by sending Jesus to set you free.

Rizer is the pastor of Living Hope Church. Visit livinghopeec.org.



Paula Medina Zarate, escorted by two Capuchin friars, at the Beatification Ceremony for Blessed Solanus Casey in Detroit last November.



2018 board members include, front row, from left, Carolyn Barth, Roseanne Horne, Aleksa Andjelovic and Ross Braun; and back row, from left, Mary Ellen Burke, Bette LePouttre, Marya Malkovich, Dorothea Williams, Myra Golden and Laura McCourt. Not pictured is Ellen Chapin.

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Soroptimist installs new board

The 62-member Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe is a volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Newly installed board members for the 2018-20 term are Carolyn Barth, program and service chair; Roseanne Horne, past co-president; Aleksa Andjelovic, president; Ross Braun, past co-president; Mary Ellen Burke, treasurer; Bette LePouttre, assistant treasurer; Marya Malkovich, director; Dorothea Williams, vice president; Myra Golden, director; Laura McCourt, secretary and Ellen Chapin, assistant secretary.

Soroptimist meets 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Anyone is welcome to join.

The Soroptimist calendar for the rest

of this year includes:

◆ "She's Not For Sale," the Stop Traffic 5K, takes place Saturday, Sept. 29, at St. Lucy Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores. It's the first SIGP walk to raise awareness toward stopping human trafficking.

◆ Volunteering with Days For Girls, which sews menstrual hygiene kits for girls in third-world countries.

◆ Volunteering with Positive Images, a therapeutic residential center for women in recovery from substance abuse in Detroit. SIGP provides Mother's Day bags and Christmas baskets, shops for the children's Christmas store and facilitates a parent education program.

◆ Facilitating the Soroptimist "Dream It, Be It" program for high school and/or middle school girls focusing on self esteem and careers.

Visit grossepointesoroptimist.org or find Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe on Facebook.

Clarification

The article, "Mission helps share message of God's love," printed in the July 12 Grosse Pointe News, should

have stated HART missionaries are members of St. Paul on the Lake, Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Joan of Arc and St. Clare Montefalco Catholic churches.

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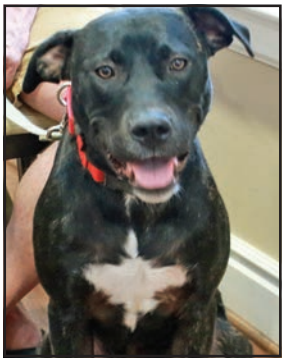
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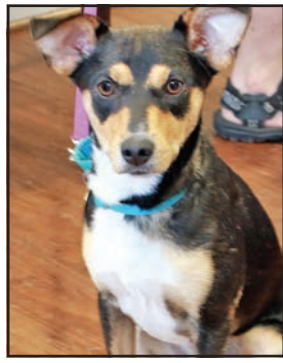
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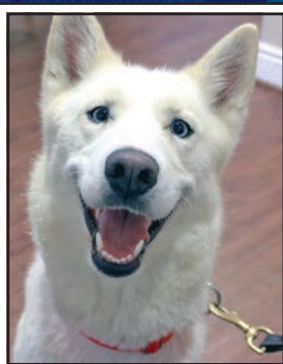
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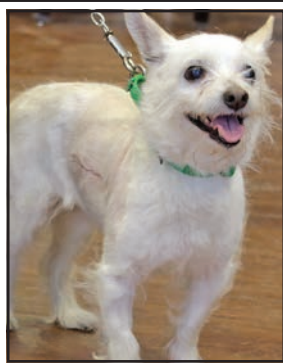
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have quite a few people that come through here.” Forty-six humidors are open for rental as a “nice place for members to stash their cigars,” Sarti said. The humidor is stocked for purchase and has a rotating inventory. The lounge also has a bistro license, allowing food to be served.

The fourth floor of the club was transformed into a boutique hotel. The area used to serve as a gathering space with a couple spartan rooms. Now it houses 10 estate suites — two queen, three king, two luxury king and three executive king, each designed by Uralli.

From colors and patterns to furniture, drapery, upholstery and carpet, each suite has a



One of the club’s unique seating areas — on a landing of the staircase.

unique feel — some masculine and others lighter. Every room has a 55-inch smart TV, in-room safe, temperature controls and Wi-Fi. Each room also has a feature that makes it unique. One room has an outdoor balcony, while another has an atrium skylight, for example.

Rooms currently are open to the public, but will eventually be exclusive to members and

Special guests

The Detroit Club, 712 Cass, Detroit, later this month welcomes Jane Fonda and Detroit native Lily Tomlin, who will stay at the club while promoting their One Fair Wage in Michigan campaign.

During their visit, the duo presents a reception and conversation at the club 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 29, as a benefit for the campaign.

Tickets are \$100 each, or \$250 VIP, which includes a meet-and-greet.

Register at bit.ly/TheDetroitClub or call (313) 338-3222.



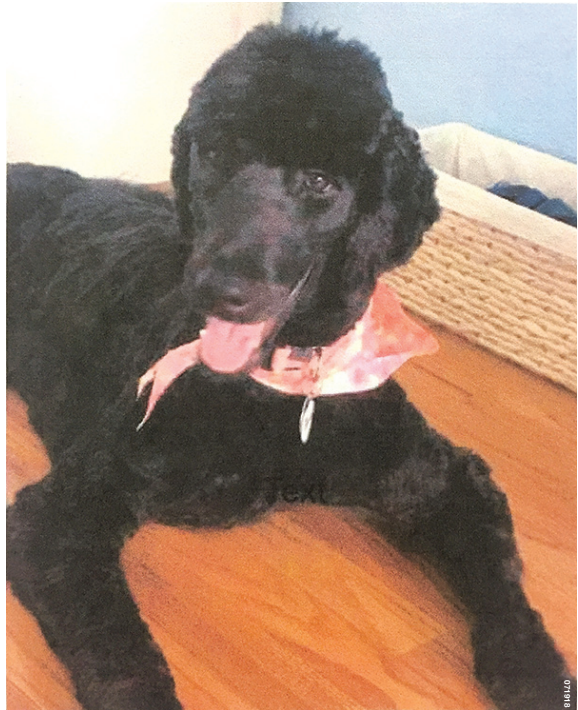
The hot tub, located in the basement-level spa.



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This suite features an atrium skylight.

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their guests. Rates range from \$250 to \$750.

Guests of the hotel are welcome to take the stairs to the basement, which also was renovated.

“Originally, there was a two-lane bowling alley in the basement,” Sarti said. “When Lynn and Emre bought it, the basement was full of storage. It was like a hoarder’s dream. When they started to renovate the basement, they started to pick off the plaster and found the original brick foundation.”

The Urallis turned the basement into SOAK, a spa with a fitness center, massage rooms, hot tub and locker rooms complete with saunas.

“This building lends itself to be a club,” Uralli said. “It was built as a club. It has that functionality. It’s like being in someone’s house — someone’s huge mansion. It really doesn’t lend itself to being anything else.”

Currently, every part of the building — which was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2005 — is open to the public.

“Right now we’re onboarding members,” Uralli said. “Our goal is once we get enough members to sustain ourselves ... we’ll then close to the public.”

Uralli said she’s in the process of building a management team, including President of Membership Jay Lambrecht, of Grosse Pointe-based Lambrecht Realty. She added a lot of Grosse Pointers already have become members.

“We quietly opened this year,” Sarti said. “The city’s rebuilding and Grosse Pointe is right here. There’s a new generation of young hip business people who live in the city and traditional families who live on the border — it’s a nice mix.”

A standard membership is \$250 per month with a \$3,500 entrance fee. Dues are less for people younger than 36 and even less for those in their 20s.

“This building has only ever housed the Detroit Club,” Sarti said. “Every time I walk through the building I see something else that draws my attention.”

“I would probably do it again,” Uralli said. “The first time is the hardest, but you learn a lot.”

For more information, call (313) 338-3222.

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BASEBALL

Playing well

Redbirds 16U earn tournament championship PAGE 2C

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Cross country, track & field

GROSSE POINTE NORTH, GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Local runners head to Aquinas

Ciaravino ready for busy year

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Mike Ciaravino has put his best foot forward in his attempt to athletically compete at the collegiate level.

The 18-year-old Grosse Pointe North graduate is going to run cross-country and track and field at Aquinas College.

He received interest from Saginaw Valley State University, Wayne State University and Macomb Community College, as well, but chose Aquinas.

"I like the school, the campus, and the coaches are good," Ciaravino said. "I know a lot about the program since my brother, Joe, has been on the Aquinas cross country and track teams the past few years. I'm looking forward to having my brother as a college teammate for one year."

Ciaravino put together an impressive senior season at North. He helped the Norsemen boys cross-country team win the Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet title, as well as the Division League Meet near the end of October. He earned the MAC Red Division Most Valuable Player award.

He was also All-Region and All-MAC, and his personal-best time is 15:51. Ciaravino helped the team make the Division I state championship meet at Michigan International Speedway.

"Mike has pushed himself physically more than



PHOTO COURTESY OF DIANE MONTGOMERY

North's Mike Ciaravino finished his high school career as one of the best-ever to run for the Norsemen.

any athlete I have coached," said North boys cross-country head coach Diane Montgomery. "He has a tremendous heart and always wants to race as hard as he can for his team and for the pure love of competition. He has and receives a lot of respect from his competitors and their coaches in the MAC Red. He is a true competitor in the sense that win or lose, he always wants it to be a good race."

As a freshman, his best time was 16:58, and he lowered it to 16:49 as a sophomore, 16:06 as a junior and finished with the 15:51. His 15:51 is the third fastest at North in the past 30 years. Joe Ciaravino is No. 5 on the list at 15:59, and an older brother, Daniel Ciaravino, is No. 9 at 16:21.

"He really cares about others, and he helps his teammates push each other," his father and assistant cross-country coach Joe Ciaravino said.

Mike Ciaravino

received custom workouts from the Aquinas coaching staff. They are designed to increase his physical strength, as well as his endurance since college cross-country courses are longer than those in high school.

He worked hard in the winter to prepare himself for his final track and field season as a Norseman.

He made the state championship meet in the 1,600-meter run. His personal best times in the mile and two-mile are 4:25 and 9:42. Those times are in the top 5 in school history.

One thing his parents, Joe and Linda, know is their son excels at time management.

"I know majoring in biology and competing in a sport will not be easy at Aquinas, but I feel I can work hard at time management," Ciaravino said. "I'm a little nervous, but then I can't wait to meet new people and be a part of a great college atmosphere."

Calcaterra preps for success

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Elizabeth Calcaterra is ready to test her skills at the next level when she competes with the Aquinas College women's track and field team.

The 18-year-old Grosse Pointe South graduate committed to Aquinas in March. She chose Aquinas over other schools that recruited her — Cornerstone, Hope, Calvin, Albion and Hillsdale.

"Aquinas is a service-oriented school, and I like what the coach has to say," Calcaterra said. "The other schools I visited were nice, but they weren't Aquinas. I love the campus and the facilities are great, too."

Calcaterra competed in the Division I track and field state championship meet Saturday, June 2, at East Kentwood High School.

She was a member of the 800-meter relay team, along with Zoe Wagstaff, Elizabeth Bellovich and Helen Dodge, which finished 10th with a time of 1:45.98, and joined Wagstaff, Sydney Hall and Dodge to finish 19th in the 400-meter relay, posting a time of 50.77.

"Elizabeth has been a pure gem," said South track and field head coach Steve Zaranek. "She has been in the state finals all four years in multiple events, and has anchored our amazing sprint relays since her sophomore year."

"Elizabeth could con-



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

South graduate Elizabeth Calcaterra is taking her running talents to the college level at Aquinas College.

nect to every single girls on the track team as a captain, mentor and as a friend. Despite her blazing speed, she has been one of the most humble student-athletes I've ever coached. To run a 12.5 100, a 26-second 200, long jump 16 feet and anchor some of the fastest relays in school history is an awesome accomplishment.

"But it is her character, integrity and humbleness that she leaves behind as her legacy. Nothing in sports can compare to those traits."

"Coach Zaranek taught me a lot, and I will take those lessons to Aquinas," Calcaterra said. "He is a great coach."

As a member of the Blue Devils, Calcaterra earned All-State, named Most Valuable Player and was a team leader in points scored. She was also a Rookie of the Year in 2015.

On the Aquinas track and field website, recently retired head coach Dave Wood said, "We are anxious to add

Elizabeth to our program. She has the ability to be an immediate contributor on the relays and will develop into an excellent collegiate sprinter."

Calcaterra received the Saints' workout schedule, and is in full swing this summer. She is working out, preparing to enter college athletics stronger and faster.

"I like working out and running, so the workout schedule isn't a surprise," Calcaterra said. "This is going to be an exciting four years, and I can't wait to start. I'm going to meet a lot of wonderful teammates and classmates."

She plans on majoring in community leadership and interpretations and translations. She finished high school with a 3.80 grade point average.

She said she would enjoy a career in social work and traveling abroad. Calcaterra leaves for school Aug. 23, but has a few months to prepare for the indoor track season before the outdoor season in the spring.

Baseball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Freshmen finish strong

The Grosse Pointe North boys freshman baseball team, which started the season 3-2, finished on a 21-0-2 run.

The Norsemen won the GPN Invitational with victories over L'Anse Creuse, 12-3, and Grosse Pointe South, 10-2, in the title game.

"There were too many heroes, spectacular plays and stellar performances to mention in this incredible team effort so I'd prefer to honor each player and coach by sim-

ply listing their names as they appear in the team photo above," said head coach Mark Orr. "I also want to thank my wife and team GM Jan Orr, a group of amazing parents, our tireless athletic department secretary Teresa Bennett and the athletic training staff for their support."

During his six seasons at the helm of the Norsemen freshman baseball program, Orr's record is 116-29-9.

— Mark Orr



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK ORR

Pictured above are, first row from left, Mikey Zontini, Colin Duffy, captain Chris Marshall, captain Louis Randazzo, captain Luke Deskins, Connor Rossman and Matt Mourad; and second row from left, Tim Cleland, Andrew Dudek, coach Doug Luttenberger, Danny Vogler, Kennard Williams, Joe Plieth, coach Mark Orr, Brett Arseneau, Anthony Morreale, Cameron Pickford, Ben Zoia and coach Nate King.

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Sailing

MACKINAC RACE

Mackinac results

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The 2018 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac race was completed early this week.

Below are the top 10 from the larger two divisions and the entire division III. They are listed by boat name, owner and corrected time.

**Division I —
Cove Island**

1. Blitzkrieg, Matthew Schaedler, 51:47:58.
2. Eliminator, Paul Van Tol, 52:13:17.
3. Mostly Harmless, Wick Smith, 52:34:36.
4. Liberty, Robert Bert, 52:39:55.
5. Fast Tango, Tim Prophit, 52:43:30.

6. Stripes, Bill Martin, 53:07:49.
7. Pterodactyl, Symonds, 53:16:24.
8. Details, Lance Smotherman, 53:19:25.
9. Callisto, James Murray, 53:21:48.
10. Wizard/Intuition, David and Peter Askev, 53:27:02.

**Division II —
Shore Course**

1. Flying Buffalo, Al Declercq, 42:13:30.
2. Comfortably Numb, Mark Miller, 43:03:37.
3. Albacore, Richard Marsh, 43:07:28.
4. Wind Toy IV, Robert Bunn, 43:53:14.
5. Chippewa, Pamela Wall, 43:57:49.
6. Courage, Spencer Channell, 44:17:20.

7. Defiant, Pete Fitzpatrick, 44:37:10.
8. Shamrock, David R. Keys, 44:49:51.
9. Shape, Win Cooper III and Chris Benedict, 44:53:59.
10. Avatar, Andrew Morlan, 44:59:44.

**Division III —
Cove Island**

1. Adagio, Ben Gougeon and Alan Gurski, 58:50:46.
2. Vaite, Wayne Jurs, 59:34:45.
3. Ollie, Tim Walli, 60:06:23.
4. Nelda Ray, Peter R. Pattullo, 60:33:50.
5. Double Time, Marty Foster, 64:12:56.
6. Strings, Mark Cadotte and Greg Bull, 64:52:03.

Baseball

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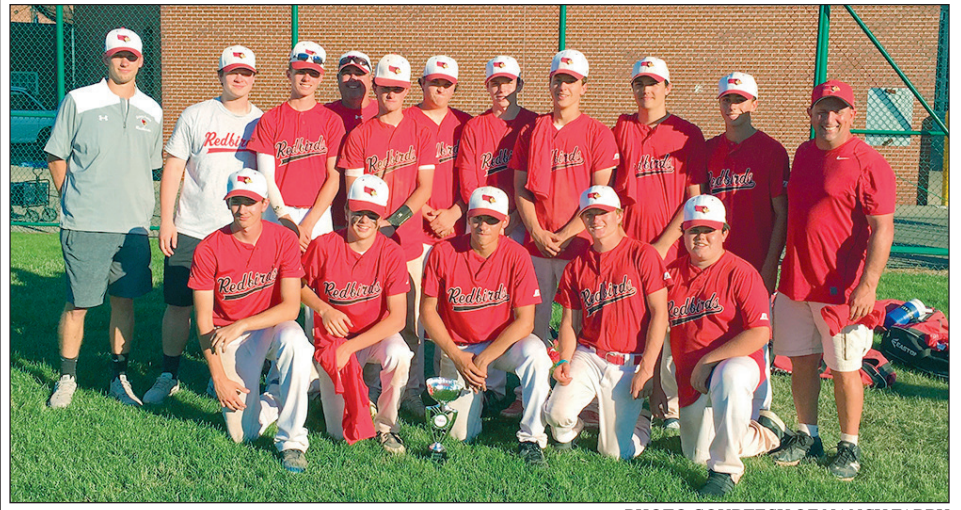


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Shining moment

The Grosse Pointe Redbirds 16U tournament team won the inaugural 2018 USSSA Grosse Pointe Redbirds Classic, beating Little Caesars 16U 12-11 in extra innings in the championship game July 8. Pictured above are team members, front row from left, Michael Fikany, Alexander Shaheen, Gino Lutfy, Kevin McCarron and Connor Paul; and back row from left, assistant coach Andrew Fabry, assistant coach John Cwiklinski, Weston Brundage, coach Mike Paull, Drew Henderson, Nick Raicevich, Brandon Kreuter, Brendan Cwiklinski, Thomas Mellos, Matt Fabry and coach Al Shaheen. Not pictured are A.J. Benson and George Graham.

High school athletics

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Participation on the rise

While enrollment in Michigan High School Athletic Association member high schools saw another slight dip in 2017-18, participation in the 28 sports for which the MHSAA sponsors postseason tournaments rose to its highest point since 2013-14. A total of 284,920 participants competed in

MHSAA-sponsored sports this past school year, up 0.46 percent from 2016-17 — and despite a 1 percent drop in enrollment at member schools during that time. The overall MHSAA participation totals count students once for each sport in which they participate, meaning students who are multiple-sport athletes are counted more than once.

Girls participation rose for the third straight year to 121,349 participants, up 1.2 percent from 2016-17 — and despite a 1.1 percent enrollment drop over the last year. Boys participation fell to 163,571 participants, a decrease of less than a tenth of a percent from the previous year — and much smaller than the boys enrollment decrease of nearly a full percent.

Girls lacrosse has set a participation record every season since becoming a sponsored tournament sport in 2005, and did so this spring with 2,900 participants — a 3.1 percent increase from a year ago.

Boys lacrosse also set a record for the second year in a row, up 1.1 percent with 5,168 participants. Also setting a record in 2017-18 was boys cross country, which saw record participation for the second

straight season last fall with 9,656 runners (an increase of 2.6 percent).

The largest percentage increase in participation this school year came in girls gymnastics, which jumped 10.4 percent with 702 athletes — its most since 2011-12. Girls golf also enjoyed a notable increase, up 4.2 percent to 3,712 athletes — its highest participation total since 2007-08.

Six sports total saw increases in participation on both the girls and boys' sides. In addition to bowling and lacrosse, girls cross country joined the record-setting boys with a 2.4 percent increase. Girls and boys swimming & diving both enjoyed increases for the second straight year, this time both by 2.4 percent. Girls tennis was up 2.3 percent to its highest total (9,123) since 2012-13, and boys tennis participation increased by one percent. Boys track & field (1.5 percent) increased for the third straight year, while girls track & field (1.6 percent) was up for the second consecutive.

Volleyball led participation among girls sports with 19,416 participants, up 1.8 percent from 2016-17. Other sports to see increases in 2017-18 were girls skiing, up 2.8 percent as participation increased for the second straight

season; boys basketball, up a half percent; and girls soccer, which had four more athletes this spring than during the 2017 season.

Also of note in this year's survey:

- The increase in participation for 18 sports during 2017-18 was compared to an increase in 16 sports for 2016-17 and 15 sports in 2015-16.

- Of 10 sports that saw decreases in participation in 2017-18, five were down less than a percent. Competitive cheer had five fewer athletes but 6,715 total, and there were three fewer boys golfers to take that total to 2,267. Boys skiing was down six athletes total to 831, while boys soccer was down 11 athletes and girls softball down 31 — both less than a quarter of a percent off their 2016-17 totals.

- Football experienced a much smaller decrease in participation last season than it had from 2015-16 to 2016-17, falling only 1.9 percent to 37,002 athletes — still the most participating in any sport by more than 13,000 athletes. The combined number of 11 and 8-player varsity teams sponsored by MHSAA schools last fall remained constant compared to recent seasons, although a shift of some programs from 11-player to 8-player continued.

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 1 Throat clearer
 5 Pinball boo-boo
 9 Moment
 12 Transcending (Pref.)
 13 Distant
 14 Weep
 15 Key with a left-pointing arrow
 17 Khan title
 18 Them
 19 Chef's garb
 21 Smallest st.
 22 Decorator's theme
 24 Bankrolls
 27 Party bowlful
 28 Donated
 31 Mess up
 32 Illustrations
 33 Spy novel org.
 34 Boyfriend
 36 Part of TGIF
 37 Bartlett or Bosc
 38 Grind the teeth
 40 "Hello"
 41 Soda shop item

DOWN
 1 Early pulp
 2 Warmth
 3 Leave a good impression?
 4 Creators
 5 Reveille's opposite
 6 "— picture paints a thousand words, ..."
 7 Fond du —, Wis.
 8 Halloween candy
 9 Capone's nickname

10 Therefore
11 Greenish-blue
16 Lanka predecessor
20 Glutton
22 Merriment
23 Makes up one's mind
24 Charlotte's creation
25 Exist
26 Hot-rodders' contest
27 Raised platform
29 By way of
30 Listener
35 Italian article
37 Column
39 Horrible
40 Bound
41 Faction
42 Helen's place
43 Dilbert's place
44 Diane or Nathan
45 Dermatology subject
46 Peruse
49 Rage
50 Geneticist's letters

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