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## Rivalry week

Above, the Grosse Pointe South crowd is ready for the game. At right, South teacher Bruce Pelto and his wife, retired Brownell teacher Julie Pelto pay Pastor Marcia Fairrow at the Higher Grounds table for muffins and cookies. Below, the Grosse Pointe South band and the Grosse Pointe North band play the national anthem. The drum's reflection shows coaches from South's football team. More on the game on page 1C. More photos of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce tailgate festivities on page 8A.



Above, Grosse Pointe North Principal Kate Murray and Grosse Pointe South Principal Moussa Hamka wish each other luck as the football game gets underway and in the background the students of Grosse Pointe South show their Blue Devil spirit. At left, students show their tough support for their teams.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Chased out of town

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Police wished their last goodbye to James Brian Ciaramitaro, departing last week to the Wayne County Jail.

From there he was scheduled for arraignment Wednesday, Oct. 1, in Wayne County Circuit Court on three felonies resulting from a traffic stop and foot chase near Richard Elementary School as classes let out Friday, Sept. 19.

Regardless how the prosecution ends, Ciaramitaro, a 37-year-old heroin junkie and career criminal of no recent permanent address, won't go free.

He's due in Chesterfield Township for prosecution of car theft and two home invasions.

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## Bashara: No deal offered

By Kathy Ryan  
 Staff Writer

**DETROIT** — Bob Bashara will go on trial Monday, Oct. 6, in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges he murdered his wife in January 2012.

Following a pretrial hearing Sept 8, there was some speculation a plea deal was in the works after the trial judge, Vonda Evans, urged Bashara and the attorneys involved to seek a "resolution" in the matter and to return to court on Sept. 24 with a decision.

"It's my understanding that's not possible," Evans said at Wednesday's hearing, which was confirmed by Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Lisa Lindsey, who told the court her office had not offered Bashara any kind of a plea deal.

Bashara's court appointed attorney,

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## If you build it ...

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Little Leaguers are drafting angels in the outfield to transform a cluster of diamonds in the rough into lighted fields of dreams.

"We're going to go look for private donations," said Mark Davey, president of Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little

League.

The prospect is a natural for the league's 1,000 boys and girls, their families and everyone with a love of the game, according to people pitching the idea.

"This is another added value to our community," Davey said.

"We hear from reliable sources that it

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Proposed redevelopment of Kerby Field in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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**Dr. Robert Morris**

Home: Grosse Pointe Park  
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## Summer's last stand

Three-year-old Ben Ryan, left, broke brother Jack's previous year's lemonade selling record. The \$49.50 he made was donated to Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

## Squatter: House gift from above

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Although many Grosse Pointe residents are thankful for the community's blessings — great schools and public safety, golden retrievers galore — a woman squatting at a vacant house on Lakeshore claims to be heaven sent.

"She told me a priest was going to buy the house for her," said Farms Detective Bryan Ford. "She couldn't name the priest, but that's the only explanation given."

The house remains in its owner's hands, a man living elsewhere in the Farms, and slated for demolition.

The woman, 56-year-old Gwenda Loraine Henderson of Detroit, is free from jail pending results of a pretrial examination next week for commandeering a house in the 400 block of Lakeshore overlooking Lake St. Clair.

Officers, alerted by the owner Monday night Sept. 22, promptly arrested Henderson for entering the property without permission.

There wasn't evidence to charge her with home invasion.

"There was no intent to commit larceny within, because the house was vacant," Ford said. "She didn't remove anything."

During a bond hearing Wednesday, Sept. 24, in Farms Municipal Court, Judge Matthew Rumora tried to make sense of it.

"What's this all about?" he asked Ford.

"She entered without the owner's permission," Ford explained. "She was staying there for a few days."

Henderson doesn't know the homeowner, police said.

"How did she get in?" Rumora asked.

"Through an unlocked door," Ford said. "She moved personal belongings in and was there for

about two days."

Rumora indicated Henderson's actions warranted a greater charge. "Is this all we've got?" he asked Ford. "This is a serious matter."

"I think so, too," Ford said. "It's only a \$1,000 fine."

Rumora set a \$1,000 cash surety bond and scheduled a pretrial examination for Wednesday, Oct. 8.

Henderson's daughter posted the bond after the hearing.

"Her daughter seemed very nice and very concerned, as well," Ford said.

He said Henderson is pleasant enough, just not candid nor consistent about why and how she picked that particular house.

"She was looking around the Internet and found that one," he said. "That's what she told me. I haven't confirmed that."

She was convicted in 1989 of "fraudulent activity," a felony, Ford said.

"Nothing since then," he added.

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is going to be mostly privately funded," said Mayor James Farquhar.

Davey presented the site plan, still a work in progress, during a city council work session Tuesday, Sept. 23.

A council subcommittee consisting of the mayor, two councilmen

and others have been shepherding the league's proposal through at least three incarnations.

"It's going to benefit the community," Farquhar said. "There's a way we're all going to win-win."

"I've not heard any cost estimates," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "At this point, it's refining the concept and, from there, cost estimates."

The council is a couple months away from ruling

on the project, Reeside said.

### The layout

The league's plan is to slightly reconfigure four existing diamonds on municipal property at Kerby Field, plus add a fifth, smaller one.

Also, if sanctioned by the Grosse Pointe Soccer Association and Grosse Pointe South Red Barons youth football organization, the league will replace a nearby soccer and football practice field with three mini diamonds for kiddie play and girl's softball.

Central to construction is an arched pedestrian entry from a parking lot off Kerby Road leading to a "champions" plaza.

"We try to create a memorable experience and a unique sense of place," said project architect David Barczys, principal designer at Niagara

Murano architects in Birmingham.

The plaza has space for vendors during games and the showing of baseball-themed feature films on weekend nights.

An existing concessions building would remain.

Proposed for construction next to the landscaped plaza are a multi-purpose building and batting cages.

Off-field activities and musical entertainment add spice, a la Comerica Park.

"It's highly unlikely we would do this every single day, but definitely on weekends we could make it a fun, family festive area," Davey said.

### City land

Last summer, the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation privately funded two-thirds of a \$300,000 municipal dog park constructed on city land between Kerby Field and the soccer field.

"Now, we want to turn our attention to Kerby Field," Reeside said. "It's a central recreational amenity in Grosse Pointe Farms."

"There's opportunity to enhance it and get the most out of it as possible."

Kerby Field is zoned as a community recreation district.

It's on municipal property between community service and single-family residential districts near the intersection of Mack and Moross.

The community recre-

ation and service districts are operated and maintained by the recreation and public works departments.

Redevelopment of Kerby Field requires city council approval.

"Pending approval and fundraising, we would, hopefully, start construction (in) July or August next year," Davey said.

### City costs

The latest, and third, version of the Little League site plan eliminates some trees and a run-down roller rink.

"Removing the roller rink and arborvitae, which we prune every year, will reduce our maintenance costs," Farquhar said.

### Games galore

The league's 80 teams play 1,500 games during spring, summer and fall baseball and softball seasons, Davey said.

"For seven months of the year, from April when practice starts to the middle of October, the (existing) fields are being used," Davey said.

Games are scheduled mainly during daylight hours, although late afternoon and evening games sometimes carry into twilight.

The installation of lights on 40-foot poles are proposed to prevent late innings from succumbing to darkness.

"We try to orient them away from the neighbors and directly onto the fields so we minimize light pollution," Barczys

said.

"I'd like to do one night game per year, a major championship game, which is always at the end of June," Davey said. "We're not going to have night games in April or May during the week and keep kids up until midnight."

A nighttime championship game on the summer solstice, June 21, "would be the biggest event in the community for the year," Davey said. "(Lights) would be off by 10 or 10:15 p.m."

### Attractive nuisance

All-night security lighting is needed to win endorsement from Dan Jensen, director of public safety.

The Mack border with Detroit and the Moross gateway into the Grosse Pointes are high-patrol zones.

"There needs to be residual lighting so my guys on midnights can patrol accordingly," Jensen said. "There's been a few times I've gotten bums sleeping in there [Kerby Field]. We've always had concerns about the restrooms being visible to passing cars."

Davey agreed to install "visual lighting."

### Parking

Plans show two parking lots, one with two access points from Kerby Road, the second off the Mack alley next to the current soccer field.

"We're coming up with a net gain of around 80 additional parking spaces," Barczys.

The popular dog park stresses parking availability in the area, Jensen said.

"I'm not sure you can put this type of field anywhere in the Pointes without having congestion that comes with it," he said.

Yet, the extra parking spaces may reduce curbside parking in residential neighborhoods, especially on Webster, Jensen added.

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## Dabble

Dabble in the Farms, an autumn craft tasting experience, was held on the Hill last weekend, drawing a festive crowd for music and fun. At right, Joe Mifsud and Anthony Rimanelli try a Bluegrass Punch as volunteer Kyle Hooper explains what the punch is made of. A portion of the night's proceeds went to Camp Casey and Grosse Pointe Rotary.



Above, Aurelie Saigh and Scot McColl, volunteers pouring beer at the Right Brain Brewery table, share a laugh with Mike Bissig and Kendra Bissig. At right, Chace Wakefield tosses a football at the bowling pins in a game called fowling.



The band 'Sias' entertained the crowd. The band consists of all Grosse Pointe South graduates, including Haley Grant on keyboard, Scott Posada, lead guitar, Walter Bridgforth, drums and Josias Yglesias, singer and guitar.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



At left, from left, David Juip, Amanda Juip, Hillary Butcher, Lawrence DeLuca and Alexis DeLuca.

## Open house stresses fire safety

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES**—A Dalmatian adds flair to a public safety open house, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, a post-celebration of "Fire Prevention Week," Oct. 5-11.

The open house is in and around the Grosse Pointe Shores public works parking lot and baseball field behind city hall.

"We will have our fire trucks on display as well as the Grosse Pointe Woods aerial tower truck, the smoke house, the new SWAT

vehicle, and a Medi-vac helicopter arranged for us by Shores Sgt. Ron Coste," said Chief John Schulte in an e-mail.

Coste's wife in a in-flight special care nurse. "They offered to touch down for a few minutes and let the kids look around," Schulte said.

Wally's Frozen Custard presents another fire truck.

A Shores resident is lending a pet Dalmatian, the classic firehouse mascot.

"You know how kids like fire trucks and Dalmatians," Schulte said.

Cider and doughnuts are served.

"We will have junior 'Fire Chief' helmets for the kids," Schulte said.

This year's theme of "Fire Prevention Week" is working smoke alarms.

"Simply having smoke alarms isn't enough.

They need to be tested and maintained properly," said a representative of the National Fire Protection Association, sponsor of Fire Prevention Week, in a news release.

The time it takes a fire to double in size is measured in seconds.

A smoke alarm is

credited with giving early warning to residents of a night-time house fire two summers ago on Lakeshore.

"Battery-powered smoke alarms alerted the homeowners and quite possibly saved their lives," Schulte said at the time.

Shores Fire Inspector Lt. Bill Nicholson recommends changing alarm batteries regularly.

"Change the battery every year when changing clocks to daylight saving time," he said. "Whether the battery is good or bad, take it out and put in a new one."

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Next, Pennsylvania state police plan to extradite him for committing two burglaries while on parole and entrusted to a halfway house.

Ciaramitaro faces three charges in the Farms:

- ◆ receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle,
- ◆ resisting police and

- ◆ fleeing and eluding 3rd degree.

His habitual offender status increases the maximum penalty to life in prison.

"You understand what you're being charged with?" Farms Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora asked Ciaramitaro prior to a preliminary hearing Wednesday, Sept. 24.

"Yes, sir," Ciaramitaro answered.

Ciaramitaro waived his statutory right to the pre-

lim, during which prosecutors must show probable cause a crime was committed and the defendant did it or, in Ciaramitaro's case, them.

Rumora accepted the waiver and automatically bound Ciaramitaro over to circuit court.

County Prosecuting Attorney Gary Bresnehan supported Rumora continuing the \$100,000 cash-only bond set during arraignment, two days earlier, by visiting

Judge Theodore Metry. Metry normally presides in Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court.

Ciaramitaro's record of five felony convictions in Michigan features receiving and concealing stolen property, resisting arrest, fleeing and eluding police plus home invasion, according to police.

It started in 2002 with a conviction in Mount Clemens for receiving and concealing stolen property.

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Lillian Diallo, concurred. "There has been no offer from the people," she told the court.

Bashara is charged with first-degree murder in the death of his wife, Jane, on Jan. 24, 2012.

If convicted, he faces mandatory life in prison

without parole. He also faces five other charges, including conspiracy to commit murder, solicitation to commit murder, suborning perjury during a capital trial, witness intimidation and obstruction of justice.

While setting the trial date of Oct. 6, Evans also set a hearing for Friday, Oct. 3 on motions brought forth by the defense in regard to the arrest

record of Joseph Gentz, who pleaded guilty to killing Jane Bashara, but said he was paid by Bob Bashara to do so.

Jane Bashara was found dead in the back of her SUV the morning of Jan. 25, 2012.

She had been strangled.

Gentz, a handyman who had worked for her husband, is currently serving a minimum of 17

years for his role in her murder.

Bob Bashara is currently serving a sentence of seven to 20 years for attempting to hire someone to kill Gentz.

Following the hearing, neither Diallo nor Bashara's other attorney, Michael McCarthy, would comment on the decision to go to trial, though McCarthy said his client was "very upbeat."

## More break-ins

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS**—Police are seeking help from residents in solving several home invasions that have occurred in the past few weeks.

The Woods has recorded at least six home invasions, including two in the past week. A Huntington resident returned home Sunday, Sept. 22, and found a back door had been forced open. Laptops, flat screen televisions and jewelry were reported missing.

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, a child coming home from school to a house on Kenmore found the side door had been forced open and called his mother who notified police. As with the other incidents, laptops, flat screen televisions and jewelry were reported missing.

In the Kenmore incident, a neighbor reported seeing a white SUV driven by a black male in the area, but had not called police.

"We are asking residents to notify us immediately if they see anything suspicious," said acting public safety director Skip Fincham. "Any cars or people in the area, anything. We need residents' help. Call us immediately."

Fincham said the city has stepped up enforcement and patrols in the area.

"We did arrest four individuals cruising the Woods looking to steal UPS packages from porches," Fincham reported. "All four were arrested on warrant and it was determined they were wanted in St. Clair Shores and Warren for similar crimes."

Fincham also reported

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## The Week Ahead

### SATURDAY, OCT. 4

◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hold their annual Halloween costume sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch program room. Most costumes cost \$5. Accessories and Halloween books and videos are also for sale.

◆ The Moross Greenway Project community clean-up day is 9 a.m. to noon, between Moross, Mack and I-94. Attendees should meet at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross and bring gloves. For more information, call Sheila O'Hara at (313) 919-0790.

◆ The emergency siren is tested at 1 p.m.

◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hold their annual Halloween costume sale 1 to 3 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch program room. Costumes, accessories and Halloween books and videos are for sale.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods farmers market is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the front lawn of the municipal building.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods

public safety departments hosts its annual open house in recognition of fire prevention week from noon to 4 p.m. at the municipal building.

### MONDAY, OCT. 6

◆ The last day to register to be able to vote in the November general election. Visit your city hall.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 7

◆ The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe sponsors a candidate forum featuring Grosse Pointe Board of Education candidates from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce business after hours is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at The Rivers, 900 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

◆ An American Red Cross blood drive is held 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call for an appointment at (313) 550-3870.

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# No better place to raise a family

By Joe Warner  
Editor

There's busy, and then there's Dr. Robert Morris. The Grosse Pointe Park resident is a physician at St. John Hospital and Medical Center and professor and director of gynecologic oncology at Wayne State University's School of Medicine. Morris is being honored with an Alumni Achievement Award this weekend at Saint John's University in Minnesota. Morris will travel there

for homecoming ceremonies and the honor at halftime of Saturday's football game. It was there his love of science lab and working with people steered him toward a career in medicine. Morris was born in Detroit and moved to Minnesota as a child. He continued his education beyond college in Minnesota with medical training and a residency at Wayne State University. He did research and PhD work at the University of

Michigan and his fellowship in Houston. His choice to come here and live in Grosse Pointe was easy. "First and foremost, this community is tremendously supportive and friendly," Morris said. "The people here are great and they support the small shops, restaurants and grocery stores in the Grosse Pointes. There's a great sense of community and it's not the same anywhere else." Married to Dr. Leigh Solomon, a physician at St. John's Van Elslander Cancer Center, the couple has five children: Janelle, a Grosse Pointe South graduate; Steven, a

University Liggett School graduate; C.J., a student at University Liggett; Gisele, a student at University Liggett; and Zoey, 18 months old. "We're busy," Morris conceded. "But all of us enjoy fishing on Lake St. Clair. That and travel hockey take up some of the spare time." Morris is a renowned gynecological oncologist who has taught since 1996. He said his mix of practicing and teaching is perfect in his career. "Seeing the patients is the best part of my job," Morris said. "It's really about talking to them and helping them." Morris' work makes him a sought-after pre-

sender and winner of numerous awards, including an Excellence in Teaching award from Wayne State. He will travel to Minnesota with his son, C.J., for the weekend. "He's getting to the age (13) where he'll be looking at colleges," Morris said. "I'd be proud if he went there." The winters, Morris joked, aren't any worse than what the Grosse Pointes experienced last year. And as far as health care, Morris said this



Dr. Robert Morris

area stands up to any in the country. "The competing hospitals here all offer top-notch care for Grosse Pointe," Morris said. "It's all right around the corner."

# Park continues Kercheval closure talks

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Is there a plan for Kercheval beyond the market sheds the city erected this summer? And if there is, how was the plan developed? Those seem to be the questions without answers as residents

pressed members of the city's planning commission at a meeting Monday night. This was the second meeting with residents that a subcommittee of the planning commission, including David Gaskin, Fred Olds and city council representative James Robson, held, and the message residents gave the subcommittee was the same as

the first meeting: they want Kercheval to be reopened at Wayburn. Last winter the Park closed off Kercheval with street barriers, and the closure became permanent this spring with the construction of a traffic turn-around and the placement of market sheds some see as a barrier against Detroit. Gaskin said the role of

the subcommittee was to ask residents what they want to see developed on the one block of Kercheval, from Wayburn to Alter, but that had several attendees asking if that was even feasible, as much of the property in question is owned by the Cotton Family. "The Cotton Family should be present at any discussion of the area," one resident told the subcommittee. "They own a large swath of the city. Shouldn't they be a part of this? Why are you asking for suggestions of what the Cottons can do with their own property?" Another attendee, Jim Meyers, who identified himself as a landscape architect who had worked for the Cotton family, said he presented plans in 2011 to members of the Park planning commission that clearly defined the area in question as a walkable, bikeable entertainment district. He also said the plans called for a 20,000 square foot medical building to be constructed at Kercheval and Wayburn, and the plan

allowed for Kercheval to be divided into one way streets around the building. "Traffic would be routed around the building, then on weekends, balustrades would go up to close off Kercheval to cars, making it pedestrian friendly," he said. Meyers said the plans are available, and questioned why the city wasn't sharing the plans with residents. "The city paid for the plans, but I was told to not talk about them and to not make them public," he told the subcommittee. Meyers said he also met in several closed door meetings with the planning commission, but Park city manager Dale Krajniak, in an e-mail, denied any meetings with Meyers. Several attendees said it was important to work with Detroit in developing the area. Gaskin repeatedly cited an agreement the Park entered into with Detroit to develop the area, but cautioned there was little

the Park could do in Detroit. "A lot of what you're hoping for is largely out of our control," he said, noting the Park doesn't own the property beyond Wayburn. "We can't spend Park funds in Detroit," he said. "We won't be developing Alter Road, that's the work of Detroit. We're doing what we can to develop Grosse Pointe Park." Following the meeting, Olds and Gaskin also said they were not aware of the plan Meyers discussed during the meeting. "I don't know who he is," Gaskin said. Olds said the subcommittee would take information from the two meetings it has held to the full planning commission, and invited residents to attend. However, there has been no date set for the next planning commission meeting. "We don't meet on a regular schedule," Olds said. "We only meet when there is something to meet about."

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## Bernstein is club guest

**THE GROSSE POINTE** — The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club holds a general membership meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial reception room, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Featured speaker is Michigan Supreme Court Democratic nominee Richard Bernstein. There also is a pre-sentation on the school bond renewals. Many other state and local Democratic elected officials are expected to attend. The public is welcome to attend, but membership is required to vote on all club matters.

Additional information about the meeting and club can be found at [gpdems.com](http://gpdems.com) and on Facebook. Information and volunteer opportunities are available at the club's campaign office, 17243 Mack, Detroit, or by calling volunteer coordinator Rob Curis at (313) 590-7226.

## Waldorf School plans special night

Detroit Waldorf School presents the Waldorf Science Curriculum and Newly Renovated Science Lab education meeting for parents at the Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor, 2555 Burns, Detroit. The guest speaker is Gary Banks, former research engineer for the NASA space station and current science teacher at the Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor. Banks' topic is Waldorf's K-12 science curriculum, including the new environmental science curriculum for grades sixth through eighth. For more information, call the school at (313) 822-0300.

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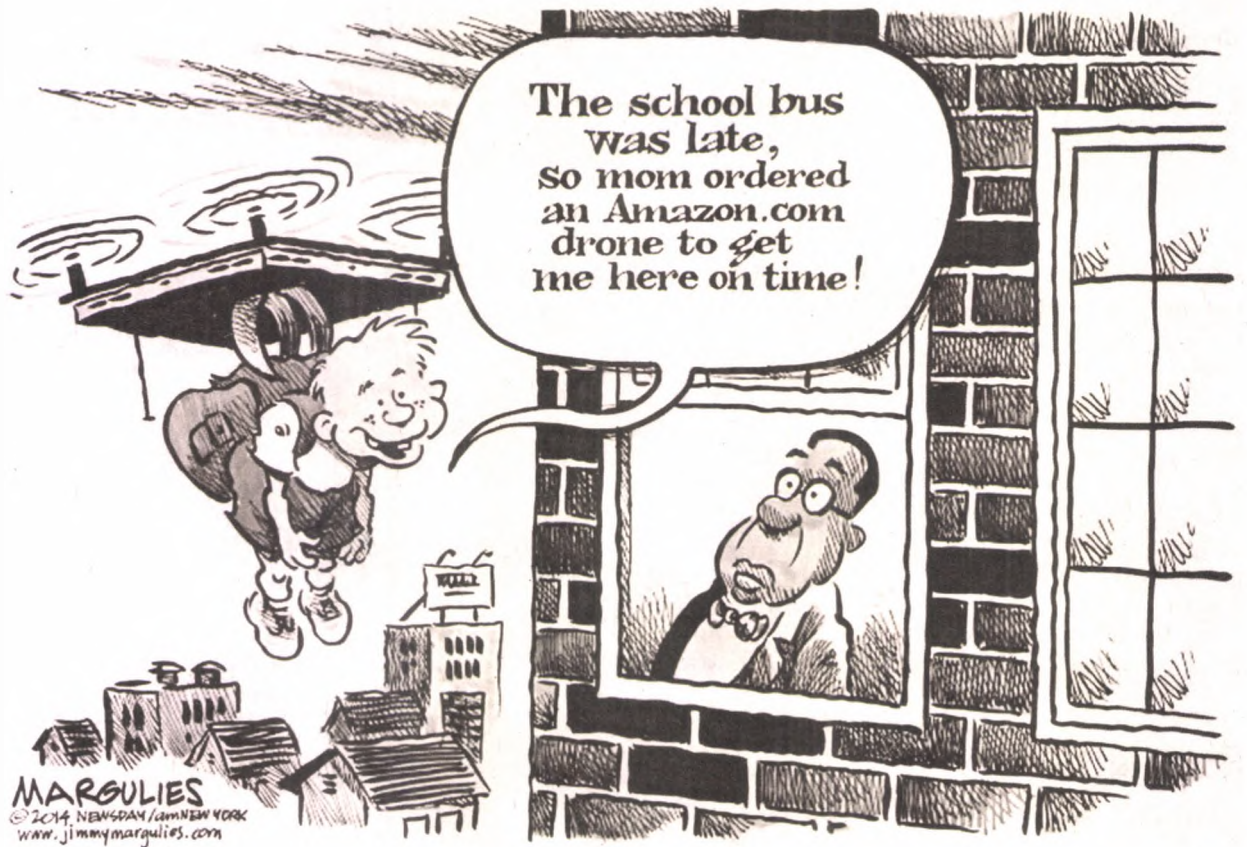
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## State school funding down for the Pointes

## To the Editor:

State support? There appears to be a good deal of confusion, or perhaps a serious difference in outlook, between the Gov. Rick Snyder and challenger Mark Schauer camps on the support of Michigan public schools K-12 education.

The present administration claims to have increased support to Michigan public schools while the opposition decries the loss of it.

This "difference of opinion" caused me to take a look at actual funding the Grosse Pointe Public School System has received from the state when compared to 2010-11, the year preceding the Snyder Administration.

The following four years — including the 2014-2015 budgeted amounts — have shown a net loss in school funding per year as follows: -\$3.955 million, -\$3.929 million, -\$3.673 million and -\$3.256 million.

What this means is the total loss for these last four years — when compared to 2010-2011 — has been nearly \$15 million, making Snyder's claim of increased funding dubious at best.

This funding decrease may go far to explain why our schools have been forced into larger class sizes and fewer extra-curricular options that have, in the past, helped characterize what we consider to be quality education in the Grosse Pointes.

GORDON E. MORLAN  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Educational funding

## To the Editor:

One of America's wisest decisions was to educate our entire population.

The American public school system was a major factor in the creation of the American middle class which was at the heart of our eco-

nomie prosperity. The GI Bill after World War II was an extension of this investment in education for all that has continued to pay dividends.

Grosse Pointe has been exemplary in choosing to generously fund our public schools. Young families choose to live here in large part because of the excellence of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. They in turn help create the vibrant community of the Grosse Pointes we all enjoy.

Changes in state law have made school funding more complex in recent years.

We are no longer able to set one easily understood millage rate, and allow the administration and Grosse Pointe Public School Board of Education the latitude to allocate the monies as needed.

All the monies from the renewal we are being asked to approve on Nov. 4 will remain in the Grosse Pointes for our own schools.

It is a wise investment in our future which Grosse Pointers and Americans have made for years.

It is an investment that will pay dividends in perpetuating the Grosse Pointes we all love.

JACK RYAN  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Candidate forum cancellations

## To the Editor:

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe realizes our community voters depend upon our candidate forums for voter information.

As part of our voter education program, we organized two forums for the state representatives of District 1 and 2, scheduled for Sept. 25. Our procedures for such forums stipulate we must have at least two candidates present. Unfortunately, some

candidates were unable to attend and we had to cancel those two forums.

We will still offer school board forums in preparation for the Nov. 4 general election. The Harper Woods School Board forum was held Sept. 30 in the Harper Woods Library. The Grosse Pointe school board forum is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the Wicking Library, Grosse Pointe South High School at 7:30 p.m. We urge the public to attend the forum or to watch broadcasts on TV.

We are also in the process of planning a state senate candidate forum. Please check our website, [grossepointe.mi.lvwnet.org](http://grossepointe.mi.lvwnet.org) for updates.

Our mission is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

The league neither endorses nor opposes candidates or political parties.

For further election information, please visit our web site [grossepointe.mi.lvwnet.org](http://grossepointe.mi.lvwnet.org) and the newly formed [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).

MARY ZAHLER  
Presidential Team  
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## School board candidate

## To the Editor:

One thing is for sure, we are all passionate about our Grosse Pointe Public School System. I am running as a candidate for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education and am seeking your support.

I'm sure many of you have noticed the divisiveness in our board as displayed by their disagreements played out in print and social media. Strong leadership and open communication is the key to success in any organization. It is desperately needed in both our school board and administration.

I believe I can provide leadership and common sense cooperation to solve our many problems including technology; teacher and staff morale; a fund equity, well below healthy levels; and community dissatisfaction. As owner, treasurer, and vice president of marketing for our family business, Cadillac Coffee Co., a Midwest regional coffee roaster, I have faced and resolved many of the issues we are dealing with in our school system.

If you want to drive improved performance,

you need strong leadership. Passionate leaders making the right decisions will solve problems, create innovation and achieve goals.

If I can use the recently failed technology bond as an example, I have spoken to many Grosse Pointe residents — some supported the bond, many rejected it. I asked why did you reject the bond and the answer was the same, "It was too much money and we didn't know what it was going to be spent for."

From a business perspective, the product was priced too high and value wasn't communicated to the customer — our residents. The \$50 million bond equated to approximately 2 mills, much too high for our community.

I believe we can support improved technology in our school system, as long as the correct technology plan is created, using proven providers and properly communicated to our residents. Let our community help with solutions, we have many talented and knowledgeable residents who are willing to be involved — it is a mistake not to involve us in these important decisions.

We continue to lose quality teachers to other districts. Recently, I was made aware of declining teacher morale. Good leaders in great companies inspire their employees. I have seen this transformation first-hand and know how to implement this in an organization.

Let me ask you a question, do you respond favorably to threats and intimidation or is collaborative goal setting and achievements more appealing?

Our fund equity is our total assets minus liabilities. According to the Michigan Schools Business Office, a healthy fund equity should be 15 to 20 percent of the general fund revenue. Our 2014-2015 projected balance is 6.29 percent, up from a low in 2012-2013 of 1.94 percent but well below our 2008 level of 18.89 percent or \$20.2 million.

Let me state that again, the MSBO says we should be at 15-20 percent and we will be at 6.29 percent. That means since 2008, we have lost more than \$16 million in fund equity.

How did that happen? Every year we have spent more then we have taken in and we make up the difference with our fund equity. Our board and administration worked to bring this back in line by implementing a trigger

mechanism called the "Grosse Pointe Formula" but did they act quickly enough?

If I am elected to serve you, I will work to bring mutual respect back into our leadership; move our system forward with regards to technology, innovation and other needed improvements; keep pushing hard to improve our balance sheet; and reach out to our community for advice and feedback.

GUY GEHLERT  
Grosse Pointe Public  
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Grosse Pointe Shores

## Drug addict

## To the Editor:

I am the brother of James Ciaramitaro and I feel the need to add my two cents to the article, "Chase ends in a cloud of dust," printed in the September 25 Grosse Pointe News.

Yes, my brother is a habitual offender and can't seem to get it right. And to the outside public and courts, it may seem it's time to lock him up and throw away the keys.

But here is the problem I'm having with all of this. He has basically done the last 18 out of 20 years in prison. And in all those years, they have never addressed his problem. So no matter the time he stays in prison, the day he gets out he is thinking about drugs.

It's easy to stay clean in prison — it's not readily available.

If there is someone in prison with cancer, they give them help. And continue the help even when they are in remission.

To me, a heroin addict is an illness that needs the same help as someone who has cancer. They can't just make him do a 90-day drug program one-year-in on a five-year sentence then think he's all better.

I know he wants to do good and when he is sober he is a great guy, believe it or not.

But there is that voice in the back of his mind at all time nagging him to use drugs and he has no control over it.

Don't get me wrong, I don't think he shouldn't be punished for what he has done. I just think the system has failed him.

If they would have made him do treatment for the whole time he was in, then put him in the right place upon release, he might have had a chance. But instead they release him to a halfway house in the worst heroin area in Pennsylvania.

He told me he was starting to feel weak,

and like he wanted to use drugs again. I called the counselor and the drug programs where he was at. They all told me unless he was using, they couldn't put him on Suboxone or start him on methadone.

So what's a person like my brother to do? He has a disease — they won't help him until he's using. But in his case once he uses, he loses his mind and this is the end result.

He's not a criminal. He is a drug addict who commits crime to feed his habit. So maybe this time when they lock him up, for God knows how long, maybe they can get him the long-term help he needs so this kid has a shot at life.

BILL CIARAMITARO  
Easton, Pa.

## Teachers

## To the Editor:

Teaching is an art, it's a science — the noblest of professions, for it prepares the minds of those who influence the thoughts of generations to come.

Possibly, a personal experience will exemplify the role of the ideal teacher.

A number of years ago, I had been in New York and was driving home to Detroit. I had been on the expressway about three hours when signs detoured traffic to the already congested side roads. I was familiar with a less traveled alternate route beyond the obstruction. It was dinner time. I had made good time.

Up ahead was a gas station-diner straddling a fork in the road. After the pit-stop I had about nearly three hours of scenic driving when I saw the sun setting in my rearview mirror.

The picturesque countryside had few road signs. I had no global positioning system to tell me my mistake. All in all, I lost about six hours on that misadventure.

Teachers, unlike lawyers, engineers and architects who can gather information for months and sit on it for years before making a decision, must function as a GPS for the student who should know instantly — not wait until the end of the term — what corrections are to be made. And taught how to make them.

This is the "Information Age." Knowledge is found in every venue.

With gentle, firm direction and encouragement — monitored by an empathetic dedicated GPS — there is little likelihood nor excuse for failure.

RICHARD R. ROYER  
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# Public Safety Reports

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Failed thefts

The door locks of two cars parked under canopies in the 500 block of Neff Lane, near the city hall complex, were discovered damaged during the morning of Monday, Sept. 22.

Police logged the incidents as attempted car thefts.

— Brad Lindberg  
Report information about this or other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department at (313) 886-3200.

## Grosse Pointe Farms

### Vanished

A drunken high schooler did a vanishing act for two public safety officers trying to find him near the Grosse Pointe South High School baseball diamond during the home football game against Grosse Pointe North at 8:37 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26.

"(He) ducked into brush and disappeared," said an officer.

Patrolmen flushed him out with a flashlight.

"(He) refused to come toward (me) and, instead, tried to run the opposite way," said the officer.

A short chase and struggle ended when police "assisted (the teen) to the ground" and cuffed his wrists, officers said.

Officers said the suspect, a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man, smelled of alcohol.

They took him to headquarters, filled out some paperwork, released him to his parents and mailed him a citation for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

### Drug penalty

A 15-year-old male with marijuana in his pocket tried some open-field running on the practice field of Grosse Pointe South High School during the Blue Devils vs. Norsemen football game Friday evening, Sept. 26, according to an officer tackling him at about 7:56 p.m.

The officer spotted the teen, reportedly a former South student now living with his parents on Detroit's eastside, acting suspiciously near a row of trees near a perimeter fence.

As a patrolman tried to remove a bag of marijuana from the youth's waistband, he ran, was taken down but continued resisting.

Resulting charges are assault and battery of a police officer, possession of 2.4 grams of marijuana and underage possession of tobacco products.

### Open & unlocked

Between 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, someone entered an unlocked vehicle parked in an open garage in the 200 block of Moran and stole a:

◆ 13-inch MacBook Pro with Retina display valued at \$1,670 and

◆ \$250 black leather Tumi computer case marked with the initials, "DS."

### Poached

Someone walked off with a woman's wheelbarrow in the 100 block of Kenwood.

"She placed her wheelbarrow with her recycling bin beside her curb in front of her house on (Tuesday), Sept. 23, at 4 p.m.," said a public safety officer.

It was gone by 8 a.m. the following day.

### Bright lights, dim driver

A 27-year-old Farms man operating a tan 1999 Jeep Wrangler was arrested on drug and alcohol charges during a traffic stop minutes before 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, in the 300 block of Merriweather.

"He sat and stared at (me) with an unlit cigarette hanging out of the corner of his mouth," said the arresting patrolman.

Officers said he had a .18 percent blood alcohol level.

He also possessed 4.5 grams of marijuana and a pipe, officers said.

The patrolman noticed the Jeep entering the Farms on southbound Moran at Mack.

"As (he) approached (me, I) flashed the patrol car's bright lights at the suspect," said the officer. "He did not dim his headlights."

The Jeep also had a defective muffler and brake light, said the officer.

### Bike exchange

Someone between 8 and 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, stole a large, cruiser-style Electra bike stored in a man's open garage in the 300 block of Moran.

A purple, 21-speed Huffy bicycle was left in its place.

The Electra is black with rear guard flame designs.

### Cars entered

Two homeowners in the 200 block of Merriweather reported their parked vehicles broken into overnight Monday, Sept. 22.

In one, a \$350 TomTom Global Positioning Satellite system was taken out of a 2009 Chrysler Town & County.

In the other, someone entered an unlocked side door of a garage and stole \$3 to \$4 in coins from a Mercury Sable.

### Star employee

At 3:34 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, a patrolman pulled over a construction employee driving a company-owned 2000 GMC Sierra pickup truck the wrong way on Fisher, a one-way road northbound, approaching Ridge.

The driver, a 44-year-old Waterford man, was violating 10 driving suspensions, said police.

A search of the Sierra turned up a small bag of marijuana and a pipe wrapped in a sweater on the front passenger seat.

Officers arrested the man for possession of marijuana and narcotics paraphernalia, plus violating the suspensions and driving the wrong way in a one-way zone.

"The vehicle was turned over to the registered owner, who made the scene to pick up hand tools for (a) construction job," said the officer.

— Brad Lindberg  
Report information about these or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department at

(313) 885-2100.

## Grosse Pointe Shores

### Cries uncle

A 56-year-old man from West Bloomfield, arrested at about 3:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, for violating a suspended driver's license on Lakeshore near Edgewood Drive North, posted \$300 bond and was released to his nephew.

A patrolman pulled the man over for speeding a 2004 Ford Ranger 12 mph over the limit.

— Brad Lindberg  
Report information about this or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department at (313) 881-5500.

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Bike thefts

Four bikes were stolen in the last week. A cruiser bike with a basket was taken from an unlocked garage on Beaconsfield; a Trek mountain bike was taken from an unlocked garage on Audobon, a green Huffy bike was taken from the front porch of a house on Maryland and an adult tricycle was taken from an unlocked garage in the 1100 block of Balfour.

Police believe the same prowler is responsible for the theft of \$5 in singles from unlocked vehicles parked in a driveway in the 1000 block of Balfour.

### Unlocked garage entered

Overnight Wednesday, Sept. 24, an unknown suspect entered an unlocked garage in the 600 block of Trombley and took several items, including a laptop, cash and jewelry from an unlocked car. As if that

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# Felony theft case moves to circuit court

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — A man being prosecuted for repaying a woman's grace by stealing her wedding ring is out on bond and heading to Wayne County Circuit Court.

Nicholas Rene Mojica, 37, of Auburn Hills, arrested this month for stealing the \$6,500 white gold diamond ring, waived his right to a preliminary hearing Wednesday, Sept. 24, in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court on a

charge of home invasion.

The crime is a felony punishable by up to four years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Judge Matthew Rumora continued Mojica's \$7,500 bond and scheduled his arraignment in circuit court at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8.

Terms of the bond, which Mojica posted after his arraignment in Farms court Sept. 14, are intended to prevent his from pestering the couple at their home in the 300 block of Fisher.

"You can't go within a mile of their house," Rumora told Mojica.

The couple befriended Mojica in Ann Arbor and hired him to paint the house, according to police.

While doing so, he stole the ring Sept. 4, they added.

Farms officers recovered it at a Birmingham pawn shop.

"She was elated," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati.

They arrested Mojica Friday, Sept. 12, at his employer's restaurant in Birmingham.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## More tailgate fun

Top, Jake Tedesco, Joey Tedesco, Jonathan Smith and Zack Buterakos in Grosse Pointe North gear stand behind Mia Tedesco who was on the side of Grosse Pointe South to win the game. At left, Tucker Briggs, 10, does 10 chin-ups at the Marine challenge booth. Above, Olivia Chugh, Olivia Stricker and Rachel Summerfield enjoy some tailgate food. The action was part of the Chamber of Commerce tailgate party.

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## Sign up for chess tourney

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Kedzierski sponsors the tournament, entering its second year.

This year's contest starts at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, in the pavilion at Grosse Pointe Shores Osius Park.

Competition is open to players starting at age 8 in three categories: beginner, intermediate

and advanced. Register by noon Saturday, Oct. 11, by e-mailing [susantreder@comcast.net](mailto:susantreder@comcast.net).

For more information, e-mail [bacaml@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bacaml@sbcglobal.net) or call Bruce Campbell at (313) 418-1672.

— Brad Lindberg

## MORE:

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that an attempted home invasion in Harper Woods was averted when the suspect was scared off by a neighbor.

According to Fincham, the location was near the border with Harper Woods and a witness was able to provide informa-

tion to police, including a license plate.

Police remind residents to always lock their doors and to consider installing dead bolts, explaining that many of the doors are relatively easy to break down due to age and condition of the doors.

But the most important thing residents can do is to call police to report

any suspicious activity.

"We believe these people knock on a front door, and if no one answers, they go to the side door, break down the door, enter and leave very quickly," Fincham said. "But they are carrying out large screen televisions and computers. Please, if you see any of this activity, call police immediately."

## REPORTS: Impersonating a police officer

*Continued from page 7A*

wasn't enough, the thief also made off with two bikes that had been in the garage.

— Kathy Ryan

Report information on these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park public safety at (313) 822-7400.

A public safety officer on routine patrol at 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, on Fairford noticed flashing red and blue lights he thought were coming from a police car. When he approached the vehicle, it fled and the officer followed right into a driveway on West Williams. The driver, a 22-year-old Woods resi-

dent said a friend from California had sent him the lights, which he had taped to the dashboard of his 2002 Ford Explorer. He also admitted to the officer cars pulled over when he activated the lights and said, "Yes, I know it was stupid." He was arrested and his car was impounded.

— Kathy Ryan

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## WCCCD opens center for distance learning

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

There's room at Wayne County Community College District Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center for more students to pursue a certification, associate's degree or acquire credits toward a bachelor's degree.

With the opening of its newest building at a Sept. 19 ribbon cutting, the Center for Distance Learning, the local campus offers continuing education for high school students through senior citizens.

Located in a former fitness building on Vernier in Harper Woods, the 20,000 square foot building has eight classrooms and two computer labs: one an interactive lab and the second a Mac lab for digital production. The building also includes student self-service kiosks, a learning commons and virtual classrooms for video conferencing.

With the opening of the center for distance learning, students can enroll in a mixed mode, University Center provost Sandra Robinson said, "Students spend half their time here and half their time on-line."

This is advantageous for the working adult,



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The ribbon cutting of the Center for Distance Learning on Wayne County Community College District's Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center in Harper Woods was attended by, from left Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter, Wayne County Community College District trustee Alan Anderson, trustee Vernon Allen, Mary Ellen Stempfle, Provost of University Center Sandra Robinson, Chancellor Curtis L. Ivery, Julie Corbett, Eastpointe Mayor Suzanne Pixley and trustee George Swan, among others.

she said, because they are able to enroll for on-line classes and access those classes at their convenience. Yet, instructors are available for in-class time.

"People are enjoying coming to the University Center," Robinson said, "because hours match what they are looking for."

The Harper Woods campus was a vision of

Chancellor Curtis L. Ivery, said Robinson, and supported by the board of trustees. Six years later, the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center was opened to provide an opportunity to students for online learning.

"High school students are taking classes here, doing production work," Robinson said, prior to the ribbon cutting. "We

have a relationship with Harper Woods High School. Children have been coming here for six years taking college classes and some have a year's worth of (college) credit when they graduate (from high school)."

Robinson said the community college is in negotiations with the Grosse Pointe Public School System to set up a dual enrollment program.

It's an affordable way to begin college, she said. With dual enrollment, the high school pays the students' tuitions and books. Following high school graduation, students attending a community college pay less for classes than if they attended a four-year university.

If a student wants to pursue a four-year degree, credits taken at WCCCD are transferable to the community college's partnerships with the University of Detroit - Mercy, Ferris State University, University of Michigan - Flint, Mich-

igan State University, Walsh College and Western Michigan University.

"We can provide access to higher education beyond an associate's degree," she said.

Careers in the medical field, Ferris State's criminal justice and U of D-Mercy's social work bachelor's programs are some of the most popular curriculums.

This follows a normal view of a community college, however, WCCCD is an asset to businesses, working people and senior citizens, as well.

WCCCD conducts surveys of local employers on emerging trends and jobs, said Mary Ellen Stempfle, for whom the campus is named. Stempfle has been on the WCCCD board of trustees for 20 years representing the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and part of Detroit and is treasurer of the board of trustees.

In response to survey results, she said, the

community college responds by offering classes geared toward filling those local jobs.

Students can enroll in short 10-week or in a two-year program, Stempfle said.

Certification programs range from administrative office management to film production and grant writing.

"Working adults can improve their skill or (earn) a certificate that leads to a degree," Robinson said.

While WCCCD offers classes to build careers, there are classes specifically aimed at the older population. Senior citizens can take exercise classes, music appreciation, improve their computer skills, learn a new hobby or join a book club in the Silver Circle Program. They can enroll in academic classes at no cost.

WCCCD offers Spanish at Services for Older Citizens.

"We take the instruction to them," Robinson said.

According to Robinson, the community college is important locally. It addresses the needs of everyone in the family whether it be obtaining an associate degree or certification or preparing students for a four-year college.

Also, there are seminars and workshops available to the community, such as an upcoming lecture on ways to protect the Great Lakes waters or the health and wealth expo helping families enhance their lifestyle.

The youngest members of the community are served through classes such as ballet, Tai Chi and summer camps for elementary children, centering around reading and math.

For more information, contact WCCCD at (313) 496-2600 or visit [wcccd.edu](http://wcccd.edu).



The Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center's Center for Distance Learning was officially opened Sept. 19.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

## Create a harvest salad

There's no place like a farmers market on a Saturday this time of year.

The weather has definitely been in the favor of the farmers. A blessing for consumers as well.

With a bushel full of tomatoes, cucumbers, red onion and local greens I was left with no choice but to make a salad for dinner — a Michigan har-

vest salad with Parmesan crusted pecans and a rich balsamic vinaigrette top off this fresh salad.

### Harvest Salad with Parmesan Crusted Pecans

**Pecans**  
(adapted from Tastes of Italia)  
**2 cups whole pecans**  
**1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese**  
**1 teaspoon dried parsley**

**1/8 teaspoon EACH dried basil and oregano**  
**1/2 teaspoon garlic salt**  
**pinch of cayenne pepper**  
**1 egg white**

Preheat oven to 250 degrees. In a small bowl combine Parmesan cheese with parsley, basil, oregano, garlic salt and cayenne. In a medium bowl beat egg white until frothy. Add pecans and toss well to coat. Add cheese mixture, a bit at a



PHOTO BY ANNIE ROULEAU-SCHERIFF  
The fall's bounty laid out in a salad.

time, tossing well. Turn pecans onto a lightly greased bake sheet. Bake at 250 for 30 minutes, until deep golden brown. Set aside to cool.

**Balsamic vinaigrette**  
(adapted from a Chuck Muer recipe)  
**1/4 cup balsamic vinegar**  
**2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil**  
**1 tablespoon finely chopped red onion**  
**3/4 cup olive oil**

**3 sun dried tomatoes, finely chopped**  
**salt and pepper to taste**

In a small bowl combine balsamic vinegar with basil and red onion. Slowly whisk in olive oil. Stir in sun dried tomatoes. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Top fresh greens and vegetables with a handful of the Parmesan pecans then drizzle with homemade balsamic vinaigrette.

A delicious salad indeed. Cheers to the farmers.

## The Human Element



Suzanne Antonelli, CFP®  
Senior Portfolio Manager

A recent article in the Wall Street Journal, "Robo Financial Advisers Can't Coach", discussed the evolution of robo-advisers and what they offer, and more importantly what they do not offer. A robo-adviser is a new class of portfolio manager

and financial planner that offers inexpensive management and planning services utilizing online tools.

Many in my industry are agonizing over this new service thinking the human adviser will eventually be displaced. The crux of the article was that most middle-class families do not systematically save and invest. I would argue that they do not save, invest, plan, examine, or monitor their investments, retirement plans, insurance coverage, and estate plans in any meaningful way.

It is true with the internet and tenacity an average person could

build an adequate portfolio and monitor that portfolio. However, that all takes time and major effort. The vast majority of people during a bull market assume anyone can manage money, but the true value of a money manager is readily apparent in a down market. We are diligent and trained to lead with our brains and not be misled by fear. One only has to look back to 2008 and 2009 when investors, out of fear, sold their portfolios at a great loss and some still have not recovered. Once you make the decision to get out of the market, you have to also make the right timing decision to

get back into the market. During that huge market downturn an adviser was tasked with educating clients helping alleviate the fear, and preventing them from harming themselves by selling when the market was low. When the market is on sale is the time to buy. A robo-adviser cannot look you in the eye and coach you through those difficult times.

Saving is also difficult for the average person. Retirement is a long way off and they assume they can start saving later rather than sooner. Spending temptations abound: a bigger house, a shiny new car, a big screen

television, etc. An adviser helps you set goals and can hold you accountable to meeting those goals.

A strong financial plan involves estate planning and legacy planning which requires a familiarity with the family dynamics and honest discussions. Retirement planning considers your current and future spending habits. Withdrawal rates are but one consideration; spending rates, future medical expenses, college expenses, and your own personal goals are more meaningful to an individual. A robo-adviser is not programmed to act as a devil's advocate or trusted advisor; it

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# AREA ACTIVITIES

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**VISG**

Friends of Vision Low Vision Support Group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at

Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-4710, ext. 225.

**NAMI**

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at Henry Ford-Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

**Soroptimist**

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe sponsors its annual Dine-Around-Town raffle fundraiser to support educational awards for women with a drawing taking place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Restaurant gift certificates, valued at \$2,250, have been donated and bundled into five prizes.

First prize is valued at \$650. Second, third, fourth and fifth prizes are valued from \$550 to \$250.

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**Woman's Club**

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets at noon Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Julie Feeny, philanthropic advisor of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, speaks after lunch.

Tickets for the November scholarship benefit will be available in the lobby.

Guest reservations must be submitted by Saturday, Oct. 4, by calling Susan Plath at (313) 884-5091. The cost is \$10.

For more information, call Peggy Hickey at (313) 407-1842 or Pam Zimmer at (313) 926-6726.

**War Memorial**

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial hosts a dinner and concert by the Detroit Concert Choir at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9.

"Let's Do Coffee--- Call Me!" features Bach's "Coffee Cantata" and Menotti's "The Telephone," performed by soloists and the choir, under the direction of Stan Harr.

Tickets cost \$45. For reservations, call (313) 332-4074.

**Family Center**

The Family Center hosts "Understanding Loss, Grief and the Healing Process for Families" from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, in the parlor at the Grosse Pointe Academy Lake Shore building, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Social worker Mary Beth Garvey addresses "The Grieving Process and Stages of Grief"; Rev. Peter J.M. Henry's topic is "The Emotional and Spiritual Components of Recovery" and "Overcoming Grief" is social worker Mary Petersen's topic.

The event is free but registration is necessary and can be done by calling (313) 432-3832 or visiting [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org).

**Historical society**

Grosse Pointe Historical Society opens the doors to the Provencal-Weir house 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, for the public to tour and to stop at the La Belle Country Store.

The Second Saturday workshop, from 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 11, at the Provencal-Weir house, is for children 6 years and older. They will make boo-tee-ful treats. The cost is \$20 for non-members and \$15 for members. To register, call (313) 884-7010 and ask for Izzy.

**SOC**

Services for Older Citizens hosts the 2014 Kitchen Tour, Oct. 11 and 12, featuring eight newly-remodeled kitchens in Grosse Pointe houses. A strolling supper preview is 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, and features a progressive dining course at each stop with tickets costing from \$35 to \$50. Kitchen tour tickets cost \$20 on the day of

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**What's Cooking Grosse Pointe?**  
 by Chef Don at Rockefeller's  
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*What recipe would you like to see each month? Give Chef Don a call at the restaurant, or let your server know!*

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**ASK THE EXPERTS** By Dona Johnson-Beach

# Change situation to help child remember



**Q** My child is bright but lives in the moment. My teen completes homework and then forgets to turn it in and gets frustrated. I don't understand what the problem might be. Can anything be done to address these issues?

**A** Your child's difficulties could involve executive skills deficits. Executive functioning allows people to problem solve and engage in goal directed activities. In other words — the control processes of the brain. The frontal lobe is considered to be the center of executive functioning. Often students with ADHD have difficulties with executive functioning skills and can have a delay of 30 per cent — affecting behavior and self-management skills.

If your child sounds like the student above — executive functioning skills difficulties could be the problem. There are ways to intervene to help students improve executive functioning. One way is by intervening at the level of the environment — changing conditions or situations outside of the child. The other is by intervening at the level of the child, or the capacity to use his/her executive skills. Students can be taught ways to develop or refine skills or by motivating him/her to use these skills.

One executive functioning skill is working memory — the ability to hold information in one's mind long enough to then act on it. Weaknesses in this area can impact functioning in the classroom and at home. Strategies can be implemented to strengthen

and accommodate difficulties in this area including:

- ◆ using resources to remember important information,
- ◆ written reminders, such as planners, technological devices, Post-it notes or calendar notes and
- ◆ use of acronyms, keywords or other mnemonics to remember routines or steps in a process.

Have the student be an active participant in note taking but consider scaffolding to assist in this process. Provide a copy of teacher notes and have the student highlight pertinent information or use a partially filled in outline for the student to add to

while listening. Providing a copy of complete class notes from a peer or teacher can also be helpful.

Engage in eye contact with the student when giving instructions and have the students repeat instructions to ensure understanding.

Resources: "Executive Skills in Children and Adolescents" by Peg Dawson and Richard Guare and "Executive Functions: Practical Applications in the Classroom" by Sandra Rief.

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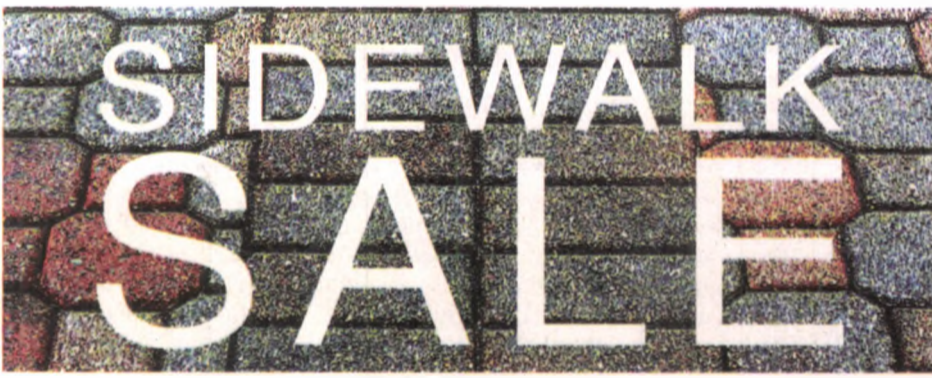
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# OBITUARIES

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.

## Magdalena Weber

Magdalena "Helen" Weber, 100, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014.

She was born in 1913 in Bavaria, Germany, and came to the United States in 1951. She lived briefly in Mundelein, Ill., and then moved to Detroit.

She was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe and lived with her daughter, Margarete's family. She loved spending time with all of her grandchildren.

Mrs. Weber was predeceased by her husband, Joseph, and daughter, Margarete Dennis.

She is survived by her son, Otto Weber (Betsy); son-in-law, Ted Dennis; granddaughters, Donna Satterfield (Brian) and Marianne Schermerhorn (Dan) and great-grandchildren, Emily and Kate Satterfield and Maggie and Jack Schermerhorn.

A private memorial service will be held.

## Rosemary Margaret Phillip

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Rosemary Margaret "Rome" Phillip, 92, passed away Friday, Sept. 26, 2014.

Mrs. Phillip attended Marygrove College. During World War II, she was employed by the Army Ordinance. After her children started school, she worked for more than 15 years as a secretary and bookkeeper at the family business of Philip J. Phillip Insurance Agency.

Her family said Mrs. Phillip had an unparalleled zest for life. She was an active participant in sports-related activities, including skiing, golfing, figure skating and ballroom dancing. At age 90, she could be found kayaking or traveling unaccompanied to her children's out of state and country residences in Virginia and Mexico.

Mrs. Phillip volunteered with Bon Secours/Beaumont Assistance League, the Christ Child Society and the St. Paul Catholic Church Altar Society. She served for many years as an extraordinary minister at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. Over the years, she was a member of Bayview Yacht Club, Gowanie Golf Club, Detroit Yacht Club and Otsego Ski Club.

She was predeceased by her spouses, Gordon Peter Phillip and Kenneth Frank Kahn; two children, Gordon Gerard and Elizabeth; parents, Mae and Henry Gaspard and three siblings, Katherine (Gabriel) Venticinque, Jack (Edna) Gaspard, and Walter (Mary Ellen) Gaspard.

Mrs. Phillip is survived by her children, Peter Phillip (Judith), Julianne Zahler (Joel), and Patricia Bologna (Peter); grandchildren, Marcie Porter (Jeff) and Andrew Phillip (Emily) and great-grandchildren, Cyrus and Eliza Porter. She will be missed by her many friends, including those at Waltonwood of Sterling Heights assisted living facility.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

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

## Sara Lee Brown

Sara Lee Brown, 77, of Yale, died Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014.

She was born Nov. 30, 1936, in Norfolk, Va., to Nelson and Doris (nee Darrow) McCormick and graduated from New London School of Nursing in 1956.

Mrs. Brown was a registered nurse who worked at St. John Hospital, Henry Ford Hospital and Port Huron General Hospital, from which she retired in 2008.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Yale where she was an elder and director of the music program, the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice and a long-standing member of the Recorder Society.

She loved crossword puzzles, playing Scrabble and tennis and was an avid reader and musician.

Mrs. Brown is survived by her husband, Robert; sons, Michael Gaskin (Donna), James Gaskin and Benjamin Gaskin (Mia); daughters, Vicki Riggs (Jim) and Catherine Collins-Rupp (Rob); stepson, Andrew; stepdaughters, Rachael Polombit (Jeff), Hanna Polombit (Jim) and Emily; grandchildren, Chloe Collins, Sara Gaskin, Sydney and Taylor Gaskin and Ethan Polombit.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Michael Gaskin, in 1990, and her brother, William McCormick.

A funeral was held Sept. 29 in Yale.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding S.E., Ada, MI 49301.

## Anne LaFerte Flanagan

Former Grosse Pointe resident Anne LaFerte Flanagan, a longtime resident of Darien, Conn., died Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014, at Stamford Hospital after a long battle with a chronic illness. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and had a wide circle of cherished friends.

She was born in 1932, in Detroit, and grew up in Grosse Pointe, the youngest of four children of Dr. Alfred and Katrina LaFerte.

She was an active member of the Darien community. She ran the Royle School Book Fair for many years, including once when she was nine months pregnant. She coordinated the original capital campaign for Post 53, an Emergency Medical Service, which enabled it to build its current headquarters. She was recruited as one of the original Post 53 "day ladies" when it first started covering emergency ambulance calls 24 hours a day in the 1980s. She also spent many years working in the development office of the Darien YWCA, where she cherished her interactions with co-workers.

Mrs. Flanagan enjoyed athletics. One of her passions was playing tennis at the Tokeneke Club, where she was a longtime member. Though always competitive, her true joy was spending time with her friends. Her countless friends were a great source of laughter, camaraderie and support, especially during her last years.

Mrs. Flanagan is survived by her husband of 15 years, Bill Flanagan; children; Bobby Meyjes (Joan), Julie Smith (Greg), Catherine Meyjes and John Meyjes (Sarah); grandchildren, Christine Smith, Caylie Smith, Campbell Smith, Annie Meyjes, Sam Meyjes, Matt Meyjes, Peter Gerrish, Willem Gerrish, Kate Meyjes and Jack Meyjes; brother, Daniel LaFerte (Gertie) and brother-in-law, Joe Hyde.

She also is survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her sister, Louise Hyde and brother, Fred LaFerte.

A funeral service was held Sept. 20 in Darien.

Donations may be made to Darien EMS Post 53, P.O. Box 2066, Darien, CT 06820 or the Darien YWCA, 49 Old Kings Hwy N., Darien, CT 06820.

## Lester Ralph Clark

Lester Ralph Clark, 93, passed away Monday, Sept. 22, 2014.

He was born in Detroit to Ralph Waldo Clark and Ruby Clark (nee Heideck) and was predeceased by his brother, Ronald Clark (Marjorie Evans Clark).

After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Mr. Clark worked for the Detroit Board of Education, from which he retired.

He enjoyed working with wood, metal and glass, photography and painting.

In 1943, Mr. Clark married Margaret Mitchell and the couple had two daughters. She passed away in 1969 after battling cancer. Mr. Clark was predeceased by his subsequent wives, Constance Joyce and Dr. Rebecca Aquino.

Mr. Clark is survived by his wife of 23 years, Marlene Allen Clark; daughters, Cheryl Walker (Arthur) and Susan Cutting (Timothy); grandchildren, Jason Cutting (Kelly), Matthew Cutting (Suzanne), Khadija Walker-Fobbs (Wilbert) and Adrian Walker (Leah) and great-grandchildren, Arianna, Donovan and Nadia. He also is survived by his stepsons, Craig Allen, Charles Allen and Jeff Allen.

Private services were held.

## Frances Elizabeth Partridge

Grosse Pointe Park resident Frances Elizabeth Partridge, 68, died peacefully Friday, Sept. 26, 2014, surrounded by her family.

Known as "Fran" to friends and family, she was born Aug. 4, 1946, in Detroit, to Joseph and Ida (nee Franz) Boner. She grew up in East Detroit and on July 2, 1966, married Gerald "Jerry" Partridge. The couple had two children, Jennifer and Scott, to whom she devoted her love, time and energy. The family lived in several places before settling in Grosse Pointe Park the past 32 years.

Mrs. Partridge worked at Standard Federal Bank, now Bank of America, retiring in 2007 after a career of 20 years. She was an active member of St. James Lutheran Church, serving as a part of the chancel choir, congregational council and prayer partners youth ministry. Her faith was at the core of her values. She was also a breast cancer survivor, and remained active in Watch, a breast cancer support group, after going into

remission. She also was involved in the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, serving as "Lady Fran," wife of the commodore in 2004, and made many friends throughout the southeast Michigan sailing community.

Above all, Mrs. Partridge was a loving and dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother who adored her grandchildren and cherished time she shared with them.



Magdalena Weber



Rosemary M. Phillip



Sara Lee Brown



Anne LaFerte Flanagan



Lester Ralph Clark



Frances E. Partridge



Robert L. Bierley



Lawrence Francis Bryk

Her family said Mrs. Partridge touched so many hearts and lives with her compassion and friendship and she will be missed greatly by those who knew her.

Mrs. Partridge is survived by her husband, Jerry; children, Jennifer Partridge (David Ballinger) and Scott Partridge (Sarah); brother, Joseph, and grandchildren, Alexandra, Catherine, and Theodore.

A funeral service was held Sept. 30 at St. James Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Robert L. Bierley

Former Grosse Pointe resident Robert L. Bierley, 77, of Traverse City, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014.

He was born Feb. 5, 1937, in Detroit, to William and Dorothy (nee Reil) Bierley. Following his graduation from Walled Lake High School, he earned a bachelor's degree from Alma College, a master's degree in psychology from Lehigh University, and Master of Business Administration degree from Michigan State University.

On July 30, 1960, he married Nancy A. Russell in Grosse Pointe. Together the couple raised three children.

Mr. Bierley had been a product planning executive with General Motors Corp. prior to his retirement. He was a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, GM Retirees, the Economic Club of Traverse City, as well as the Traverse City Golf and Country Club and the Kiwanis Club of Traverse City.

He served as a council member and a mentor at Manufacturing Technology Academy, an organization dedicated to helping students pursue their interests in that field. His family said he often told them how proud he was of these students and how he wished there was something like this available when he was their age.

He will be lovingly remembered for his sense of humor, as well as his dedication to and untiring of his family.

Mr. Bierley is survived by his wife and best friend, Nancy; children, Robert Craig Bierley (Karen), Susan Lynn Vens (John) of Grosse Pointe and Mark Russell Bierley (Helen) and his beloved grandchildren, Brian, Christopher, Tyler and Madison Vens,

Daniel, Nicholas and Mary Katherine Bierley and Chloe and Jack Bierley. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Verner William Bierley.

The memorial service celebrating Mr. Bierley's life will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to Manufacturing Technology Academy, 2600 Aero Park Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686 or at mta.tc.

## Lawrence F. Bryk

Lifelong Grosse Pointe Woods resident Lawrence "Larry" Francis Bryk, 61, passed away Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014, at his home after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born March 30, 1953, to Peter and Alexandria "June" Bryk and attended Monteith Elementary and Brownell Middle schools before graduating in 1971 from Grosse Pointe North High School. He earned an Associate of Applied Science degree from Wayne County Community College in 1986.

Mr. Bryk worked for DaimlerChrysler Corp. more than 30 years in various capacities. He retired in 2004 as a blueprint scanning technician. After retiring, he volunteered at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit, accumulating more than 7,000 hours of service.

He enjoyed traveling, going to movies and following the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions. His family said he had a heart of gold and loved sending cards to those he cared about. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

Mr. Bryk is survived by his mother, June; brother, Dr. David Bryk (Mary); sister, Barbara Fortune (Dr. James); godmother, Florence Kidon; nieces and nephews, James Fortune Jr. (Ede), Daniel Fortune, Alexandria Case (Daniel), Elizabeth Bryk and Antoinette Bryk and grand-niece, Kayla Case.

He was predeceased by his father, Peter Bryk Jr.

Visitation will be held from 3:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, dona-

tions may be made to Jack's Place for Autism Foundation at jacksplaceforautism.org.

## Saad E. Zara

Former Grosse Pointe resident Saad E. Zara, 75, died Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014.

Mr. Zara was born in 1939, in Baghdad, Iraq, into a prominent family. He attended the secondary school founded by American Jesuits, Baghdad College. After graduation, he immigrated to the United States and later received his U.S. citizenship.

Mr. Zara joined Detroit Edison in 1962 as a computer programmer, after earning his master's degree in economics from the Municipal University of Wichita, now Wichita State University. In 1997, he retired from DTE Energy, which had acquired Detroit Edison two years earlier, as the company's chief economic forecaster.

As a young man, he competed, along with his two brothers, in the 1957 Pan Arab Games, in Beirut, Lebanon, and earned a bronze-medal in the 400-meter butterfly.

Mr. Zara's athleticism carried over into his later life on the squash courts at the Detroit Athletic Club where he earned many club, tournament and league honors.

Other sporting and recreational pursuits included boating from the Grosse Pointe Club and from his summer home in Glen Arbor, and chasing quail in the winter hills surrounding his Tucson residence.

Mr. Zara is survived by his wife, Josephine; their daughter, Tess; his stepson, Howard Capponi; brother, Amir, and sisters, Trixie Zara and Nadia Zara.

He was predeceased by his older brother, Sabah.

A memorial gathering for Mr. Zara will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A gathering begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to the PKD Foundation, which fights polycystic kidney disease through research and education at pkdcure.org/donate.

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# 6B | CHURCHES

**PASTOR'S CORNER** By J. Krister Ulmanis

## There is a time for everything

**I** write this with the knowledge that my time as interim pastor at St. Paul is coming to an end as of Oct. 31 with the new pastor, the Rev. Justin Ditrch, beginning his ministry on Nov. 1.

In many ways the work of the interim pastor is well described in the well-known words from the Book of Ecclesiastes (Chapter 3): "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven..."

The writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes speaks of the "ebb and flow" of life as an interim pastor where one comes to a new community for a period of time to do specific ministry. This "ebb and flow" of life has brought me to the community of Grosse Pointe, where I have been the bridge of the long-term, and cherished ministry, of the Rev. Fred Harms and the new pastor to come.

The "ebb and flow" of the past year was for me to help St. Paul in this transition period, to provide pastoral care and leadership, while giving guidance as the congregation and its leaders worked through the process of preparing a congregational profile, selecting and interviewing candidates and bringing a recommendation to the congregation for a new pastor to arrive.

In addition to journeying together in

faith with the people of St. Paul I have had the privilege to get to experience a little bit of the community of Grosse Pointe and the wider Detroit.

In that part of my life I have felt very blessed to be part of this wider area and all it has to offer. The friendliness and hospitality of the people in this community I have met will be something to cherish for years and years to come.

In many ways life in every church community goes in an "ebb and flow" with the seasons of the year, the different worship and Bible studies, people being born, people dying and all the events in a persons life in between those bookends. Which is why I think the author of the Book of Ecclesiastes gets it so right.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven..." As my season and time here in Grosse Pointe Farms comes to an end, and as I look back on the period I have spent in this community, what I see and feel the most are the many blessings St. Paul and the Grosse Pointe community have given me with your presence in my life. For this gift of grace I truly give thanks to God!

Rev. Ulmanis is the interim minister at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Choir director wins top honors

Margaret Rees-Baker of Grosse Pointe Farms won the solo voice singing competition North American Festival of Wales, Aug. 30.

Her award includes a \$3,500 grant to compete in the 2015 National Eisteddfod of Wales in August. The festival is the association's premiere event. More than 650 from throughout the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom attended the annual weekend-long festival in Minneapolis.

During the Minneapolis competition, known as an eisteddfod in the Welsh tradition, Rees-Baker, a soprano, sang the Welsh lullaby "Suo-Gan" and the first movement of Mozart's "Exsultate."

"It was a wonderful surprise when my daughter, Carys, was awarded first place in the amateur singing category on the same day I won the semi-professional competition. I'd taught her to sing 'All Through the Night' in Welsh for a choir camp in Grosse Pointe, and she entered the eisteddfod just for the fun of it," Rees-Baker said. "Singing in Minneapolis was a truly remarkable experience for both of us. What a thrill it will be to take her to Wales next summer and visit the land of our ancestors."

Rees-Baker is a private voice and piano teacher and youth choir director at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. She and her daughter have appeared in several productions with the LIFE Players at First English Lutheran Evangelical Church in Grosse Pointe Woods and will appear in "Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in November.

## ACTIVITIES:

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the tour and \$15 for a presale ticket. To order tickets, call SOC at (313) 882-9600.

SOC took over the tour in 2013 from Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage Hospital.

Proceeds from this year's event benefit Meals on Wheels.

Each kitchen will have a floral arrangement made by local designers and food is provided by local restaurants.

### Senior Men's club

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe lunch is at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$10.

Lawyer and historian David A. Collins will speak on "Arrogance or Vigilance: Michigan's High Court Says No to Absentee Voting for Civil War Soldiers."

Men, retired or past 55 years of age, from any community, can attend. Jackets are suggested to be worn. For tickets or information, call Charlie Rutherford at (313) 885-1823.

Reservations are being taken for the 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, meeting at which Tom Wilson, Olympia Entertainment president and CEO, is the speaker.

Prior to joining Olympia Entertainment in 2010, Wilson worked with the Detroit Pistons and oversaw three venues — the Palace, DTE Energy Music, and Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Guests can attend. Address reservations to SMCGP EVENTS, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

### AAUW

The Grosse Pointe

Michigan American Association of University Women presents its fall luncheon meeting at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, in the Hellenic Room at Assumption Cultural Center. The lecture and PowerPoint presentation, "Pinnacles of Detroit," is presented by James W. Tottis, past curator of American Art at Detroit Institute of Arts, author of "The Guardian Building" and other books and publications, Director of Collections at the Museum of the City of New York, a former adjunct professor of Humanities at Wayne State University and Scarab Club president for more than eight years.

Authentic Detroit cuisine lunch is followed by program and book signing.

The Grosse Pointe Michigan Branch of AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Prospective members are invited.

The cost is \$20 and can be paid to GPMIAUW and sent to Marti K. Miller, 929 Woods Lane, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-1154 by Friday, Oct. 10.

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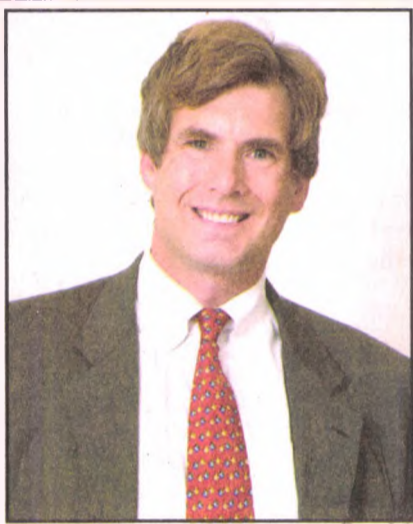
The Artist's Garden, American Impressionism and the Garden Movement, 1887-1920 is the topic of the 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, lecture at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Anna O. Marley, curator, Historical American Art, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Philadelphia, is the speaker.

Tours and a benefit reception follow the lecture.

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## Field hockey

LIGGETT

## ULS near top

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' field hockey team used its motto, "Offense is the best defense," to stay in the thick of a division-title chase at the mid-way mark of the season.

ULS (Division II) passed its second test of the season by winning a hard game against Division I rival Ann Arbor Greenhills, 1-0.

The Knights' goal of keeping possession of the ball is at more than 60 percent for each game, except for 50 percent against Grand Rapids Forest Hills.

First year head coach Jayant Trewn is excited with what the team brings onto the field; team work, effort, enthusiasm, efficiency, and just pure fun.

"Every member of the team plays with Knight pride and a smile on their face and that translates into wins," assistant



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAYANT TREWN

Liggett's Megan DesMadryl sends a pass to a teammate during one of the Knights' recent victories.

coach Beth Freedman said. "Coach Jayant has instilled a value in the team that the team has embraced.

"He asks the team to play hard, play their game to the fullest, work hard in practice and not worry about wins. Wins are the product of teamwork and it is an outcome.

"Knights do not force outcomes, they play hard while making it a fun event and wins follow."

Top goal scorers so far

in the season are Megan DesMadryl (4), Mackenzie Lucas (3), Madeleine Moroun (3), Ellie Withers (2) and Jane Ninivaggi, Alexis Kmak, Grace Scarfone, Allison Stapleton and Lucy Alpert with one each.

Rookie goal keeper, Haley Malewicz, has six shut outs and the defense, shored up by Kara Francis, Allison Stapleton, Riley Marchin and Lucy Alpert, has

helped keep the opposi-

tion to just four goals in seven games.

In other recent action, Liggett played on the turf at West Bloomfield and won 4-0.

Goal scorers were Ninivaggi, Kmak, Lucas and Stapleton, who scored on a penalty corner, with one goal apiece. One assist went to DesMadryl.

Last weekend, Liggett lost 2-0 to host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, falling to 6-2 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils drop two

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' field hockey team is enduring growing pains.

The Blue Devils are taking baby steps toward gaining back the edge, which made the program so successful a decade ago.

Last week, South hosted Farmington Hills Mercy in a Division 1 game and lost 1-0.

"We're getting better and better, but we are not where we want to be, yet," head coach Monica Dennis said. "We have to convert our scoring opportunities into goals.

"We're getting in position, but not finishing."

It was an even first half, but the Blue Devils dominated the second half in all phases of the offensive game, except where it counts the most, on the scoreboard.

Mercy scored the lone goal at the 20:40 mark of the second half and had only two more shots on net, but junior goal-

keeper Christina Ambrozy made the saves.

The main problem for the offense was the outside players getting the ball into the inner forwards for the quality shots on net.

In the final 10 minutes, the Blue Devils figured it out and had a dozen shots on net, but none found their way over the goal line.

Two days later, South traveled to another Division 1 and Catholic League foe, Livonia Ladywood.

"We are playing on the high grass against a good Ladywood team," Dennis said. "We have to play well."

A lack of offense was the culprit for a second straight game as the Blue Devils dropped another 1-0 decision.

The defense was sound, but the offense couldn't get the ball in scoring position and when they did, the Ladywood goalkeeper came up with the save.

Grosse Pointe South dropped to 1-6 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 1 standings and 3-7 overall.

## Volleyball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils bedeviled

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' volleyball team dropped its first division match of the season last week, losing 25-14, 25-17, 25-20 to Utica Eisenhower.

"We just didn't play very smart and didn't make the plays when we needed to," head coach Kevin Nugent said. "We had some good moments, but not enough to win."

These teams met in a tournament championship game with the Eagles prevailing.

Each of the first two games were close through the first half, but errors and a lack of

offensive consistency led to the Blue Devils' downfall.

Game three was closer, but once again the home team didn't make enough plays to win.

Senior Izzy Murphy led the team with 12 kills, while sophomore Katherine Satterfield and Lexi Kohut had five and four kills, respectively.

Earlier in the week, South beat visiting Anchor Bay 25-17, 25-15, 25-22 as Murphy had 10 kills to lead the way.

Senior Carina Bertakis had 26 assists, while junior Kayli Johnson had nine digs and sophomore Sarah Simmet added two blocks in the Blue Devils' victory.

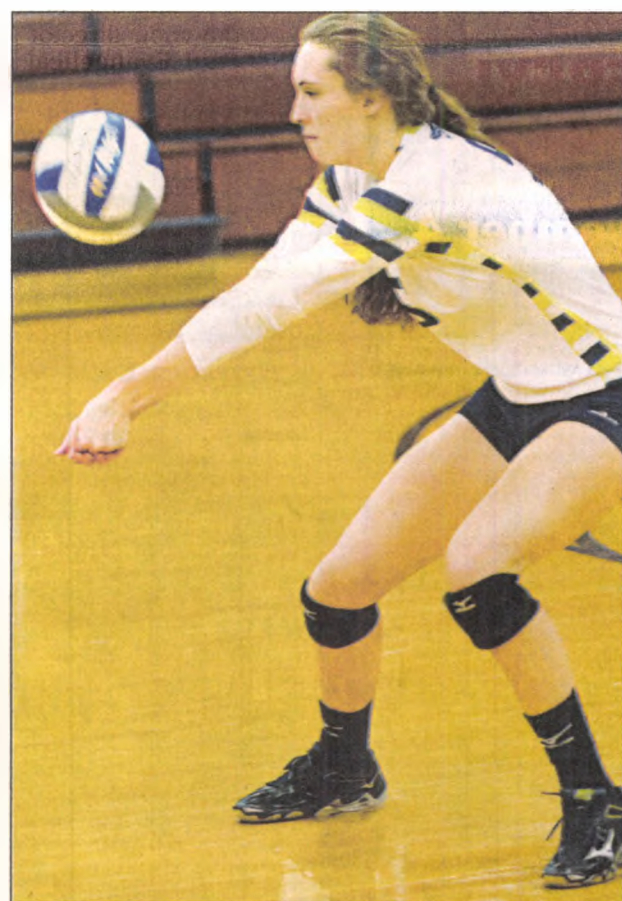


PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South sophomore Lexi Kohut returns a serve during the Blue Devils' league loss to Utica Eisenhower.

LIGGETT &amp; NORTH

## ULS in first; North falls

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

It looks like the University Liggett girls' volleyball team has turned the corner after a rough start to the season.

The Knights dropped their first seven matches, but have caught fire at just the right time as division play began.

The Knights made it 4-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference after whipping Allen Park Inter-City Baptist and Birmingham Roper in three games in each match.

Leading the way for the Knights were senior Courtney deRuiter, setter,

senior Meg Shannon, middle hitter, and senior Carina Ghafari, libero.

## North results

The Grosse Pointe North girls' volleyball team, playing without three starters, lost 25-21, 25-17, 25-15 to host Macomb Dakota last week.

Senior Maddy Bessert led the team with 10 kills, while senior Vita Aluia had 17 digs and sophomore Lauren Lesha had four kills and an ace.

On Monday evening, North entertained the division-leading Romeo Bulldogs and lost, dropping to 1-3 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



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## Tourney champs

The Grosse Pointe North freshman volleyball team won the Ladywood High School tournament championship Saturday, Sept. 20, beating the host squad in the semifinals and Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central in the title match. There were 10 teams in two brackets represented at the tournament.

Pictured in back row are, from left, coach Colleen Rutkowski, Rebecca Alway, Lilly Reinhard, Abby Kanakry, Katelynn Mulder, Rachel Malinowski, Maddy Martinbianco, Emma Tompkins and coach Kaitlynn Demers; and front row from left, Kirsten Bessette, Kelly Brewer, Danielle Roman, Katie Link and Samantha Lopiccolo.



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# SOC fall activities

The following is a listing of Services for Older Citizens activities for October through November. For reservations to various events, call (313) 882-9600. SOC is located at 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

**Around the house bingo** — 10:15 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 2.

**TED Talks** — 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2. Psychologist Elizabeth Loftus studies false memories, when people either remember things that

didn't happen or remember them differently from the way they really were.

**Change your life one App at a time forum** — 9 to 10 a.m. Fridays, Oct. 3, 10 and 17. Discuss different apps of an iPad with instructor Donna Rochester. The classes are free.

**Italian for travelers workshop** — 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 6 through Nov. 10. Gene and Shirley Fedeli offer the free program to learn typical phrases and see some of

the sites. Call SOC to register.

**Oktoberfest bingo** — 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, and Thursday, Oct. 9.

**TED Talks** — 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9. Five ways to listen better.

**Memoir writing using the Amherst writing method** — 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Instructor Nancy Solak wants to tap attendees' creativity. The cost is \$20. Call SOC for a reservation.

**Spa bingo** — 10:15

a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, and Thursday, Oct. 16.

**Rheumatoid arthritis** — 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15. Michael F. Wind D.O., board certified orthopedic surgeon discusses rheumatoid arthritis, its symptoms, causes, risk factors, diagnosis and treatment options. Call SOC for a reservation.

**TED Talks** — 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16. Biochemist Cynthia Kenyon has found a genetic mutation that can double the lifespan of a worm, *C. elegans*.

**AARP driver safety program** — 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, and Tuesday, Oct. 21. Take the new AARP smart driver course and save money on car insurance. Refresh driving skills and learn the new rules of the road. Call SOC for reservations. AARP members

pay \$15 and non-members pay \$20.

**Celebrating the colors of fall bingo** — 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, and Thursday, Oct. 23.

**Pizza and movie** — Wednesday, Oct. 22. Pizza is served at 11:30 a.m. and the movie, "Philomena," is shown at 1 p.m.

**TED Talks** — 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23. Psychologist Laura Carstensen demonstrates that as people get older they become happier, more content and have a more positive outlook on the world.

**Halloween bingo** — 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28.

**Ask the ER Doc** — 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28. A Henry Ford Cottage board certified emergency department physician shares self-care tips for minor injuries and illnesses, signs and symptoms when you should go to an ER. Call SOC to make a reservation.

**Elder Law - free legal**

**presentation and legal assistance** — 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 29. Katie Graham of Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan offers a free consultation on any of the following topics directly following the presentation: guardianship, conservatorship, wills, trusts, powers of attorney, nursing homes, assisted living, senior housing, Medicaid and Medicare. To make an appointment, call SOC. You must attend the general presentation prior to the private consultation.

**Halloween bingo** — 10:15 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 30.

**TED Talks** — 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30. Richard Wilkerson charts the data on economic inequality and shows what gets worse when rich and poor are too far apart.

**Book discussion group** — 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30. Jo Baker's book, "Longbourn" is the book to be discussed.

**We've got it covered bingo** — 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, and Thursday, Nov. 6.

**Veteran's benefits** — 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4. Rick Lemanski from Certified Senior Solutions and Terri Murphy of Hope Senior Home discuss VA pensions with the aid and attendance benefit available to wartime veterans and spouses.

**TED Talks** — 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6. Dan Buettner and his team study the world's "Blue Zones," communities whose elders live past age 100.

**Accessorize bingo** — 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, and Thursday, Nov. 13.

**Surviving the holidays with diabetes** — 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12. B. Vivian Brzezicki and Shirley Dunlap of Beaumont Health Systems discuss the differences between Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes and what to eat during the holidays.

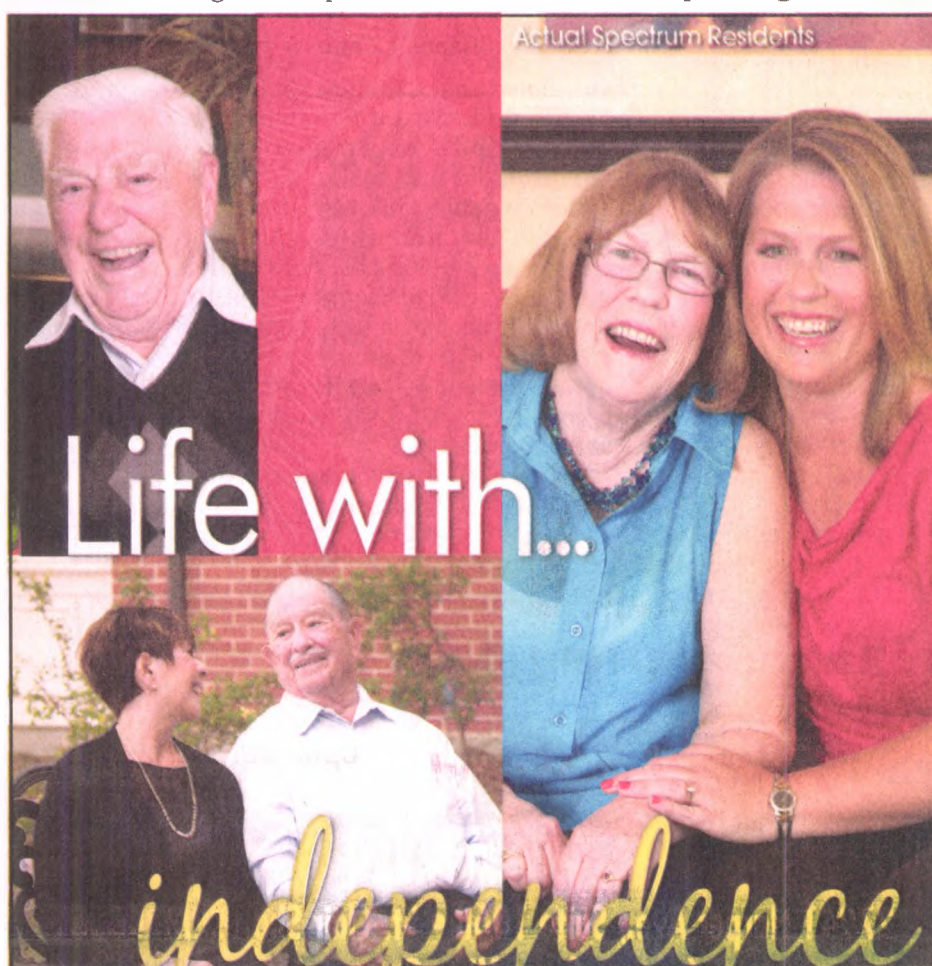
**TED Talks** — 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13. Kirk Citron's "Long News" project collects stories that matter for decades.

**Avon bingo** — 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, and Thursday, Nov. 20.

**TED Talks** — 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. Tom Wujec talks through three areas of the brain that help us understand words, images, feelings, connections.

**Common ear, nose**

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**AUDITION:**

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in the March girls' lives. He falls in love with Jo, but things don't go as smoothly as he hopes.

**Amy March:** age 12 to 13 and 15 to 17, featured. Amy is the youngest, most energetic sister with a rather pompous air about her. Amy thrives on being the center of attention. (This part will be played by two actresses, one younger and one older)

**Margaret (Meg) March:** age 19 to 23, featured. The pretty, simple, oldest sister who yearns for a great life. Meg is often overshadowed by her more outspoken and forward younger sisters.

**Elizabeth (Beth) March:** age 16 to 18, featured. The second youngest sister—a peace-maker, very shy and timid. Very loving and always sees the good in everyone. Beth is Jo's best friend and confidante.

**Aunt March:** age 55 to 65, featured. A formidable, grouchy, over-bearing matron and the great aunt of the March sisters.

**John Brooke:** age 25 to 35, featured. Laurie's tutor, a very reserved man. John warms to the March girls and eventually falls in love with Meg.

**Mr. Laurence:** age 60 to 70, non-featured. Laurie's grandfather. He is a stiff and stern older man, but shows his softer side.

**Mrs. Kirk:** age 45 to 65, non-featured. The owner of the boarding house in New York where Jo and Professor Bhaer live.

**Chorus:** various ages, non-featured. Small dance numbers and character parts. Must sing and dance.

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**Honoring seniors**

Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens' Commission honored its seniors with a Sept. 6 picnic. Seniors were provided with lunch and an ice cream. Above left, Don Witt, left, gets his blood pressure checked by Medstar medics Jeff Brooks and Justin Turner. This is the 23rd year the event has taken place at Lake Front Park.

Above right, Tillie Haelewyn and Ruth Engle are read to play bingo. Left, Karen Everham enjoys ice cream at the 23rd annual senior citizen's day picnic, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens' Commission.

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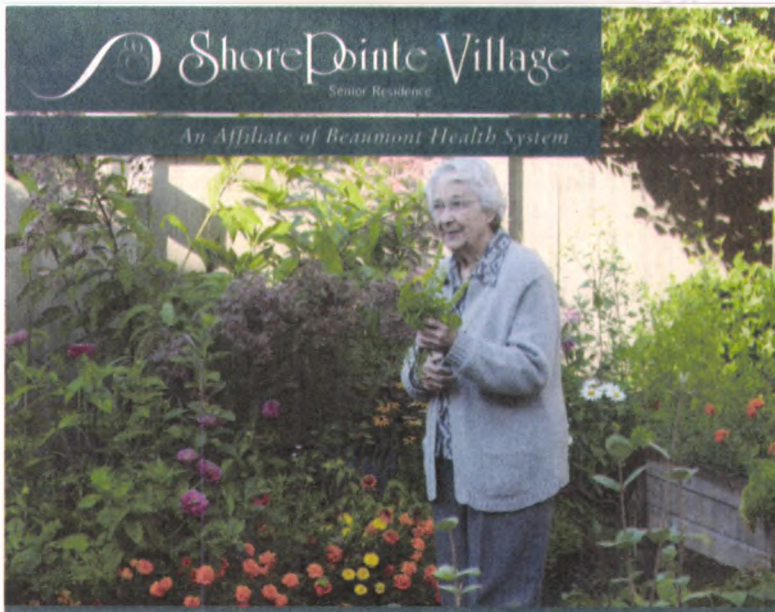
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**and throat ailments as we age — 1 p.m.** Thursday, Nov. 20. Robert Deeb M.D., Henry Ford Health System discusses possible causes and treatments of common ailments in seniors such as hearing loss, chronic sinusitis, balance problems and voice weakness. Call SOC for reservations.

**Photo tour of Germany — 1 p.m., Monday, Nov. 24.** Call SOC for reservations.

**The feast bingo — 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25.**

**Pizza and movie — Wednesday, Nov. 26.** Pizza is served at 11:30 a.m. and the movie, "All is Lost," is shown at 1 p.m.

**Book discussion group — 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26.** Sonali Deraniyagala's book "Wave" is the day's topic.

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## FOOTBALL

## North scores late, beats South

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North football team ended a four game losing streak to its city rival Grosse Pointe South in dramatic fashion last weekend.

In front of a standing-room only crowd at South, North senior quarterback Dan Robinson faced a fourth-and-two play with a little more than one minute left.

A defensive stop and the Blue Devils would win, but Robinson wouldn't be denied. He ran a bootleg, running for 13 yards and the tying touchdown with 52.8 left. He also ran in the two-point conversion to give North a come-from-behind 22-20 victory.

The win gave the Norsemen a huge boost of confidence needed to make a playoff push in the final four weeks, and left the Blue Devils in dire straits of not making the playoffs for the first time in five seasons.

"This was a classic North/South game," North head coach Frank Sumner said. "It was a well-played, hard-fought contest and we were able to come through with a big touchdown at the end to go ahead and then our defense stopped them to win it."

"We needed this. It was one of the goals we set in the beginning of the year. We want to win the division, and we're 2-0 in that, beat South, which we just did, and make the playoffs, which we can do."

"I knew we needed to score to tie it, so when I took the snap I needed to run as fast as I could to get at least the first down, but I had enough speed to get around the end and make it into the end zone



for the touchdown," Robinson said. "I can't say enough about the effort we had tonight to win this game and I'm glad I was able to get the two-point conversion to win it."

On the winning drive, the Norsemen never passed the ball.

They took over on their own 30-yard line and used the tough running of junior LaTorriss Greer and seniors O'Dell Snyder and Robinson to score.

Snyder gained 35 yards on the drive, while Greer had 21 yards and Robinson 14. North also had a 5-yard penalty on the drive.

South had one final possession to get into field-goal range.

Head coach Tim Brandon has a solid field-goal kicker in senior Andrew Fabry, so getting into range with 52 seconds to work with was the task at hand.

Senior quarterback Sam Blanzly got the ball to North's 35-yard line, thanks to passes to

juniors David Burnett and Andrew Trost.

Blanzly's long pass into the end zone targeted for his twin brother, Brian, was intercepted by North senior David Gerlach, preserving the Norsemen victory.

However, Brian Blanzly had a chance to make the catch, but Gerlach was able to rip the ball out of his hands to make the interception.

For the game, Sam Blanzly was 12-of-20 passing for 145 yards, with three touchdowns and three interceptions.

The completions went to junior Sam Jones, four; senior Ryan Liagre and Burnett, two; Brian Blanzly, senior Sam Hunter, Trost and senior Reuben Simpson, one.

The story of the game was the Norsemen defense, which limited the Blue Devils' running attack to only 70 yards on 17 attempts.

Hunter gained only 35 yards on 12 carries, while Sam Blanzly had 30 yards on four rushes, and Simpson had 5 yards on

three attempts.

It was the Norsemen's running game, which allowed them to run 55 plays and get the edge in time of possession.

Greer, who has not been a focal point in the Norsemen's offensive schemes the first four games, ran wild, gaining 144 yards on 20 carries, with two touchdowns.

Greer had six runs of 10 yards or more. They went for 33, 26, 10, 16, 12 (touchdown), 10 (touchdown) and 23 yards.

He scored the Norsemen's first two touchdowns, including the 10-yard run with only 37.5 left in the first half, which were the only points scored by either team in the first two quarters.

Robinson did not have a good day throwing the ball, completing only 2-of-7 passes for 46 yards, but ran for 37 yards on nine carries, with the touchdown and two two-point conversion runs.

The Blue Devils' touchdowns came in the third



PHOTOS BY PAUL KANIA

At left, North's LaTorriss Greer breaks off one of his several long runs during the Norsemen's win over Grosse Pointe South. Above, South quarterback Sam Blanzly threw three touchdowns.

quarter when they were able to grab a 20-14 lead.

Sam Blanzly hit Liagre on a 16-yard scoring pass with 6:31 left in the third quarter and connected with Jones on a 13-yard TD with 3:31 to play.

His final TD pass of 35 yards went to a wide-open Brian Blanzly with 1:05 left in the third quarter.

After their third touchdown, Brandon ran a fake extra-point attempt. Junior holder Luke Riashi took the snap and ran in for the two-point conversion to give the home team the 20-14 lead and the momentum.

Defensively for the Blue Devils, Trost had an interception, while junior Will Poplawski and senior Brian Mack combined for a quarterback sack.

For the Norsemen, Snyder had two interceptions and Gerlach one.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 3-2 overall and hosts L'Anse Creuse at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, for its annual homecom-

ing game. This is a Macomb Area Conference Blue game.

Grosse Pointe South fell to 2-3 and travels to Utica Eisenhower for a 7 p.m. game Friday, Oct. 3.

## Benefit

In other news for the Grosse Pointe South football program, deceased South standout football player, Renell Perkins, a 2013 graduate and college player, was honored before the Sept. 27 "Run the Pointes" event.

Perkins died Oct. 24, 2013, from complications due to juvenile diabetes.

The Gridiron Club donated \$10 for every player, parent, alumnus and friend who participated in the "Run the Pointes" race Sept. 27, in Grosse Pointe.

Gridiron Club President Mike Donovan and an entire crew of supporters were able to spread the word to get a lot of people to compete in this event and raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund.

## SOCCER

## Prepping for stretch drive

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' soccer team dropped its division games last week and watched its losing streak hit three.

"We've fallen on hard times at the moment," head coach David Backhurst said. "We were not at full strength in either game and we're just not playing well."

The Knights lost 2-1 in overtime to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

They trailed 1-0 before Warren Purvin scored off a header. George Thanasas had the assist.

Neither team could get a goal in the second half, but in the OT Inter-City Baptist was able to get a shot by goalkeeper Anthony George to get the win.

Two days later, the Knights lost 2-0 to Ann Arbor Greenhills, despite George making nine saves.

"We were missing three starters and it made it a tough challenge against

Greenhills," Backhurst said.

Liggett fell to 5-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 6-5 overall.

## South results

Grosse Pointe South played back-to-back games against Romeo last week, losing 4-2 on the road and 2-1 at home Monday night.

In the home game, Romeo scored near the mid-way mark of the first half, but four minutes later Cam Kotas tallied off a pass from Brendan Capuano to give the Blue Devils the momentum.

Head coach Francesco Cilano and the Blue Devils nearly scored a couple of goals in the first half, but it still looked as if the game would end in a tie.

Both teams were controlling the ball between the 20-yard lines, but in the blink of an eye, Romeo held the ball inside the 10-yard line and converted the winning goal with only 3:13 left.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett's Christian deRuiter and his teammates played well, but not well enough to prevent two tough division losses last week.

In other action, South tied L'Anse Creuse North 1-1 to stand at 2-4-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 2-7-2 overall.

## North results

Head coach Skipper Mukhtar and the Grosse Pointe North boys' soccer team won 2-of-3 MAC White Division games last week.

The Norsemen won 1-0

at Macomb Dakota and came back to drop a 2-1 decision to Anchor Bay.

The defense has been sound and limiting the opposition's scoring chances.

However, the offense has been slowed until Monday evening when it exploded for six goals in a 6-0 victory over L'Anse Creuse North.

North is 5-3-2 in the MAC White and 9-3-3 overall.

## LIGGETT

## Knights pound SC

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett football team improved to 3-0 in its division after throttling host Southfield Christian 50-16 last weekend.

"The offense was great tonight and they never punted," head coach Dan Cimini said. "Our diversity is making it tough to stop us. We are getting up great productivity running and passing the ball, and our defense is steady."

The Knights took the opening possession and drove the length of the field for a touchdown and two-point conversion, making it 8-0.

Sophomore Trey Caine scored a touchdown and sophomore Connor McCarron's extra point quickly gave the Knights a 15-0 lead.

It was 15-8 when junior Nick Gawel caught a touchdown pass from McCarron and another PAT gave the visitors a 22-8 lead at the half.

Junior Matt Gushee caught a 50-yard TD pass from McCarron, who kicked his third PAT to make it 29-7.

Gawel caught another TD pass and the Knights added two more touchdown runs by junior Tommy Jackson to put an exclamation mark on a third straight victory.

"The guys are having fun and they are playing up to their potential, despite being a rather young group," Cimini said. "We're in good shape, but we still have a lot of work ahead of us."

McCarron was 17-of-20 for 311 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Knights.

Liggett improved to 4-1 overall and hosts Sterling Heights Parkway Christian at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3.

If the Knights' field is ready after months of construction, the game will be at ULS on Cook Road. If the field is not ready, the game will be played at Eastpointe Memorial Field.

2C | SPORTS

Cross country

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Nice job

Head coach Scott Cooper was able to enter three varsity squads for his Grosse Pointe North girls' cross country program in last weekend's Hanson's Invitational.

The "A" team of Lauren Sickmiller, Maddy Denison, Katelyn Carney, Keri Hryciuk, Kate Wozniak, Alaina Streberger and Erinne Lubienski placed fourth.

Sickmiller was 6th overall out of 84 girls. 20:27. She ran a tough race staying up with the top runners for most of the race. Denison ran a personal record.

"This was her best race of the season, running smart from start to finish," Cooper said. "She is picking up steam and getting ready for the final part of the season in great shape."



PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT COOPER

North runners, from left, Chloe Redeye, Jenna Miller, Chloe Bigwood and Cate Troost, ran well in the Hanson's Invitational last weekend.

The Norsemen's "B" team took second in that race, and the "C" squad placed fourth in its race.

Runners on the "B" team were Natalie Schaefer, Cate Troost, Chloe Bigwood, Rebecca Flynn, Jenna Miller, Anne Race and Chloe Redeye, and the girls on the "C" squad were Valerie Matula, Emily Waldner, Olivia Francis, Olivia Hoover, Katie Russo, Kristina Kowalski and

Maria Fisher. "These girls all ran great," Cooper said. "Schaefer and Bigwood ran a great race together pushing one another through the race. The next 12 runners came across the finish line within 45 seconds of each other. It was a sight to see this mob of GPN runners bunched together running in their pack."

"This is a tough course with eight hills to conquer, so fast times are at a premium." The Norsemen who ran a personal record in the meet were Denison, Flynn, Race, Kowalski, Josie Ciaravino, Fisher, Matula, Lauren Nyquist, Maya Williams, Audrey Kam, Clarissa Kam, Shayna Meyers, Yena Berhane, Bella Lawson, Gabby Tatum, Delaney Bennett, Deanna Hanley, Eboni Williams and Haley Rozycki.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Dominant

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' swimming and diving team improved to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division after whipping Utica Eisenhower 110-76 last week.

The host Blue Devils won most of the events, including 2-of-3 relays, to see their overall record hit 8-2.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Claire Young, Alex Hughes, Abbey Schuetze and Brigit Jogan won with a state-qualifying time of 1:55.46, and the same group, swimming in a slightly different lineup, won the 400-yard freestyle relay with another state-qualifying time, 3:53.37.

South's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Olivia Frederickson, Kathleen Vern, Ava Boutrous and Amy Krausmann took second with a time of 1:48.76.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Catie DeLoof won with a state-qualifying time of 1:56.78, and

Sarah Cauvel was second in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:29.71.

The Blue Devils took second and third in the 50-yard freestyle, with Jackie DeLoof and Frederickson posting times of 26.08 and 26.29, respectively.

Vern and Jogan placed first and second in the 100-yard butterfly, turning in times of 1:03.89 and 1:04.11, and the trio of Young, Jackie DeLoof, and Frederickson took second, third and fourth in the 100-yard freestyle with times of 56.19, 58.12 and 59.44, respectively.

Boutrous and Hughes had state-qualifying times of 5:14.71 and 5:17.78 to take the top two spots in the 500-yard freestyle, and Young posted another state-qualifying time of 1:01.44 to win the 100-yard backstroke.

In the final individual event, the 100-yard breaststroke, Grace Perri, Kaitlyn Malley and Mary Kucharski took second, third and fourth with times of 1:11.49, 1:18.74 and 1:23.81.

LIGGETT

# Knights do well in MLAC

It was a great day for cross country racing at the James Cleverley Invitational, with many of the University Liggett running their best times of the season thus far.

In the boys' race, William Loner and Mason Demsey contended for a spot in the top 40 and finished just outside, taking 42nd and 52nd. Both ran best times of the season.

In fact, Demsey, in just his second cross country race, improved by a full two minutes from his time three days earlier.

Following the two seniors were Michael Ellis, Nick Brusilow and Anthony Galea in and 85th, 92nd and 98th, respectively, in the competitive all-division field of 106 runners.

The girls also continued to show signs of great things to come with outstanding perfor-

mances and season-best times from Annelies Ondersma and Julia Zehetmair in 16th and 50th out of 118 runners.

While neither ran their strongest race, Maddie Wu and Madison Jerome both showed grit and perseverance to finish 52nd and 70th.

Other finishers were Taylor Slayton (102), Marissa Kaminski (105) and Sarah Galbenski (108).

After several weeks of training and a burst of invitational races over the past 10 days, the Knights finally got a chance to test themselves against all other teams in the conference at the first Michigan Independent Athletic Conference jamboree of the season.

The boys got off to a fast start as Loner and Demsey were both well

established in the top 10 one mile into the race. Demsey raced with heart on an off day, finishing in 25th with a time of 20:29, while Loner dropped only slightly to hang on for 9th overall with a time of 19:12.

Sandwiched between the two seniors was Brusilow (22nd at 20:16), who ran an impressive season best time and showed he is ready to step things up as a crucial member of the boys scoring team.

Also showing improvement, Anthony Galea (28th at 20:50) earned a season best time by nearly a minute and led teammates Alex Johnson (34) and Michael Ellis (39) to help secure the Knights a fourth-place team finish.

Andrew Wu (82) eagerly returned to great form after two weeks out with an injury and earned another season best time.

The boys team has a bit of a fire burning now and are motivated to put in solid training over the next two weeks to enter the second half of the year stronger and faster, and prepare for competing at both the conference and regional championship meets. Last week, with 12

strong, the girls toed the line ready to see where they stacked up against the many other competitive Michigan Independent Athletic Conference teams, especially hosts Lutheran Westland and perennial rivals, Oakland Christian.

Ondersma and Wu, Zehetmair and Jerome, made up a powerhouse quartet finishing inside the top 10 (4, 5, 8, 9) with times of 21:53, 22:39, 23:11 and 23:14, respectively.

Slayton rounded out the scoring positions in 28th with a time of 25:45, with Marissa Kaminski (35), Sarah Galbenski (36), Anna Mejewski (45), Dominique Iannuzzi (53), Saudia Tate (59), Alexis Jones (70), and Lauren Porter (71) all contributing to the Knights' effort.

"Knowing they had placed well, the girls excitedly awaited the final scores to find they had beat both Oakland Christian and Lutheran Westland, to claim first place," head coach Lindsey Bachman said. "They are clearly the ones to watch as the season moves along and are ready to take on the work ahead necessary to keep them there."

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Norsemen split meets

The Grosse Pointe North girls' swimming and diving team dropped a 107-74 decision to Macomb Area Conference Red Division foe Utica Eisenhower early last week.

The Norsemen did not win an event and head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best times were recorded in the 50-yard freestyle by Kayleigh Gehlert, Angelina Cavaliere, Hannah Mattes, Eve Feldman, Rachel Mourad and Emily Hoshaw; 100-yard freestyle by Jill Hendra, Amber Gieseking and Maria Mermiges; 500-yard freestyle by Gieseking and Hannah Atherton; 100-yard backstroke by Sam Villani and Kayla Gallant; 100-yard butterfly by Lauren Latiff; and 200-yard individual medley by Gallant.

Later in the week, Grosse Pointe North defeated Henry Ford II 110-75.

Olivia Asimakis and Gehlert were double win-

ners. Asimakis took the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly, while Gehlert took the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard breaststroke.

Single winners were Cavaliere in the 100-yard freestyle, Isabelle Nguyen in diving and Julia Gehlert in the 100-yard backstroke.

Season-best times were recorded in the 50-yard freestyle by Kayleigh Gehlert, Ann Marie Nicholson, Atherton, Lauren Sexton, Eve Feldman and Mermiges; 100-yard freestyle by Asimakis, Cavaliere, Sydney Eger and Jill Hendra; 500-yard freestyle by Gina Peruzzi, Latiff, Karyn Schwartz and Sexton; 100-yard backstroke by Juliette Tripp and Nicholson; 100-yard butterfly by Asimakis and Alyssa Dall; 200-yard individual medley by Gallant; and diving by Nguyen.

Grosse Pointe North is 4-3 overall.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

On Monday, October 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., a Public Hearing will be held at Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, for the following site plan and/or variance approvals:

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# Schools plan to celebrate with a walk

By Diane Morelli  
Schools Writer

The International Walk to School Day for 2014 is Wednesday, Oct. 8. Elementary schools throughout the Pointes continue to participate in this annual event by signing up with the Walk and Bike to School organization.

"All the Green Schools are encouraged to be involved in this event," said Rebecca Fannon, Grosse Pointe Public School System public relations specialist, in an e-mail.

According to the The Walk and Bike to School internationally-recognized organization, coordinators across the country have reported the Walk to School Day and Bike to School Day events have led to great changes such as long-term walking and bicycling programs, new sidewalks and pathways, enforcement of unsafe driving behaviors and policy changes at schools and in communities.

Walk to School Day in the Pointes is geared to promote physical activity, healthy living and a

community spirit.

Poupart Elementary School Principal Penny Stocks will lead students on a walk from the Harper Woods Police Station to school. Its an annual event for Poupart, honoring Walk to School Day.

Kerby Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Farms is holding its fourth annual Walkathon 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10.

Each class at Kerby, kindergarten through fifth-grade, will come out and walk in the back of the school for a half an hour while listening to music played by fifth-grade teacher Patrick Brown.

"There is also a spirit competition going on between classes," said Julie Ricci, Kerby Parent Teacher Organization chairperson for the fundraising committee, in an e-mail. "The children are getting great exercise and having fun while doing it."

"This is also our big fundraiser for the year. Our students raise money to walk for the morning. We also have various business sponsors, who sponsor our

school Walk-a-thon."

Defer Elementary School holds its Walk to School Week 2014 Monday through Friday, Oct. 6-10. It's titled "Walking Bus 2014."

The Walk and Bike to School Walking School Bus is designed where groups of children walk



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Many Grosse Pointe schools are participating in the internationally-recognized Walk to School Day 2014. Monteith Elementary School students walking to school, left to right, are Jada Jackson; Piper Crossley; Zoey Crossley, in back; Mya Jackson; and Jake Sachs. Monteith is honoring the event Wednesday, Oct. 8.

school under adult supervision, picking up walkers along the way — like a bus.

To sign-up and volunteer to walk students along a designated route to Defer, visit [gpschools.org](http://gpschools.org), [schoolwires.net](http://schoolwires.net) or send an e-mail to [kimrhodes127@gmail.com](mailto:kimrhodes127@gmail.com).

Defer students have

also raised money for the American Heart Association.

Most of the elementary schools in the Pointes held a 2014 Bike to School Day last May, including Kerby, Richard, Monteith and Mason.

For more information, to donate to a cause or

volunteer to walk students to school along a designated route, call the schools' main office or visit [gpschools.org](http://gpschools.org).

We are proud of the Grosse Pointe Public School System and all of the five Grosse Pointes that work diligently to keep our children safe.

## Sports

### NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT TENNIS

# Teams play well at invite

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett boys' tennis team hosted its 48th annual tournament last weekend.

Some of the best competition in southeast Michigan attended, including city rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South.

Ann Arbor Pioneer won with 21 points, followed by Birmingham Seaholm with 15, Ann Arbor Greenhills with 14, Grosse Pointe South and Liggett with 13, Grosse Pointe North with 12, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central with four and Warren Cousino with four.

Leading the way for the three local teams was the Norsemen's No. 1 doubles team of Nick Cusmano and Mitchell Zacharias. They beat three tough teams to win the flight with a perfect 3-0 mark.

The Blue Devils' No. 1 doubles team of Will Norris and Mikey Schaller finished 2-1, and Liggett's squad of August Bonacci and Jackson Benning finished 1-2.

In other doubles flights, South's Brendan Clune and Nick Costakis finished 2-1 at No. 2, as did North's Andrew Delas and Ben Zacharias. Liggett's duo of Davey Sekhon and Alex Dow finished 1-2.

At No. 3 doubles, Liggett's Casey Scoggin and Thomas VanPelt finished 2-1, while North's Nick Lucchese and Adam Berry, and South's Ben Abud and Morgan Warner, finished 1-2.

Liggett's No. 4 doubles squad of Will Gersch and Jack Sheeren finished 2-1, as did South's Geron Gosselin and Kevin Dietz. North's duo of Evan Olzem and Ethan Aziz finished 1-2.

Liggett's singles players had the best results of the local teams, with three of the four winning 2-of-3 matches.

At No. 1 singles, Knights' T.J. Dulac was 2-1, while North's Max Stallings and South's Jacob Schwessinger finished 1-2.

Christian Ilitch of Liggett and South's Patrick Willard each finished 2-1 at No. 2 singles, while North's Jack Williams was 1-2.

At No. 3 singles, North's Tyler Scoggin had a good day, winning 2-of-3 matches. South's Doug Kubek and Liggett's Spencer Warezak finished 1-2.

Teddy Sweeney of South was 2-1 at No. 4 singles, falling in the championship match, and Liggett's Andrew Starrico was 2-1, too. Blake Graham of North was 1-2 to round out the singles matches.

In dual matches earlier in the week, North lost 7-1 to Birmingham Seaholm.

The Norsemen's lone win came from the No. 1 doubles team of Cusmano and Mitchell Zacharias, who won in convincing fashion, 6-0, 6-1.

Williams, playing No. 2 singles, nearly pulled out a victory, but lost 7-5, 6-4, as North dropped to 3-3 overall.

Grosse Pointe South closed out its Macomb Area Conference Red Division slate with a lopsided 7-1 victory over St. Clair.

The Blue Devils won the division with a 4-0 mark and improved to 7-2-1.

### RUNNING



PHOTO COURTESY OF BILL KALMAR

## Family

Three generations of Kalmar runners competed at the Grosse Pointe 10k/5k Fun Run Saturday, Sept. 20. Pictured center is Bill, Sr.; Bill, Jr., right; and Alex, left, who is a student at Grosse Pointe South High School.

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# Trust donation set for South

Grosse Pointe South High School recently received a \$250,000 donation for historic preservation and restoration from the Robert E. Beck Memorial Trust Fund.

Beck was a 1942 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School.

"This donation from the Beck family demonstrates our community's support of our public schools and the important role our schools play in the health and vitality of our neighborhood," said Tom Harwood, Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent. "We are honored by this generous gift which our board of education gratefully accepted at the Monday, Sept. 22, board meeting."

Grosse Pointe South High School Mothers' Club in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Public School System will manage the dispensation of the funds.

The Mothers' Club has a long-standing preservation committee which helps spearhead and manage preservation projects in conjunction with the district. South's cafeteria is one of the projects under consideration.

"We are so grateful for this donation from the late Dr. Robert Beck," said South's Mothers' Club President Melissa Wenzler.

G.P. South, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., was built in 1928 and is of Georgian-style architecture. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Throughout the years

the Mothers' Club has undertaken several preservation projects to help maintain this landmark building. The club's preservation projects include the greenhouse restoration, auditorium renovation, lighting in the hallways, refinishing and maintaining South's exterior wooden doors, archiving historic South memorabilia and maintaining historic furniture pieces in Cleminson Hall. A recent large project was the bathroom renovation.

"Donations of any level are greatly appreciated as the Mothers' Club continues to maintain and preserve the historic integrity of South high school," Wenzler said.

"The district is honored to partner with the Mothers' Club on this preservation project, as we have on so many of the recent updates to our historic building," said Chris Fenton, Grosse Pointe schools deputy superintendent for business and operations.

Beck was born in Grosse Pointe. After graduating from South, he attended Marquette University and Northwestern University. He graduated from Northwestern University School of Dentistry in 1963. Prior to his attending post-graduate schools, Beck served in the U.S. Navy.

Beck was heavily involved in the Grosse Pointe community and was a member of the Bayview Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Club and, in past times, the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club. He is survived by six nephews and a niece.



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## Sworn in

The Defer Elementary School Safety Patrol filed in to the courtroom at Grosse Pointe Park City Hall. "All rise," the court reporter said and in came Judge Carl Jarboe. The judge told the students he once served on safety patrol and reminded them of the responsibility they have to make sure students get across the street and to school safely. The judge thanked the children for helping the Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers by watching out for the students. The judge then asked the students to stand, raise their right hands, then read the safety patrol oath. After being sworn in the safety patrol students had a tour of the jail and learned about the fire trucks.

# Green Team plans recycling day for community Oct. 18

Kerby Elementary School's Green Team holds its Computer and Small Electronic Community Recycling Day fundraising event 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the school, 285 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Kerby school's green team is asking the community to drop off their old computers or other unused electronics and donate \$5 per family to benefit Kerby's Green

School efforts.

Safe and proper disposal is provided by Computer Recyclers, a Michigan firm that works with many schools and non-profit organizations at no charge.

The firm also guarantees no component will end up in a landfill and all information will be destroyed.

The following items are accepted: desktop computers and workstations; LCD monitors; keyboards; mice and scanners; new or used ink cartridges, bagged for leakage; video and projection equipment;

calculators, desk and handheld; notebooks, laptops and tablet computers; printers, both ink and laser; laptop bags; phones, PDAs business and home; audio equipment, stereo receivers, speakers, etc.; cameras, old style and digital; home media, servers and external hard drives.

Kerby students have learned electronic contain hazardous materials that contaminate groundwater if placed in landfills. They also consist of valuable resources, such as precious metals, copper and engineered plastics that

require considerable energy to process and manufacture. Recycling electronics recovers valuable materials, instead of manufacturing them; conserves natural resources and results in lower environmental emissions, including greenhouse gasses.

The community is asked to do their part. All hard drives collected will be destroyed at no additional charge.

The recycling event is held rain or shine.

For more information, call the school at (313) 432-4200.



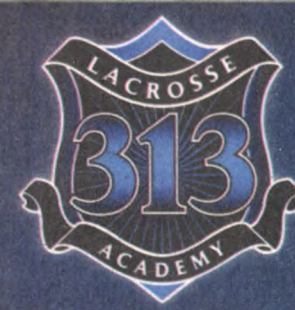
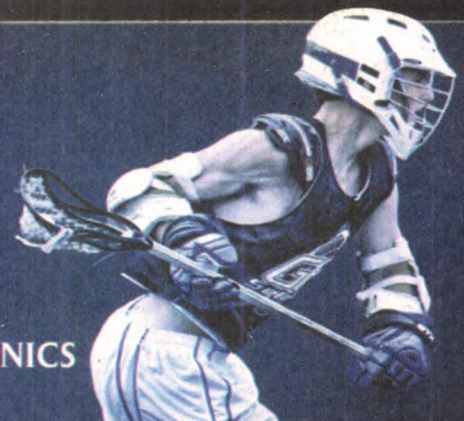
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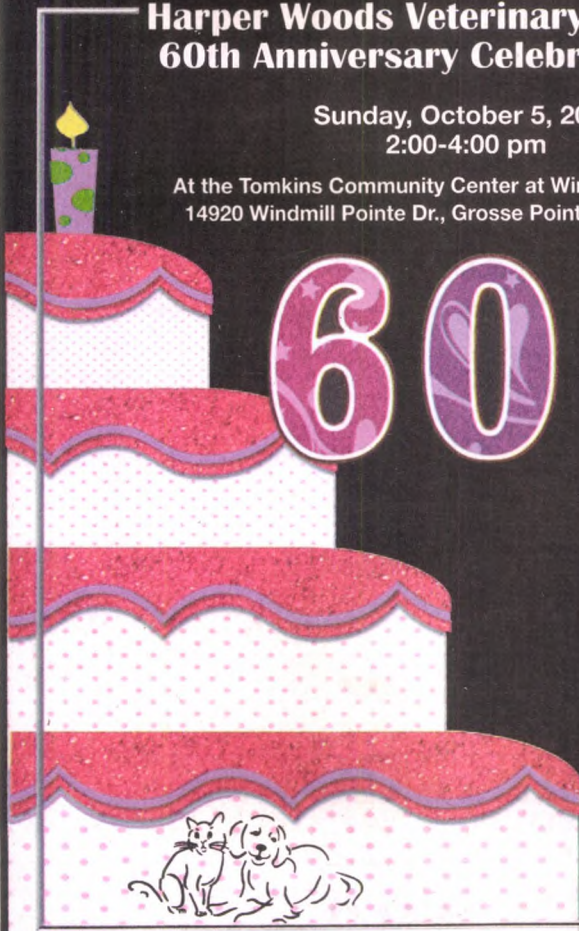
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