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The underside of the Cadieux farmhouse hasn't seen the light of day since ratification of the 15th Amendment in 1870 prohibiting restrictions on voting rights based on "race, color or previous condition of servitude."

## Moving days

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Leslie Kaye, Ph.D. psychologist, is crazy about her new house.

"I'm ready to move in tomorrow," she said. She can't, unless she wants to live in a house propped on stilts over an unfinished foundation.

Kaye's new owner of the Cadieux farmhouse, the oldest house in the Grosse Pointes.

Movers hauled it Wednesday, July 9, on a trailer from land owned since 2011 by Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, at the corner of Jefferson and Notre Dame to Kaye's lot three blocks away in the 500 block of St. Clair just below St. Paul in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"By tomorrow, it will be set over its final resting place," said Travis Brown, of family-owned B&D Movers, Monroe, not intending to sound morose. "Then, we'll drop footers for the foundation and build up the walls to the house."

It may take three months to complete the installation, including framing and finishing. "I'll move in as soon as

I can," Kaye said. Beaumont officials paid \$80,000 for the move, which cleared the campus for construction of a partially underground, two-story parking deck.

The farmhouse was built in 1850 by Isadore (sometimes Isidore) Cadieux in Detroit.

It was floated by barge to the foot of Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park and relocated in 1870 to Jefferson.

An attached garage was added a generation ago and moved to St. Clair June 26.

Moving the 164-year-old house to St. Clair last week took most of the day.

"There's really no height difference between the garage and house," Brown said. "The house is a little wider at the peak because we're moving it broadside rather than gable-end first."

As with the garage, utility crews raised overhead lines along the route for the 100,000-pound house to pass untangled. Tree trimmers cleared low branches overhanging St. Clair.

Unlike with the garage, movers laid wood planks on a portion of St. Clair to



Wiring up, so to speak, the Cadieux house.

raise the trailer and its overhanging load over a curbside fire hydrant. It cleared the hydrant by less than an inch.

"I'm very pleased that the house is being saved and is going into the hands of somebody who's going to love it and live in

it," said Jack McCormick, a vice president of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, watching the move.

"It's pretty exciting," said Kim MacLean, living across the street from the

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## Gangs at fireworks

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — "We have a lot of work to do."

With that, councilman Art Bryant summed up the feeling of city officials and residents alike following public comments regarding the city's annual fireworks and the problems that occurred at this year's show.

About 35 people attended Monday night's council meeting, and along with the council, heard a preliminary report by city administrator Skip Fincham that focused on the seriousness of what occurred the night of June 29.

According to Fincham, 1,500 to 2,000 young people, many of whom were identifiable gang members from two different gangs, gathered on Parcels field for no other reason than to disrupt the event. The youths ranged in age from 13 to 17, and at least one gang was identified as coming from Detroit.

Fincham said he has spoken with the FBI and a representative of the Detroit Crime Commission, who told him the two gangs are rivals and each gang shares information via social media about where and when they will meet.

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## Proposal could be on Park ballot

By Joe Warner  
Editor

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Residents in several Michigan communities have passed ballot proposals to allow changes in marijuana laws.

Such a proposal seems headed to Grosse Pointe Park's ballot this fall, as signatures are gathered and will be presented to the city's officials perhaps as early as next week's council meeting.

Detroit resident Tim Beck, co-founder of the Safer Michigan Coalition, is gathering signatures of Park residents. He needs 485 good signatures and plans to present 625 to the city.

The signatures would

allow a ballot question to change the city's charter. Beck's group is asking for up to an ounce of marijuana to be legally possessed on private property by adults 21 and over.

Similar charter changes have been passed by voters in Flint, Ferndale, Jackson, Lansing and other Michigan cities.

Beck said there are proposals pending in several other cities, but Grosse Pointe Park was chosen with hopes an affluent and conservative community will help further the eventual legalization of marijuana statewide.

More on the proposal is available at [grossepointe-news.com](http://grossepointe-news.com) and in next week's newspaper.

## LPGA plans Turning Point stop

At least 23 of the world's best golfers on the Ladies Professional Golf Association visits the Country Club of Detroit next month for a fundraiser.

The Turning Point Scholarship Fund, Cornerstone Schools and the LPGA host the Turning Point Invitational Aug. 25, to raise \$1 million to help Detroit children attend the Nevada campus of Cornerstone Schools.

"The LPGA is delighted to partner with the Turning

Point Scholarship Fund and the Cornerstone Schools in order to provide the opportunity for so many Detroit children to receive an excellent education," said Michael Whan, LPGA commissioner.

LPGA members playing in the invitational are Nancy Lopez, Meg Mallon, Beth Daniel, Juli Inkster, Jessica Korda, Natalie Gulbis, Morgan Pressel, Brittany Lincicome, Brittany Lang, Gerina Piller, Katherine Kirk, Jaye

Marie Green, Mo Martin, Amanda Blumenhurst, Angela Stanford, Lizette Salas, Shasta Averyhardt, Ginger Howard, Cheyenne Woods, Chella Choi, IK Kim, Kristy McPherson and Yani Tseng.

"The entire Cornerstone family is deeply grateful to the commissioner of the LPGA, the fabulous group of 23 players who are coming to help generate scholarship funds and the co-chairs of the Turning Point Scholarship Fund

who are inviting so many people and companies to help change Detroit one child, one family, at a time," said Clark Durant, co-founder of Cornerstone Schools and a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms. "I am also grateful to the Country Club of Detroit for hosting the Turning Point Invitational."

Passes for the event's limited gallery are available at (313) 368-8580. More information will be in next week's newspaper.



American Mo Martin proudly holds the trophy after her victory during the final round of the 2014 Ricoh Women's British Open at Royal Birkdale on July 13, in Southport, England.

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### The Rubber Band

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Travis Brown, of family-owned B&D Movers, sets a walking pace on the Cadieux farmhouse's route up St. Clair.



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At left, brushing against a tree on St. Clair. Above, Brown signals the go-ahead over a fire hydrant.

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farmhouse's new location. "I love old homes. For them to move this

here is pretty cool." Her son, Kenny, 6, sold lemonade to onlookers for 25 cents per cup. "I did it one day," he said. "That gave me the idea to do it again." "This is his history les-

son for the day," said his mother. Kaye gave croissants to bystanders and the moving crew. "I like to think of myself as a little bit French," she said. "I

lived there during my junior year abroad. My internship was in French Canada at Montreal General."

She posed for photographers as the house rolled by the Grosse Pointe Public School's two-story, brick administration building, built in 1906 for classrooms.

"I'm a former actress," Kaye said, "My dad worked his way through medical school as lead singer in his own band. My mom was a former Playboy bunny from the Detroit club. I come by this honestly."

She encourages people to express themselves and leads by example.

"You've got to have fun with your life," Kaye said. "Shake it loose, darlin'."

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## GANGS:

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"One gang is well-known to the crime commission, and they are organized and they carry guns," Fincham reported. "Without a doubt many were armed that night."

Fincham declined to name the gangs involved, saying he did not want to give them any publicity.

Preliminary reports released by the department of public safety said that 13 fights were reported that night, but no arrests were made on the field.

One arrest, for disorderly conduct, was made across the street at the Mobil gas station.

City officials have said the reason there were no arrests was because no one involved in the fights wanted to press charges.

They also said the city lacked the ability to arrest that many juveniles, as they would have had to hold the juveniles until a parent or guardian arrived to pick them up.

"This was not a minor incident," said Mayor Robert Novitke. "The fireworks were all about a sense of community, but that is not our focus anymore. Public safety is."

Director of Public Safety Andrew Pazuchowski estimated the crowd on Parcels Field to be about 10,000 people, and approximately 95 police officers were on duty that night, including officers from the other Grosse Pointes, the Wayne County Sheriff's department, Hamtramck and reserve officers.

"Our officers did an

excellent job that night," Pazuchowski said, "but to go forward, we would need a lot more officers."

According to Novitke, several of those officers from other departments who were working the event have said they would not return next year.

One resident told the council that he had spoken with a police officer who told him there had been only twice in his career that he had been scared at work, "and this was one of them."

Business owner Dan

Curis told the council he had to close his Big Boy restaurant at Mack and Vernier early over concerns for the safety of his employees.

"I used to keep the restaurant open, and people would come in after the show, but this year I had to close early when we started getting kids coming in, walking on booths and using the restrooms," he said. "I was concerned for my employees. I told them to lock up. The police then had to come to break up a fight in my parking

lot."

Several residents spoke in support of continuing the fireworks, but with tighter controls, including requiring park passes, enforcing a curfew or even moving the fireworks to the city's Lake Front Park.

Most asked the city to not cancel the fireworks.

"To cancel would be a big mistake," one resident told the council. "To give into the thugs, to back down, would be a mistake."

However, one resident asked if all the problems

created this year made the show worth it.

"It's insane not to consider cancelling them," she said. "There are fireworks all over. I'm totally against having them continue the way they were."

Several residents told the council the fireworks had long been a family tradition, and urged the council to find a way to continue the show even if that meant moving them to Lake Front Park.

Novitke said the city would continue to gather information before a decision is made.

## WEEK AHEAD:

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Kercheval Dance Studio, 660 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.

## THURSDAY, JULY 24

◆ The Grosse Pointe Library Board meets at 7 p.m. in the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. The agenda is available at gp.lib.mi.us.

## Sidewalk sale days next week

Merchants in The Village shopping dis-

trict in Grosse Pointe hold their 37th annual sidewalk sale from noon to 9 p.m. Friday, July 25, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 26.

Participating retailers offer discounts on various merchandise.

Family activities including fashion shows, yoga and dance demonstrations, library story time and a chalk art contest presented by the Grosse Pointe ART Center are offered.

Live music by Creole du Nord is performed from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 25, on a stage

located on Notre Dame at Kercheval.

Hair styling demonstrations from the salons and tastings by the food merchants are part of the weekend's activities.

Staff from the Grosse Pointe Public Library will be reading stories. A used book sale also will take place.

A list of events with times is available on The Village Facebook page at facebook.com/thevillagegrossepointe.

Kercheval will be closed to automobile traffic during sale hours with parking available at the City's public parking lots and The

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GUEST OPINION By Sen. Carl Levin

Treating addiction

Across Michigan and our country, parents are struggling with how to help addicted sons and daughters. Husbands and wives worry about spouses caught in the grip of addiction. Rates of opioid abuse, heroin addiction, overdose and death are a concern in schools and hospitals, treatment centers and neighborhoods in every state.

One weapon in the fight against this epidemic is buprenorphine, a medication that helps to block the craving for heroin. Buprenorphine dramatically reduces the physical need for drugs and by doing so helps addicts and their families recover from the tragic damage that addiction can cause. The most commonly prescribed form combines buprenorphine with another substance, naloxone, which makes the medication less susceptible to abuse.

In 2000, I authored the Drug Addiction Treatment Act with Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, that made it legal for physicians to prescribe this medication in their offices, and the Food and Drug Administration approved its use in 2002. However, DATA 2000 established physicians could only treat up to 30 patients at a time.

In 2006, Sen. Hatch and I held a forum to examine the patient limit and subsequently led the enactment of legislation to increase the patient limit from 30 to 100.

As the epidemic of heroin and other opioids has continued to spread to communities across the country, we were interested in looking at what obstacles are still preventing even greater numbers of patients from receiving buprenorphine treatment.

In May, I visited doctors across Michigan who are certified to prescribe buprenorphine. Almost every doctor said they must turn away patients seeking the treatment because of the 100-patient limit. One had to turn away two patients the day we met. Another said that if all his 100 patients suddenly disappeared, he could replace all 100 within a month.

Doctors said other factors limit the drug's availability: Medicaid in Michigan and many other states and many private insurance programs limit treatment to a year. As one doctor put it, "The insurance company would never tell me I have to be off insulin in 12 months." Doctors describe the irony that there is no limit to how long a physician can prescribe the pain killers to which patients become addicted, while they can only prescribe a drug to help break that addiction for a year. Also, some said their patients struggle with the cost of the drug.

In June, Sen. Hatch and I held another forum with several medical professionals to learn more about buprenorphine's successes and to seek ideas on how to identify and remove impediments to its use.

Two Michigan doctors testified and spoke about the success of buprenorphine treatment, the difficulties of patient limits and the need to expand the number of doctors certified to treat buprenorphine.

One doctor told a powerful story of his own experience with buprenorphine treatment. After building a successful career as a vascular surgeon, he required multiple back surgeries and during treatment for those surgeries, he developed an addiction to prescription opioids. He described the painful losses he suffered as a result of the addiction and how buprenorphine treatment enabled him to break his addiction and rebuild his life.

As he testified, "I couldn't work anymore. I lost my home. And it has allowed me to come back and have a very active medical practice taking care of people with chronic pain and opiate addiction and has returned me to, I think, a functioning member of society." He is now certified to treat patients with buprenorphine and has assisted many Michiganders in fighting addiction.

Another witness at the forum, a young mother in her 20s, said, "Today, I've been in treatment over four years. I have a good life. I have a stable life. I'm in school. I've actually done really well in school. I'm surprisingly smart... I have a future, and my child has a future."

At the Senate forum, we heard remarkable stories of success with buprenorphine treatment, of lives saved and families rebuilt from the ravages of addiction. But we also heard stories of frustration at the fact that many patients want this treatment but can't get it.

We need to remove those hurdles. The forum was an important step in finding a way to get more patients the treatment they need.

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PRESIDENT OBAMA'S BRING IT ON SPEECH



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Broken streets

To the Editor:  
To remind Grosse Pointe Woods residents what a decent road looks like, I invite everyone to drive down North Oxford between Holiday and Fairway.

The street on our block was rebuilt in September 2008. It was the very last road project completed in the city before the great recession hit.

Now, contrast the very fine road conditions on our block with that of the crumbling, pitiful stretch of North Oxford between Fairway and Morningside, where rebuilding was delayed in 2009 and in every year since.

Although I have no doubt some parsimonious residents would rather see the city fall apart than spend a penny to help it, I

hope most voters will strongly support the responsible and modest road millage and remember to vote Aug. 5 so the city can begin to fix our broken streets.

ELLEN CREAGER  
Grosse Pointe Woods

Tax increase

To the Editor:  
Our intrepid school administrators never seem to run out of stealth schemes to raid taxpayers' bank accounts. The latest is a 6-year, \$480 million Wayne County-wide 2-mill tax increase proposal they have quietly placed on the Aug. 5 primary ballot.

Why is it the schools always seem to pick the lowest turnout elections when they want to slip a fast one past us? Like the \$50 million tech bond issue Grosse Pointe vot-

ers trashed a mere six months ago, this one is a real slider.

Currently Grosse Pointe homeowners pay more than 10 mills a year for our local schools plus an additional 3.5 mills to support the intermediate school district now called Regional Education Service Agency.

The average Grosse Pointe residence has a state equalized value of close to \$100,000. So that's \$1,350 a year on the tax bill at present.

And they want us to cough up \$200 a year more for six years — money isn't even earmarked for a special cause. According to the ballot language, it is a "new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes."

In short, the windfall cash would not stay with the intermediate school district, which traditionally has handled projects like educating special-needs students. It's all slated to go back to the county's 33 local school districts to plump up their operating budgets.

Repeatedly defeated at

the polls in local elections, the county's school administrators have decided there's strength in numbers. So they've ganged up to push this \$80 million-a-year proposal, the money to be funneled through and doled out by the intermediate school district on a per-pupil basis.

In plain English, what's happening is that instead of each school district having to go to their respective electorates alone, all 33 districts in the county will gang up on Aug. 5 and the total vote will determine if they all 33 pass or fail.

The per-pupil distribution of the annual \$80 million is their ace in the hole.

Grosse Pointe Public School System had about 8,350 pupils last school year. Detroit Public Schools had 47,700. Detroit will get roughly \$14.8 million of the new free tax money. Grosse Pointe schools stand to gain around \$2 million.

Talk about stacking the deck at the ballot box. Detroit voters never met a new school tax they didn't embrace with open arms.

PETE WALDMEIR  
Grosse Pointe Farms

GUEST OPINION By Joseph G. Lehman and Michael D. LaFaive

Minimum wage hike

The same Republican Legislature and governor who stood

down threats of violence 17 months ago to make Michigan the 24th right-to-work state have just handed unions and Democrats what they may not have been able to achieve on their own — a sizable hike in the state's minimum wage.

What happened? In the micro view, Republicans believed they did the best they could with the hand they were dealt. In the macro view, Democrats proved the team that plays offense is the one that puts points on the board.

Michigan's new minimum wage boosts the lowest legal hourly pay from the current \$7.40 to \$9.25 by 2018 and is indexed to inflation thereafter. The minimum wage for tipped employees jumps from \$2.65 to \$3.52.

A comprehensive review of scholarship in 2006-2007 by economists David Neumark of the University of California at Irvine and William Wascher of the Federal Reserve found 85 percent of "the most credible evidence" shows wage mandates affect job seekers negatively.

Moreover, workers who don't lose their jobs and get the pay hike aren't necessarily the least well off. In 2013, the

Employment Policies Institute conducted a state-by-state analysis of a hypothetical \$9 minimum wage.

In Michigan, 42 percent of affected hourly workers would be those living with parents or other relatives in households with average family incomes of \$56,935.

Michigan's recovery can hardly afford to make work more difficult to get for anybody, especially job seekers in the Detroit metro area where the unemployment rate is 8.1 percent.

Careful economic analysis did not lead the Michigan GOP to hike the minimum wage. Instead they implemented a two-pronged political strategy that observers will be arguing about for years. Republicans didn't just pass the plan, they passed it with large enough majorities to implement it immediately, and for one very specific reason: to undermine a ballot initiative that would have increased the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour, indexed to inflation, including the same higher amount for tipped workers.

Raise Michigan, a coalition of labor and community groups, had gathered hundreds of thousands of petition signatures to place the measure on the November ballot. Republicans, fearing the higher minimum wage

and a higher Democratic voter turnout, passed a law that raised the minimum wage to \$9.25, but also repealed and replaced the old minimum-wage statute — all part of a gambit to invalidate the ballot measure.

State Democrats are already gearing up for that fight. Raise Michigan's ballot measure specifically refers to the now-repealed statute. The GOP legal thinking goes that a ballot measure that amends a dead statute is moot. That theory will certainly be tested in court, so it is unclear if the Republicans will avoid the \$10.10 minimum wage after all.

The second part of the political calculus is Gov. Rick Snyder's attempt to take care of long-overdue business: fixing Michigan's crumbling roads. The Republican governor reportedly secured a promise from Democratic leaders that in exchange for the \$9.25 minimum wage the minority party will supply votes for a \$1.5 billion increase in the state's fuel taxes to repair roads and bridges.

Only the most doctrinaire would insist taxes never go up at all to fund roads. But there is plenty of low-priority spending in Michigan's \$52 billion budget that could be shifted to roads and bridges. For instance, the state still lavishes \$50

million in direct cash subsidies on movie makers and another \$250 million in support of the state's corporate welfare programs. Privatizing some prison facilities could save tens of millions, according to our research at the Mackinac Center. But the difficulty of cutting special-interest spending is so great that even a large tax increase seems preferable to the GOP.

These deals, if they work, will at least fix the state's roads and avoid an even more harmful wage mandate. Tea Partiers are no doubt enraged but would be foolish to risk Republican control of the legislature in November with an attack from the right on GOP incumbents.

Perhaps the larger lesson is to be learned from the left. By going on offense with a bold minimum-wage hike, state Democrats forced their GOP counterparts to give them most of the wage they were seeking. They also get a tax hike for roads while lower priority spending likely remains untouched. What would it look like if the GOP, with total control of state government and sizable majorities in both houses, went back on offense for its goals?

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**Grosse Pointe Woods**

**DWI**

Woods public safety officers were alerted at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, that a Chevrolet Impala was being driven erratically on Mack. Police located and stopped the vehicle, taking a Grosse Pointe Woods resident into custody. A Breathalyzer test revealed the driver had a blood alcohol level of .30, nearly four times the legal limit.

**Dog bite**

The owners of a Cane Corso dog that attacked and bit another dog while running loose at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 9, on Hampton must produce a vaccination record and were ordered to quarantine the dog for 10 days. The owner of the dog that was bitten was instructed to take the dog to a vet for follow up.

**Car damaged**

A Roslyn resident reported to police on Wednesday, July 9, that someone had damaged her car, including long scratches, a dent and a broken windshield wiper. She had a suspect in mind, and turned the name over to police.

**A trade in**

A South Renaud resident noticed a strange bicycle in his driveway at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 8. When he checked, he found his Gary Fischer bike had been taken,

replaced with a boys orange bike, which is now being held in the public safety property room.

—Kathy Ryan  
Report information on these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods public safety at (313) 343-2400.

**Grosse Pointe Park**

**Bikes recovered**

Officers observed three juveniles wanted for bike thefts that occurred on Sunday, July 13, on Lakepointe and Beaconsfield. After a short chase, all three youths were caught and the stolen bikes were recovered.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

## Going viral helps young band gain fans

By Elizabeth Sweeney  
Special Writer

**They learned early the meaning of the show must go on**

Local musical group, The Rubber Band, which consists of four middle-school-aged Grosse Pointe boys, has gained a lot of attention the past month for a video of one of their performances that went viral.

On June 8, band members Henry Ayrault, Griffin Badrak, Stephen Barstys and Grant Hendricks played at Pierce Middle School for a recital with the Grosse Pointe Music Academy. During their performance of “Undone – The Sweater Song” by the band Weezer, the keyboard stand collapsed, forcing the boys to stop mid-song.

“We had to adjust the height of the stand, and I don’t think it got tightened enough, so it was kind of loose,” Hendricks said.

“I was sort of surprised,” Ayrault, the band’s keyboardist, said. “Then I decided to keep calm because the audience wanted to hear us

play and finish the rest of the song.”

Fortunately, neither the keyboard nor its stand were damaged, and the boys were able to start over and play through the entire song with no interruptions.

The video of the event was uploaded to YouTube on June 18 and has garnered more than 975,000 views since then.

With the video’s online success, the boys began to be contacted by news and radio stations for interviews and were even given a shout-out by the members of Weezer.

“Some are saying this cover of ‘Undone’ went horribly wrong — we say it’s the best version we’ve ever seen!” the band posted on their Twitter page.

“Let’s get this kid to perform with us next time we’re in his town,” Rivers Cuomo, lead singer of Weezer, wrote via his personal Twitter account. “Great keyboard skills.”

The boys had interviews with Fox News, Yahoo! News online and even an Australian radio station that contacted Ayrault for a live interview.

The video also was featured by People Magazine, Time Maga-



Middle school-aged students, Henry Ayrault, Griffin Badrak, Stephen Barstys and Grant Hendricks are The Rubber Band.

toward right now, but they typically practice once a week in the rock band room at GPMA during the school year and take a break during the summer.

They all agree playing 1980s and ’90s rock is their favorite, but Ayrault admits he likes playing “all kinds of music.”

Ayrault, who performs lead vocals as well as keyboard, is the son of Terry and Lisa Ayrault and lives in Grosse Pointe Park. He is 13 and enters eighth grade at Pierce Middle School this fall. He has been taking piano lessons for three years and also has been involved in hockey, baseball, football and basketball.

Badrak, the band’s bass player, is the son of Matt and Heather Badrak and lives in Grosse Pointe Farms. He is 11 and will start sixth grade at Brownell Middle School this fall.

Badrak has been learning bass and guitar for three years. In addition to the band, Badrak enjoys playing cello, baseball and the video game Minecraft.

Barstys plays drums for the band and is the son of Dave and Kim

zine, The Ellen DeGeneres Show and others.

While the band members never expected the video to gain so much attention, it wasn’t necessarily affected by its popularity.

“I thought it was all going to die out after T V,” Hendricks said. The band did, however, learn how to handle un-

expected situations like this one.

“The show must go on,” Barstys said. “If something bad happens, just keep going.”

“I learned that you really have to check your

*‘Let’s get this kid to perform with us next time we’re in his town.’*

RIVERS CUOMO  
Weezer’s lead singer

can result in something positive,” Ayrault said.

Ayrault, Badrak, Barstys and Hendricks met at the Grosse Pointe Music Academy and have been playing together as The Rubber

Band since November 2013. The name was born when the boys were bouncing ideas off each other and the name popped into Barstys’ head. “The Rubber Band” narrowly beat out some- “Crispy Bacon” in a majority vote.

The boys do not have any upcoming performances they are working

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# AREA ACTIVITIES

**BNI**  
Business Network International meets at 7 a.m. Friday, July 18, at Assumption Cultural Center. For more information, call Olga Tecos at (313) 432-0087.

League of Detroit's exhibit spotlighting its 100 years of service to the community. The exhibit runs through Sept. 28. The museum is located at 5401 Woodward, Detroit.

July 20, during a stray rights fundraising campaign.

Proceeds from a silent auction and blow dries are offered by Salon Daniele, 18546 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms; donations for standard house key duplications at Village Lock & Home Repair, 18554 Mack, City of Grosse Pointe; \$1 from pawberry-lemonade adult drink will be donated by Blufin Sushi, 18584 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms; and Charvat the Florist offers balloons and roses' donations to GPAAS. Wally's Custard will be on site at Salon Daniele selling ice cream. Animals for adoption are available at Charvat

the Florist, 18590 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms.

**NAMI**

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, July 21, at Henry Ford Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

**Men's club**

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe lunch is at 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 22, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$10.

Joseph G. Leyman, president of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, speaks on "Michigan's Economy, Michigan's Future." Men, retired or

past 55 years of age, from any community, can attend. Jackets should be worn.

For tickets or information, call Charlie Rutherford, (313) 885-1823.

**Library**

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts story time at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 22, at the Ewald branch. To register, call (313) 821-8830.

◆ Pirate crafts can be made at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, at the Ewald branch. To register, call (313) 821-8830.

◆ A summer film festival begins at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, at the Woods branch.

◆ Nick DiCresce's survival camp is from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at the Woods branch. To register, call (313) 343-2072.

◆ Nick DiCresce's family campfire is from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at the Woods branch. To register, call (313) 343-2072.

**Parent workshop**

Planning for a special future is the topic presented by Michele Fuller from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

Fuller is the founder of Michigan Law Center, advisory board member of Academy of Special Needs Planners and was named 2013's Top Special Needs Child Advocate by Parenting magazine.

To register, call (313) 332-1026 or e-mail Kristyschena@kidsonthegocamp.com.

**Optimist club**

The Grosse Pointe - Lakeshore Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For more information, call Dave Hohlfeldt at (313) 268-8743.

**Chamber of Commerce**

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts speakers Angie and Jamie Bellos Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Their topic is "Just be Fearless and Free." Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. and the presentation is from 8 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

The Bellos cover:  
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◆ For reservations, call (313) 881-4772.

**JLD**

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**ASK THE EXPERTS**

By Mary Ellen Brayton

# Keeping up with grandchildren



can "teach an old dog new tricks." And if you do teach the "old dog new tricks" then the "old dog" is going to be even healthier. So there's every reason to be optimistic and to stay engaged to do all of the things that are so often talked about in terms of maintaining physical health and those same things will help with mental health as well.

**Q** My husband and I are grandparents and want to keep up with our grandchildren. What are some suggestions to help us enhance our brain health?

**A** Listed below are some helpful hints:

1. Maintain a healthy diet. A heart-healthy diet is the same sort of diet that keeps the brain healthy. Some examples: control your portion size, eat more fruits, vegetables and whole grains, limit unhealthy fats and cholesterol, choose low-fat protein sources like lean meat, fish, poultry, egg whites and low-fat dairy, reduce your sodium intake, create daily menus with the strategies above to put your plan into action, but do allow yourself the occasional treat.

2. Stay socially active in order to help build new connections and thought processes. Stay connected to the people who have been important in your life and maybe even build new connections.

3. Remain physically active through leisure activities, gardening, household tasks and social activities like dancing and singing.

4. Try something new, even switching the wrist you wear your watch on. It challenges the brain.

5. Learn a new hobby, craft, or game. You really

6. Use your brain. If you use your brain, you will lose fewer brain cells and it is possible to actually build new brain cells and build connections between brain cells.

7. The old "use it or lose it" actually is true. So make a plan, try and stick with it, and you'll be rewarded with better health both physically AND mentally!

*Brayton works as a community relations manager in the Grosse Pointe office of Senior Helpers, provider of caring in-home companions. She can be reached at (313) 885-0600 or visit seniorhelpers.com.*

*The Family Center serves as the community's hub for information, resources and referral for both families and professionals. Its mission is to serve the community through programs and resources vital to today's families. The Family Center is a non-profit organization, all gifts are tax-deductible.*

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## New member

Tina Antoon, center, a financial advisor at Edward Jones, was inducted at the June 2 Rotary of Grosse Pointe meeting. She was sponsored by Steve McMillan, right. Club president Paul Rentenbach is pictured at left.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS - PAPER YARD WASTE BAGS:** Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing up to 70,000 2-ply multi-layer wet-strength brown kraft paper yard waste bags over a one-year period from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

Lisa K. Hathaway  
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 07/17/2014

### CITY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL BUILDING HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Harper Woods City Council will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, August 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment on a request from Shamrock Cab Company to increase their rates and charges as permitted by section 24.5 of the Harper Woods Code of Ordinances.

Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their written comments regarding this matter to the City Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS

LESLIE M. FRANK  
CITY CLERK

Posted: July 14, 2014  
Published: July 17, 2014

## A LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

# Simple summer sauce

**I**n the heat of summer, I enjoy foods served at moderate temperature.

I like to make sauces that are no-cook and ladled over just cooked pasta.

This week I made a simple fresh tomato sauce that's super easy to prepare and can sit out of the refrigerator while you wait for the pasta to cook. The "sit" time will give the flavors a chance to marry.



**1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil  
salt and pepper to taste**

Place prepared cherry tomatoes in a medium bowl and toss with sun dried tomatoes and scallions.

In a small bowl whisk together olive oil, balsamic vinegar and sugar.

Pour mixture over tomatoes and gently toss. Cover with plastic wrap and allow to sit out for an hour or so. Taste and season with salt and pepper then toss in fresh basil.

That's it. Serve this flavorful sauce over just cooked pasta or a toasted baguette. Store extra sauce in the refrigerator.



PHOTO BY ANNIE ROULEAU-SCHERRIFF

A simple summer sauce created to make a simple summer meal.

### Simple Summer Tomato Sauce

**2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved (or quartered if large)**

**1/2 cup sun dried tomatoes (packed in oil), chopped**

**1/3 cup chopped scallion**

**5 tablespoons olive oil**

**1 to 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar**

**1 teaspoon sugar**

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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.

## Richard John Ferrara Sr. M.D.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Richard John Ferrara Sr. M.D., died Monday, July 7, 2014, in Petoskey. He was 88.

He was born Aug. 7, 1925, in Morgantown W.Va., the youngest of eight children to Italian immigrants Filomena and Louis Ferrara. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and again as a captain in the 1950s as head dermatologist for the European Theatre.

Dr. Ferrara graduated from Northwestern University Medical School and completed his dermatology residency through Harper Hospital, part of Wayne State University Medical School. He was a board certified dermatologist who had a distinguished medical career of more than 40 years in Grosse Pointe. He was recognized in his field serving as section chief of dermatology at St. John Hospital and past president of the dermatological society, Noah Worcester.

In addition to his gift for healing, Dr. Ferrara was an accomplished banjo player entertaining audiences with his musical talents. He enjoyed playing his banjo at family gatherings, banjo clubs, nursing homes, Rotary clubs and community events and shows. In addition to his musical endeavors, Dr. Ferrara was active in writing, research, teaching and lecturing. He authored a book, "The Deck Of Life, Playing The Cards You're Dealt," and recorded five

banjo CDs.

Dr. Ferrara is survived by his wife, Joan E. Ferrara; children: Andrea Ferrara, Virginia Twaits, Judy Ferrara, Linda Lantz and Richard Ferrara Jr. M.D. and 15 grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated July 11 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Petoskey.

Donations may be made to the Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy at walloon.org; St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church of Petoskey, 513 Howard St., Petoskey, MI 49770 or the American Cancer Society at cancer.org.

## Caitlin Mary Maloney

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Caitlin Mary Maloney, 49, died Friday, July 4, 2014, in Los Angeles, Calif.

She was born in Grosse Pointe Farms to Henry B. and Margaret Wortley Maloney and attended St. Joan of Arc where, as a member of the track team, she set a school record for the girls mile and won the league championship race. She graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School and Michigan State University, where she co-hosted a video disc-jockey program with Ted White Jr., Aretha Franklin's son.

Ms. Maloney's interest in the entertainment industry took her to New York, where she worked on John Sayles' film, "Lone Star." She then moved to Austin, Texas,

and worked on Richard Linklater's movie, "The Newton Boys." Most recently, she lived in California and worked as post-production coordinator on several Steven Soderbergh films.

Ms. Maloney is survived by her son, Dylan; father, Henry, brothers, Kevin, with whom she completed an L.A. marathon, and Sean, and sister, Megan.

She was predeceased by her mother, Margaret, in 1985.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

Donations may be made to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, P.O. Box 96929, Washington D.C. 20090-6929.

## Richard Rudolph Melling

Grosse Pointe Park resident Richard Rudolph Melling, 47, died Monday, July 7, 2014, from a debilitating illness.

He was born Dec. 18, 1966, in Detroit to Robert and Doris Melling and attended Grosse Pointe South High School.

He enjoyed fishing and reading and spending time with his cat, Marley.

Mr. Melling is survived by his mother, Doris; sisters, Lorna Bliven and Donna Reesman; brother, Robert Melling; niece, Nicole Melling and nephews, Joel Melling and Chris, Andrew and Tyler Bliven.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at First Christian Reformed



Richard J. Ferrara Sr. M.D.



Richard Rudolph Melling



Theodore R. Hodges Jr.

Church, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to the American Lung Association at lung.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

## Theodore Robinson Hodges Jr.

Theodore Robinson Hodges Jr., 92, passed away Saturday, July 5, 2014.

He was born Dec. 10, 1921, into a long-standing Detroit family, graduated from Detroit University School and attended Williams University. After serving in World War II, he graduated from Lehigh University in 1948 with a degree in business administration.

During his four years in the military, Mr. Hodges was in the U.S. Army Transportation Corps and saw action in North Africa and South America followed by two years in Le Havre, France. He was involved with moving troops and material in and out of the country. He was proud he was honorably discharged as a captain in the U.S. Army.

After his discharge from the Army, Mr. Hodges was employed by Ford Motor Co. for 10 years as a buyer. He spent the next 25 years at American Natural

Resources Co. and its affiliates. There he worked with all stages of construction of the company's headquarters building at One Woodward Avenue in downtown Detroit. He enjoyed his variety of contacts from lunching at Stouffer's Restaurant with the president of the company to visiting with the workers doing the digging at the construction sites.

Mr. Hodges' lifelong interests included baseball, tennis and flying remote control airplanes. As a stellar baseball pitcher, he caught the attention of the Detroit Tigers and was offered an opportunity to try out with the team. He also loved spending time near the water. He especially loved his time at the family cottage on Lake Erie.

Mr. Hodges' greatest success story was his 67-year marriage to Jean Downer Hodges, their four children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service celebrating Mr. Hodges' life will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 18, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Elmwood Historic Cemetery and Foundation at elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org.



Carl Schweikart Jr.

## Carl Schweikart Jr.

Carl Schweikart Jr., 82, died Saturday, July 5, 2014.

Born Feb. 13, 1932, in Detroit, he lived on the east side of Detroit until he moved up north in 1984.

Mr. Schweikart served in the U.S. Coast Guard in the early 1950s. He worked in sales before moving north.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also loved to golf.

Mr. Schweikart also was a cancer survivor.

He will be missed by family and friends.

Mr. Schweikart is survived by his children, Scot, Barry, Susan; five grandchildren, and brother, Bob.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association at heart.org.

Share a memory at reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

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## David Masson Bogle

Died: July 7, 2014  
Age: 84

David Masson Bogle passed away peacefully on July 7, 2014, surrounded by his children, at Henry Ford Hospital.

Born August 29, 1929, in Detroit, Michigan, he graduated from Kenyon College and from the University of Michigan, where he earned a Master's Degree. He had been an executive with the Ford Motor Company and Unisys Corporation, and was a lifelong Grosse Pointe resident.

Mr. Bogle is survived by his brother, Peter, daughter, Mary, and two sons, Tom and Henry, as well as by four grandchildren, Andrew, Ryan, Janet, and Samantha.

He was predeceased by his parents, Henry and Mathilde Bogle, his sister, Suzanne Chesbrough, and his beloved wife, Janet Van Osdol Bogle, who died in 1981.

He was an active member of The Grosse Pointe Club for over forty years, serving as both Chairman and Commodore. He personally supervised multiple renovation projects and shaped the look the club has today. He was also a member of The Yondotega Club in Detroit.

He was a very kind man with great intellectual skills, engaging in spirited debates about politics, a great interest of his. He was well traveled and appreciated the cultures of other countries, but was always a Detroitier at heart. He made friends wherever he went, many from his days at Grosse Pointe South High School and, more recently, from the Oakwood Common Retirement Community where he enjoyed several fun years. His children and many nieces and nephews will remember him as a loving father and uncle who provided leadership to the entire family and always supported them on their life paths. His greatest gift to them was his example of dignity and gentleness of spirit, which is summed up by this stanza from *If*, by Rudyard Kipling, one of his favorite poems:

*If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings — nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much:  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And which is more; you'll be a Man, my son!*

He is interred next to Janet at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 19, at 3 pm at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to the Detroit Zoological Society, 8450 W. 10 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48067 or at <https://zoonet.detroitzoo.org>

## Thomas Ervin Valentine

October 21, 1949 — July 12, 2014

Thomas Ervin "Tommy" Valentine, 64, of Gainesville, Georgia, and Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, lost his long and courageous battle with cancer on July 12, 2014, surrounded by his loving family and friends. He will be remembered as an incredible son, brother, uncle, remarkable athlete, and a trusted and loyal friend.



Tommy was born on Oct. 21, 1949, in Atlanta, and was the son of the late Dr. Herbert Edward Valentine, Jr. and Bonnelle Lawson Valentine. He is a graduate of Gainesville High School and the University of Georgia.

He is survived by his mother, Bonnelle Lawson Valentine of Gainesville; his devoted and cherished love, Terry Tenaglia of Grosse Pointe Woods; brother, Dick, and his wife, Cherry, of Gainesville; brother, Dr. Mike Valentine and his wife, Shannon, of Virginia; and six nieces and nephews, Leigh and Neil Papevies, Brad, Catherine, John Thomas (his namesake), and Brooke. He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Herbert Edward Valentine, Jr., and brother, Herbert Edward "Boots" Valentine III.

Tommy attended Gainesville City Schools. At the age of 11, after being struck by a car while serving as a crossing guard, he was left with multiple injuries including a broken back. After a year of rehabilitation, Tommy returned to become one of the great athletes in Gainesville High School history, earning nine Varsity letters as an All State quarterback, point guard and golfer. After considering a college football career, Tommy decided to play golf at the University of Georgia, eventually winning the SEC Championship and being named 1st Team All American (1970-1971).

Tommy played the PGA tour for 10 years, achieved the top 40 earning status, and developed friendships that would last a lifetime. After leaving the tour, he was named Head Pro at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods, from which he retired in 2009.

Known for many distinguished achievements, Tommy's greatest legacy will be his incredible love of family and friends, his passion for teaching golf and all of life's important lessons, and his remarkable gift for bringing our world closer together. He lived life fully, leaving it all on the course, even to the end.

The Valentine family is grateful for the compassionate care of Dr. Frank Lake. A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, July 15, at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Gainesville.

In lieu of flowers, Tommy would ask that you consider a contribution to the Big Red Golf Fund, c/o Gainesville High School Athletic Club, 830 Century Place, Gainesville, GA 30501; Evans Scholarship Fund for Caddies, c/o Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236; or St. Paul United Methodist Church, 705 Summit Street S.E., Gainesville, GA 30501.

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By Rev. Jason Coplen

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For many, summer is a time to travel, play and enjoy Michigan. When I hear a Tim Allen voice-over for "Pure Michigan," I want to hop in the car and head to a lake, a park or Frankenmuth.

The beauty of Michigan is oftentimes lost on those outside Michigan. Headlines like "Bankrupt City" or "the Death of Detroit" have come to define our state rather than the Great Lakes. But we know our state is a place of beauty. Even this past winter served up lots of snow, but also brilliant ice caves miles out onto the Great Lakes.

The beauty of our state and the beauty of creation is meant to remind us of the magnificence and creativity of a God who presided over its creation. The beauty of this world is for our enjoyment, but it also exists to draw us past the creation and ultimately to the Creator.

The Bible says the heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship (Psalm 19:1). When nature takes our breath away, it is one of God's ways of getting our attention. It is one way he reminds us he is here. He is present and involved in our world.

So the next time you take a drive along Lakeshore or see the leaves in fall up I-75, don't just marvel at their beauty. Instead, take a moment and marvel at the creator. Ponder the creativity of a God who would think up something like a waterfall, beautiful trees or the sunset. Give him the glory he deserves and thank him for making himself known.

Coplen is the minister at Crossepointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The phone number is (313) 881-3343.

**CHURCH EVENTS**

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The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast summer meeting is held from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, July 18, at the Side Street Diner, 630 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe. Men of any faith and from any community can attend.

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The church is located at 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

**Obituaries: Loved ones remembered** *Continued from page 4B*

**Mark Verbiest**

A funeral Mass for Mark Verbiest will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, July 21, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

Mr. Verbiest died Sunday, May 18, 2014, at Keck Medical Center at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. He was 55.

He was born in Grosse Pointe to Thomas and Suzanne Verbiest and attended St. Clare of Montefalco grade school. He graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1976 and earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University in 1980.

Mr. Verbiest was senior vice president with National Alliance Securities and resided in Woodland Hills, Calif. He enjoyed basketball, tennis and skiing. He was a loyal fan of the Detroit Tigers and University of Notre Dame athletics.

His family said Mr. Verbiest led a fun-loving life, but the fun ended when he suffered a paralyzing stroke in 2012 and another one May 11.

Mr. Verbiest is survived by his mother, Suzanne; brothers, Chris Verbiest (Betheen) and Jon Verbiest (Stacy); sister,

Bethann Kirk (Jeff) and sister-in-law, Mary Anne. He also is survived by 12 loving nieces and nephews and countless friends from all over the country.

He was predeceased by his father, Thomas Verbiest Sr., and his brother, Thomas Verbiest Jr.

Donations may be made to the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

**Shirley Howes Wright**

Shirley Howes Wright, 86, passed away Monday, July 7, 2014, after a long illness.

Shirley was born in 1927 in Washington D.C., attended Woodrow Wilson High School there and then Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa., from which she graduated in 1949 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

She earned her teaching credentials from Wayne State University in the 1960s and served as both a substitute teacher in the Grosse Pointe Public School District and in the 1990s at Ferry Elementary School as a volunteer teaching assistant. She loved helping children learn to read.

A longtime member of St. Michael's Episcopal



Mark Verbiest



Shirley Howes Wright

Church, Mrs. Wright enjoyed assisting with The Little Thrift Shop, at one point volunteering in the late 1980s to spearhead the operation.

Mrs. Wright moved to the Grosse Pointe area in 1959, residing in Grosse Pointe Shores. She was committed to giving back to the community, along with her husband, Jim Wright, who served as village clerk in 1980s and then was appointed to the Grosse Pointe Shores Village Council in 1994.

In 1977, Mrs. Wright and her husband took private pilot lessons and eventually purchased a single-engine Cessna 182 which they enjoyed flying. She became a member of the International Women's Pilot Club, also known as the 99s.

In 1968, Mrs. Wright began organizing and researching her family tree. She traced her lineage back to Thomas Howes who landed in Boston in 1637 on one of

the Massachusetts Bay Company ships that helped settle New England.

In 1984, she and her husband volunteered at the Los Angeles Summer Olympic Games.

Mrs. Wright is survived by her daughters, Carol Wright (Brandon), Elizabeth Wright (Roewe) and Priscilla Wright and grandchildren, Christopher Roewe and Nicholas Roewe.

She was predeceased by her husband, James Traylor Wright; parents, John Howes and Nola Hudson Howes, and brother, Harrison Howes.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, or charity of the donor's choice.

**BAND:** *Continued from page 1B*

Barstys from Grosse Pointe Woods.

He is also 11 years old and will be in sixth grade at Parcels Middle School this fall.

He has been playing the drums for three years and also plays the saxophone.

This summer he is participating in the Summer Music Festival at Brownell through July 18. Barstys enjoys playing hockey and baseball, too, in addition to his instruments.

Hendricks, who plays lead guitar, is the son of Chris and Jacki Hendricks and lives in Grosse Pointe Farms. He is 13 and will begin eighth grade at Brownell this fall.

He has been playing guitar for about four years. Aside from guitar, Hendricks likes to ski, hunt and ride his bike.

**Outstanding**

**Elected**

Louis D. Saravolatz M.D. is the governor of the Michigan Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the national organization of internists. A resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, Saravolatz is chairman of the Department of Medicine at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Grosse Pointe South High School graduate,

Class of 1998, **Brianne Nadeau**, is a councilwoman on Washington, D.C.'s Ward 1.

She was editor in chief of South's newspaper, Tower, during her senior year.

**Named**

James S. Kalus of Grosse Pointe Woods has been named a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

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Crossword puzzle grid and clues. Clues include: 1 Taj Mahal city, 5 Lunch order, for short "Bye", 8 Bellow, 12 Kanga's kid, 14 Change for a five, 15 Always playing the same role, 17 Beehive State, 18 Perched, 19 Illuminated, 20 With aloofness, 21 Light brown, 22 "Go, team!", 23 Underneath, 26 Flip-flops, 30 Suitor, 31 Solemn promise, 32 Mayberry moppet, 33 Used a stopwatch on, 35 Chirping sound, 36 Whammy, 37 Inmate, 38 Devoutness, 41 Supporting, 42 Clear the tables, 45 Vortex.

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Rustmann sisters select MSU

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's Julia and Sarah Rustmann had a tough decision to make when it came to where to attend college.

The twins enjoyed a very successful high school athletic and academic career, so this decision was critical.

In the end, the two chose Michigan State University where they will be freshmen in the fall.

"I chose Michigan State University because ever since I was a freshman it has been my dream to be a Spartan," Sarah said. "I have always yearned to run at a D1 school in Michigan as a college athlete. I could not be happier now that I know that I am capable and so blessed to be an all-year athlete at Michigan State."

"I chose Michigan State University because it has been my dream ever since I was little," Julia said. "I believe that MSU offers me the most opportunities that will make me grow as a person, runner and student."

The Rustmann sisters worked hard and dedicated themselves to improve their running skills. They began as



PHOTO BY DANIEL RUSTMANN

Sarah Rustmann, bottom left, and Julia Rustmann, bottom right, are joined by teammates Sydney Benson, top left, and Katelyn Carney, top right, at the Division I state track and field championship meet Saturday, May 31.

inexperienced freshmen and grew into leaders as seniors with a mission to run their very best each and every time on the athletic field.

They put in their dues during the early part of their career, running cross-country in the fall

and track and field in the spring.

In the 2011 state finals meet, Sarah and Julia, as sophomores, finished 186th and 187th, turning in times of 21:55.1 and 21:55.7, respectively.

The Norsemen didn't make the 2012 state

finals, but returned to the finals this fall with the Rustmann sisters leading the Norsemen to a solid team finish. As individuals, Sarah was 60th with a time of 19:18.8 and Julia was 80th with a time of 19:38.8.

They knocked more than two minutes off their times in two years, thanks to that solid work ethic and drive to improve. Running in the state's biggest meet and producing times under the 20-minute mark was a fantastic way for them to end their high school cross-country career.

The Rustmann twins put an exclamation mark on their athletic careers this spring, breaking the school record and earning All-State status in the 3,200-relay at the Division I state championship meet.

They performed their best with all the pressure on the line and did it in style by putting themselves in North's record book.

In that race, Sarah ran a 2:15 split and helped spur the team, which was joined by Julia, Sydney Benson and Katelyn Carney, to break the record set in 2004. The old record was 9:32.

"I never thought running a 2:15 split (800 meters) was possible,"

Sarah said. "That has always been my dream, along with running at MSU, and I am so proud of myself and my amazing team for this accomplishment."

"My best moments in high school athletics would be making it on the record board for cross country and track and field because both moments I pushed myself harder than I ever had before and ran times that I never imagined would be in my ability to run," Julia said. "It was the best experience to accomplish such a goal with my teammates and it was the best experience for myself."

When it came to Norsemen running during the 2013-14 school year, it was the Rustmann sisters who stood out and earned All-League recognition. They pushed themselves to give maximum effort every time they competed, and it is this commitment to excellence which made them stand out among their peers.

Their cross country head coach was Scott Cooper and this year on the track it was Bruce Bentley.

"We both would like to thank coach Scott Cooper, Coach Bruce Bentley, Coach Diane Montgomery and Coach

Liz Michaels for their wonderful dedication, support and encouragement over the years," Julia said.

Julia finished strong in the classroom, too, earning a 3.47 grade point average. She is majoring in nursing because she wants to help people and the science of the body intrigues her.

Sarah had a 3.61 gpa and is majoring in kinesiology because it involves sports and the body, which interests her. MSU has one of the best kinesiology programs in the country.

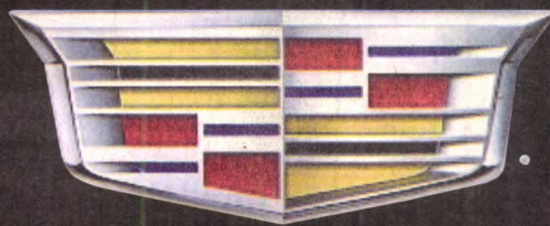
Both Rustmann girls will compete on the Spartans' cross country and track and field teams.

Walt Drenth is the director of cross country, as well as track and field. The Spartans' women's cross country team won the 2013 Big Ten Championship meet in West Lafayette, Ind., and took sixth in the NCAA meet with 236 points.

In the spring, the ladies placed sixth with 85 points in the Big Ten Outdoor Championship meet.

Sarah and Julia are running in the right direction and look for them to continue to use a great work ethic to improve as collegiate student-athletes.

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Rowing

DETROIT BOAT CLUB

# Ladies come close to earning medal

The women qualified in two events at the Midwest Junior Rowing Championships, the Lightweight Eight plus coxswain (8+) and Double (2x).

Competing in the Eight was Gianna Manchester, Grosse Pointe South; Faith Volpe, Grosse Pointe North; Katie Konieczny, Pierce Middle School; Lee Sullivan, Grosse Pointe South; Erin Ptashnik, Grosse Pointe South; Gabriela Tucker, Grosse Pointe South; Kara Semanison, Grosse Pointe South; Emily Truss, Grosse Pointe North; and coxswain Makenzie Smith, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

Campaigning in the double were Claire Platt, Grosse Pointe South, and Isabella Strickler, Grosse Pointe South.

With the high finish in Cincinnati, a Detroit



PHOTO COURTESY OF RENEE LANDUYT

Several girls competing with Detroit Boat Club Crew qualified in the 2014 Midwest Junior Rowing Championships.

Women's Lightweight Eight has now qualified for an impressive five consecutive years for the

Youth National Championships.

The Women's Double

liminary race, placing for the 20 entries in that second with a time of event's heats.

With their excellent third-best time overall finish, Platt and Strickler

moved directly to the semifinals the following day where they again finished second, qualifying them for the grand championship.

In the A Finals against stiff competition from Connecticut, Washington and Texas crews, the Detroit Double rowed a strong race achieving a fourth-place finish and a top four national ranking.

The Detroit Womens Lightweight Eight battled through the competition's heats and repechage to finish a respectable first in the C Finals.

Overall, this is the 18th consecutive year that head coach Richard Bell has qualified the Detroit Boat Club Crew for the U.S. Rowing Youth National Championships.

Look for these ladies to make another medal run next season.

Baseball

TRAVEL LEAGUE

## Cimini's team rocks



PHOTO COURTESY OF KEVIN MCCARRON

Head coach Dan Cimini, far left, and his Little Caesar's 15U travel baseball team played well to the Silver Bracket of the SlumpBuster Tournament in Omaha, Neb., last month.

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Dan Cimini and his Little Caesars 15U baseball team won the Silver Bracket of the SlumpBuster tournament last month in Omaha, Neb.

"It was one great tournament for all of us," Cimini, of Grosse Pointe, said. "We played great as a team, won some big games and had a chance to sit in the stands of all three College World

Series games.

"This was something special."

The team finished 7-1, beating California Pacific Riverside Baseball Academy 7-1 in the championship game.

Rob Martinez, Alex Martinez and Logan Mico of Grosse Pointe South joined Liggett players Connor McCarron, Jackson Walkowiak, Joseph Cipriano, Teddy Wujek and Sean Fannon on Cimini's travel baseball squad.

Cipriano had 15 hits, including nine doubles, and McCarron had 15 hits. They lead the team in hitting in the eight games.

The team is 15-3.

"The kids have improved a lot and they know what I expect of them," Cimini said. "They learned a lot."

The team plays a few more tournaments this month before concluding its season.

The players will play varsity next spring.

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# Race results

Below are the top five finishers in each class of the 2014 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race.

Sailors finished the race anywhere between late Sunday, July 13, and early in the morning Monday, July 14.

Here are the results per division:

**Division 1 - Cove Island**

1. Philip D. O'Neil III, D.D.S. on board Natalie J.
2. Kohler/Reichelsdorfer on board Evolution.
3. Michael Kirkman on board Hot Ticket.
4. Doug DeVos on board Windquest.
5. Rick Henning on board Denali.

**Division II - Shore Course**

1. Win Cooper III/Chris Benedict on board Shape.
2. Paul Lee on board Genesis.
3. Keith Stauber on board Papa Gaucho II.
4. Bayer/Bayer/Barnes on board Falcon.
5. Gregory Thomas/John Trost on board Pendragon.

**Division III - Shore Course Cruising**

1. Wick Smith on board Mostly Harmless.
2. Gary H. Gonzalez on board Dos Mas.
3. Darrell Cope/Kevin Pearce on board Limerick.
4. Richard Van Houdt on board Last Run.
5. David Greene on board Just Chill.

**Division IV - Shore Course DH**

1. Chris Cyrul on board Opus Del.
2. Lyndon Lattie on board Patriot.
3. Hanson Bratton on board TAZ.
4. Lease Schock on board Avatar.
5. Donald Flick on board Vanquish.

**Division V - Cove Island Multihull**

1. Fred Ball on board Lucky Strike.
2. Tim Walli on board Ollie.
3. Meade Gougeon on board Adagio.
4. Mark Cadotte on board Accipiter.
5. Rick Warner on board Cheeky.

**Softball**

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH**

# Register for summer camp

Grosse Pointe South girls' softball team is hosting a softball clinic Tuesday, July 29, through Thursday, July 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the South varsity field.

The cost is \$100 per player and is for girls entering grades four to eight.

The clinic is coached by Grosse Pointe South softball coaches and varsity players.

Players will learn the fundamentals of the game.

Interested parties can contact camp director Bill Fleming at [sanflem1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sanflem1@sbcglobal.net).

**Hockey**

**GROSSE POINTE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

# Group earns honor

USA Hockey has nationally recognized Grosse Pointe Hockey Association as a Gold Level association for its achievement in the 2 and 2 Challenge program during the 2013-14 hockey season.

USA Hockey established the national 2 and 2 Challenge as a call-to-action for local associations to grow the sport in the 4 to 8 age group.

Using USA Hockey's detailed blueprint and tools, GPHA far surpassed its goal of acquiring two additional players and retaining two additional players than the previous season's total.

"We are extremely thankful for our coaches and volunteers who put in countless hours to develop and encourage young Grosse Pointe skaters," said Brian Francis, president of Grosse Pointe Hockey. "We look forward to building on this strong foundation in the fall 2014 season."

By completing the 2 and 2 Challenge at Gold status, GPHA establishes itself as not only the best hockey program locally,



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Young skaters participate in a GPHA Try Hockey for Free Day at the Grosse Pointe Community Rink.

but one of the best youth sports options in our community.

USA Hockey recognition includes eight sets of One Goal starter equipment, 12 youth hockey sticks and a banner for the rink.

Further information can be found at [usa-hockey.com](http://usa-hockey.com) and [2and2challenge.com](http://2and2challenge.com). Grosse Pointe Hockey is currently registering players for the fall season at [gphockey.org](http://gphockey.org).

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council, under the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 as amended, and Grosse Pointe Woods City Code Section 50-88 that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, August 4, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council/Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 concerning the conditional rezoning request for Briarcliff 2014 LLC., 850 Briarcliff Dr. The request is for conditional rezoning of approximately 8.8 acres of land from R-1A to R-4 High Density Multiple Dwelling District subject to a specific site plan and no more than 13 units in phase I and II and 12 units in phase III. The proposed conditional rezoning includes the property located at 850 Briarcliff Dr. including the former Liggett Middle School site. The public hearing materials are available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313.343.2440 seven days prior to the meeting.

Lisa K. Hathaway  
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Local angle

Third-grade students at Mason Elementary School produced a 'Famous Michigander Living Museum' where each student researched a famous person who was either from or had lived in Michigan, then creating a diorama of information and dressed like the person they researched. Above, Tim and Theresa Hogan of Grosse Pointe Shores listen to Edison Jarvi as he reads about Thomas Edison. "My first name was just a coincidence," Jarvi said. "I chose Thomas Edison because he was a great inventor." At right, Anthony Carlisle reported on Kid Rock. Anthony chose to be Kid Rock for this project because, he said, "Kid Rock is a great singer, he gives back and he sings for the troops."



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South student first

The National Association of Teachers of Singing held its 53rd national conference July 5-9 in Boston. During the conference, the final rounds for the National Music Theater and National Student Auditions were held.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Nina White won first place in the category of High School Musical Theater - Women. She sang three songs during the semifinal round at the Boston Conservatory including "I Speak Six Languages" and "Someone to Watch Over Me."

Nina sang "Six Languages" again during the final round the next day at the Marriott Copley Place Hotel. She qualified for these final rounds after earlier competitions at Ball State University and on YouTube.

Nina is 15 years old and is a junior at Grosse Pointe South High School. Her voice teachers are Wayman Ezell of Detroit and Carol Perry of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Teaching assignment set

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Elizabeth Palmer has recently been accepted into Teach For America's 2014 teaching corps.

Palmer graduated from University Liggett School in 2007 and will be teaching in New York with Teach For America. She is joining the organization from the Parthenon Group where she was a consultant.

"At Parthenon I became a member of the Education Practice and worked with several large urban districts that

are striving to reform schools and improve opportunities for students. I was excited to learn that there are hard-working, brilliant people across the country who are tackling the challenges of our education system. I believe that education inequity is the greatest injustice in the United States today, but it is one that we can fix if we dedicate enough talent and resources. I decided to join Teach For America because I want to gain first-hand experience working to achieve

transformational outcomes for my students," Palmer said.

Palmer is joining a diverse group of individuals dedicated to addressing gaps in education. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, by the time they reach fourth grade, students eligible for free and reduced lunch are almost two years behind in reading and a year and a half behind in math when compared to their higher income peers.

"Our corps members and alumni have made a meaningful impact with their students and communities over time," said Elisa Villanueva Beard, co-CEO of Teach For America. "I can't wait to see the leadership, passion, dedication and innovation this year's corps will bring to their classrooms nationwide."

Teach For America is a national nonprofit organization working to expand educational opportunity for low-income students. Corps members commit to teach for two years in high-need urban or rural public schools and become lifelong leaders in pursuit of educational equity.

For more information, visit [teachforamerica.org](http://teachforamerica.org).

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