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## Honoring our veterans

The annual Veterans Day breakfast was held Tuesday, Nov. 11 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The breakfast honored those who have served and are serving our country in the armed forces. Jean Gilbert, 96, of the City of Grosse Pointe, reads a card that was one of many handmade by students from local schools. Gilbert served in World War II and issued flights out of India, working operations at an airbase in Karachi, a city in Pakistan. Below left, Eugene Ignasiak, 91, of Grosse Pointe Woods is emotional while watching a five-minute film titled, "I Fought For You." Ignasiak is wearing his original World War II U.S. Navy uniform. Below right, Charles Burke, President and CEO of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, stands with Ray Mabarak, 92, who served in Europe and Japan in World War II.



At right, Jeff Barnes, director, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency in Lansing, was the guest speaker. He began his career as an armed cavalry officer in the U.S. Army and did one tour in Korea, a tour in the Balkans and two tours in Iraq. He was awarded two Bronze Stars with Valor Device, a Meritorious Service Medal, a Combat Action Badge and an induction into the honorary Order of St. George for outstanding leadership in combat. Below, Gil Gray of Grosse Pointe Woods reads a handmade card written by a student from a Grosse Pointe school. Gray, who served in the U.S. Army in Korea, was an English teacher at Pierce Middle School and also coached football.



## Village Aglow lights up the night

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — It's hard to tell which shines brighter at the annual Christmas tree lighting celebration in the Village — the tree or John Shook's smile. "I get a kick out of it," said Shook, president of the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation.

This year's Village Aglow Tree Lighting Ceremony is 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, and sponsored by the foundation with support from the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade.

The tree is lit at 6 p.m. Shook helps excite the crowd, otherwise drinking free hot chocolate or huddled around marshmallow roasting pits, prior to lighting the evergreen tree at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair.

Children close on the speaker's platform and look up with widening eyes as Shook, in grandfather mode, gives holi-

day welcomes and wishes.

"I'll get the kids going," he said. "That's what makes it all worth it."

Attractions include photo opportunities with domesticated Alaskan caribou from a petting zoo. They double as reindeer attended by an elf and sleigh.

"Last year, the reindeer were a big kick," said Shook. "Kids got to pet them."

The public is invited to join a performance by the Grosse Pointe South High School Pointe Singers.

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade return this year with their Toys For Tots Train parade float to begin collecting new and unwrapped toys assisted by U.S. Marines in dress uniform.

"Last year, we had the first chance to put the Toys For Tots Train out at the Village tree lighting," said Dick Ruzzin, a

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## City, league will work with neighbors

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — If your driveway's been blocked by an on-street parker, you know the frustration Melanie Mitchell feels living two blocks from Kerby Field on a busy day of Little League baseball.

"People are inconsiderate," she said.

The same with Michael Farnsworth, across from the field since the 1970s.

"I've put up with this for 44 years," he said.

Both residents urge members of their Grosse Pointe Farms city council to ensure increased traffic stemming from the redevelopment of the field's baseball diamonds doesn't disrupt the tranquility of adjacent residential neighborhoods.

"I applaud efforts to do

things for the children of this community, but I resent it being done at my expense," Mitchell said.

"Your comments are not falling on deaf ears," said Mayor James Farquhar.

Representatives of the city and Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League are playing ball about proposed new diamonds and related facilities on municipal property at Kerby Field.

A council subcommittee consisting of Farquhar, councilmen Louis Theros and Peter Waldmeir, city manager

Shane Reeside and public safety director Dan Jensen are monitoring the proposal to keep it within zoning codes and resident preferences.

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### Malawi

Seven Grosse Pointers forged new relationships with residents of a Malawi village as new classrooms were constructed.  
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# 2014 election results

Brian Summerfield will return to the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education as the top vote-getter in the Nov. 4 election.

Joining him will be Margaret Weertz and Ahmed Ismail as the three winners in seven candidates.

Unofficial results from the Wayne County clerk's office are as follows:

- Brian Summerfield 8,319
- Margaret Weertz 8,226
- Ahmed Ismail 7,891
- Cynthia Tennent Sohn 7,839
- Jake Howlett 6,779
- Guy Gehlert 4,855
- Tara Burdick 3,813

The system operating millage renewal passed easily, 16,172 yes to 6,772 no.

The sinking fund renewal millage passed

16,410 yes to 6,432.

Superintendent Tom Harwood thanked the community for its support in a letter published on page 8A.

"We greatly appreciate the renewals of our operating budget and sinking funds that represent 25 percent of our revenue budget," Harwood wrote.

"Your commitment to our schools will impact all of our classrooms and buildings."

In other local races, results included Democrat incumbent Bert Johnson winning in the 2nd District State Senator race with 41,474 votes, followed by Republican Mark Ashley Price with 14,354 votes and Jeffrey Hall with 2,088 votes.

Democrat incumbent Brian Banks returns as State Representative for the 1st District with

15,992 votes, followed by Republican John Hauler with 7,782. State Representative in the 2nd District belongs to Democrat incumbent Alberta Tinsley Talabi with 17,385 votes, followed by Republican Daniel J. Lamar with 7,664.

For county executive, Warren Evans was elected with 341,200 votes. Republican John Dalton had 133,092 for second.

First district County Commissioner is Democrat incumbent Tim Killeen with 25,464 votes. Republican John Steininger was next with 12,651 votes.

Due to space constraints in the printed edition, breakdowns of each Grosse Pointe's numbers are available at [grossepointenews.com](http://grossepointenews.com) under the tab, Election Results.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Ann Jerome casts her ballot at Grosse Pointe South High School Nov. 4.

## 39th Santa parade Nov. 28

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce invites the community to the 39th Annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28.

The Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade will again kick off the holiday season by showing off over 80 parade units including marching bands, floats from The Parade Company, musical acts and performances, dance groups and more.

The parade starts at Lewiston Road and Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms and heads

down Kercheval to Cadieux the City of Grosse Pointe.

Thousands of people line the parade route to catch candy, watch dancers and performers, enjoy floats from The Parade Company while listening to multiple marching bands, ending with Santa in his sleigh.

After the parade, there will be visits with Santa from noon to 4 p.m. at City Bark located at 17027 Kercheval Avenue, City of Grosse Pointe.

"The Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade evokes community spirit and allows families,

friends and businesses in the community to attend and celebrate the holiday season." said Jennifer Palms Boettcher, executive director of the chamber.

As with other events hosted by the Chamber, the Parade will accept donations under the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation, providing the Parade with a fundraising structure and 501 (c)(3) organization, designed to accept contributions and provide tax related deductions.

For more information, visit [www.grossepointe-chamber.com](http://www.grossepointe-chamber.com).

## Holley Institute event Dec. 10

The Holley Institute's annual St. Nicholas Dinner Party will take place Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Funds raised at this year's event will benefit the endowment to sustainability to the Institute's program, according to a new

release. A live and silent auction have been added to the lineup this year, and organizers are still looking for donated items to include in these auctions.

The Holley Institute provides life-enhancing programs for the deaf, deaf-blind, and hard-of-hearing children and

their family. These programs are designed to strengthen communication and language, promote self-esteem and educate, the release said.

Tickets for the event are \$150 per person and \$75 for persons under 40-years old.

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## Chamber Expo

The business community met the public at the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's annual expo at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Thursday, Nov. 6. At right, Rosa Michaelson of Grosse Pointe Woods gets a brochure of services from Martha O'Neal, a massage therapist with The Art of Relaxation on the Hill. Below, Greg Evannou, owner of Sears Garage Solutions, talks with Helen Michaelson of Grosse Pointe Woods about services they offer.

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Mike Trudel, an office representative with State Farm at the Ed Lazar Insurance Agency, hands his business card to Linda Allen of the City of Grosse Pointe.

At right, Grosse Pointe Farms City Manager Shane Reeside talks with War Memorial President and CEO Charles Burke at the expo. At far right, keynote speaker Sandy Baruah, CEO and president of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.



## Toys a priority

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The group that gives free floats to the Santa parade is zeroing in this season on raising donations to Toys For Tots.

"The mission is to focus on what Christmas is all about — children," said John Stevens, a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe and founder of the nonprofit charity Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade.

It's been eight years since the Friends provided its first of four floats, Santa's sleigh with reindeer, to the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

"This year is a strategic change of direction for the Friends," said Dick Ruzzin, a member from Grosse Pointe Park. "Our goal is to develop a new group to focus on Toys For Tots."

A new strategy fuels the new mission.

Instead of asking people to individually buy and donate new, unwrapped toys to needy children served by Toys For Tots, the Friends this year seeks to pool purchasing power into leveraged, quantity discounts.

"If you go to a toy supplier with a good amount of money, you can get double the amount of toys than if you bought them individually," Ruzzin said.

Volunteers are needed. "We're looking for a dynamic leader," Ruzzin said.

Standards are high. "We need people on the grunt level, with a genuine interest to help — to focus on the goal, not deviate from the goal, move forward and not get distracted," Stevens said.

The focus is local.

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## Bashara didn't want police sent at first

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Recordings of calls Bob Bashara made to Grosse Pointe Park police the night Jane Bashara was reported missing helped reveal a timeline for the investigation into her murder.

According to police tapes, Bashara first called Park police at 10:36 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012. He told dispatcher Jodi East, "I don't want to overreact and maybe it's too soon to call," then goes on to say his wife is not home, and her car and purse are missing.

He told East he last spoke to his wife at 4:30 that afternoon, and she told him she was on her way home. Bashara said he got home between 7:30 and 7:45 p.m. and his wife was not there. "It's been three hours and I've called all of her good friends, I've called the kids and I've called her brother, but no one has heard from her," Bashara told East.

East asked Bashara if

there appeared to be any signs of foul play or forced entry and he said "no."

East took down some identifying information on Jane Bashara, including information on her car. She also took down Jane's cell phone number.

Shortly after 11 p.m., East called Jane Bashara's cell phone, and it went to voice mail.

Jane Bashara's voice could be heard, asking callers to leave a message. As it was played, Bob Bashara appeared to be wiping tears from his eyes.

Bob Bashara made a second call to Park dispatch at 11:13 p.m., telling East he called local hospitals, but no one fitting her description had been admitted. He also told East he got home "at 10 minutes to eight, I'd been out working on my stupid rentals."

When East told Bashara she had sent out an alert regarding Jane Bashara's SUV, he specifically asked if that message had gone out to just the Grosse

Pointe public safety departments or to Detroit as well. East assured him it went to police departments in southeastern Michigan.

Then East and Bashara discussed whether he should fill out an official missing person report, and East told him that is normally done if police suspect foul play, which was not the case at this point.

"Why don't we just hold off then," Bashara is heard saying. "She has to be at work at 8 a.m., so she usually goes to bed by 10. This is way out of the norm."

East offered to send an officer to the house, but Bashara declined. Less than 15 minutes later, Bashara called again, and told East that "neighbors are saying you should send someone over."

Public safety officer Terry Hayes arrived at the Bashara house on Middlesex shortly after that call.

Hayes testified before knocking on the door, he walked around the house

in order to determine signs of forced entry. Seeing none, he knocked on the door and was greeted by Bashara. Two neighbors also were present, as was Bashara's mother, Nancy.

Hayes said Bashara told him he had spoken with his wife at 4:46 p.m. and they planned to meet at home at 8 p.m. that night to work on taxes. When he arrived home at 7:50, she was not there.

Cell phone records have revealed Jane Bashara called her husband at 4:40 p.m., but he did not answer. Records indicate he was talking to his mistress, Rachel Gillett at the time. He returned Jane's call at 4:46 p.m.

Hayes said he accompanied Bashara on a search of the house, but found nothing amiss. When Hayes questioned Bashara about what his wife might be wearing or if he had any idea of where she might be, Bashara responded, "To be honest with you, we are like ships passing in

the night," but said they were not having marital problems.

Hayes also asked Bashara if he knew of anyone who would want to harm him or his family, and Bashara said "no."

Hayes said he found that odd because he knew of at least two reports Bashara had filed in the past year where Bashara told police he felt threatened by two different contractors Bashara said were harassing him and making threats. One report was filed in February 2011, the other just two months before Jane Bashara disappeared. Bashara also did

not mention Joe Gentz.

Hayes left the Bashara residence, but returned at 5 a.m. with the official paperwork for filing a missing person report. According to Hayes, Nancy Bashara let him into the house, and a shirtless Bob Bashara came down from upstairs, "rubbing the sleep out of his eyes." At this encounter, Bashara did tell Hayes that he and Jane Bashara were in marriage counseling.

Later that morning, Jane Bashara's body was found in the backseat of her Mercedes SUV in an alley on Detroit's east side.

## The Week Ahead

### THURSDAY, NOV. 13

◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "A View from the Bridge" begins at 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For ticket information visit gpt.org.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 14

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski holds office hours from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at city hall. For an appointment, call (313) 881-6565.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "A View from the Bridge" begins at 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Tickets cost \$18.  
◆ St. Ambrose parish hosts a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. at the church benefiting St. Vincent de Paul. Adult

tickets cost \$15 and children's tickets cost \$6.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 15

◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "A View from the Bridge" begins at 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Tickets cost \$18.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 16

◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "A View from the Bridge" begins at 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Tickets cost \$18.

### MONDAY, NOV. 17

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

◆ Chat with Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Grosse Pointe Park's municipal building. For more information, call (313) 224-0920.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 18

◆ The Grosse Pointe Academy hosts Yong Zhao, the author of "World Class Learners: Educating Creative and Entrepreneurial Students," at 7 p.m. in the field house. Admission is free and the public can attend. For more information, call (313) 886-1221.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Shores council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19

◆ League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe hosts a free community meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The topic is "Detroit's Bankruptcy: A Primer for the Non-Lawyer." The public can attend.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Historical Society presents Harry Skrdla at 7:30 p.m. at the Cook Schoolhouse. His topic is "Michigan's Drive-in Theatres." The public can attend.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 20

◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "A View from the Bridge" begins at 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Tickets cost \$18.

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# The gift of education

*Editor's note: The following account was provided by Kathy Kurap, who along with six other Grosse Pointers, volunteered in Malawi.*

Imagine what life would be like without ready access to clean water, the ability to go to the sink and turn on a faucet. That's the reality in many of the world's developing countries, where women and young girls walk miles each day to fill water jugs or buckets with water, clean or unclean, and carry water back to their villages on their heads.

would be like without electricity, waking with the dawn to walk an hour to school, walking home to do chores and then studying your lessons by the light of inefficient, unsafe and unhealthy kerosene lamps, if your family can afford them.

Imagine what life would be like if you yearned to go to school but had no classrooms. Classes would be held under the shade of a tree each day. During the rainy season, you might walk to school only to be sent home, because classes could not be held in the rain.

Imagine what life would be like without a single book to read.

Last summer, Kathy and Mickey Kurap joined



Grosse Pointers Kathy Kurap and Jo Le Van talk to the students where Michigan is in relationship to Malawi. The cloth wall maps were made for the school by a Michigan resident. Below, Grosse Pointe South High School graduate Anna Liang and her father, Jack, set bricks in a classroom wall. At bottom, in a week, the walls of the classroom were cemented together and work was begun on the roof.

ists," Ross Parker, Jo LeVan and Jack, Debbie and Anna Liang to help make a difference in the lives of 500 Malawi children.

The Grosse Pointers began by filling two 50-pound supply bags with school supplies, teaching aids, soccer balls and books in preparation for an October trip to a remote Malawi village.

Once there, they were joined by six other Americans helping to

build two classrooms at the Chanoa Junior Primary School near Mangochi, Malawi. The village has no electricity, or running tap water and only two existing classrooms, far short of what is needed for 500 children. The mission was to help change the lives of children, but as is always the case, the Americans' lives were changed as well.

Malawi is called "The Warm Heart of Africa," and everywhere the group went, they were welcomed with joyful singing, happy chants and caring and friendly people.

The foundation had been laid for two classrooms.

It was the volunteers job to carry 80,000 bricks to the perimeter of the proposed school so workmen could build the walls. In addition, volunteers carried sand to make mortar, played with the children, read stories to them, cleaned the existing classrooms, repaired broken school desks and built new ones, donated more than 300 books and brought teaching aids and animal puppets for the teachers to use.

More importantly, relationships were forged with these wonderful people over two weeks of time, and planned for the work to continue.

The project was sponsored by the partnership of two non-profits, Warm Hearts Foundation and World of Difference.

The foundation's Malawi projects have included drilling more than 256 water wells providing tens of thousands of villagers ready access to non-polluted water, including the Chanoa school community.

Solar lanterns are another project Warm Hearts is focused on



because only 8 percent of Malawians have electricity. The inability to read and study after sundown is a disadvantage to rural children, who must score well in the national examination to go beyond eighth grade. Staying in school is the key to a future that is different than their parents' lives.

Make a Difference, a non-profit working primarily in Kenya, focuses on the importance of education by building schools for children.

We are grateful to the many friends and supporters who donated school supplies, books and teaching aids for us to take. Some in our community visited garage sales put on by team members to raise money and donated to help us buy supplies. Other vol-

unteers had co-workers who contributed. The Grosse Pointe school system even joined in donating boxes of chalk no longer needed now that our teachers use smart boards. Chalk is like gold to Malawi's teachers, and we were able to provide them with a fresh supply.

There is more work to be done. The experience was so positive and made such an impression on members of the team that many are planning to return in August 2015 to help complete additional classrooms for the village.

The group discusses its experiences 10 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. The public can attend.

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# Don't delay in calling police to search

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — A dark shadow, nothing warranting a timely call to police during these two months of a dozen unsolved nighttime home invasions, is mainly what a resident saw of someone in his backyard at 5:14 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5.

He went to the back door. The prowler, a man wearing a yellow or beige shirt or jacket, ran away. The homeowner went outside, found nothing, then called 911.

Police figure the delay gave the trespasser a five-minute head start.

The incident happened in the 100 block of Hillcrest Lane, a short dead end off Kercheval near Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Two houses away on the same block exactly three weeks ago, early Wednesday, Oct. 15, someone broke into a house and parked car, stealing a computer and related gear.

Officers again searched for clues.

The K-9 team tried a track.

A sergeant questioned a 40-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man riding a bicycle a 1/2-mile away in the 300 block of Moross west of Beaupre.

"(He) was wearing a lime green and white with black-stripped, hooded sweatshirt," said Officer Veronica Cashion.

The cyclist's physical profile and outfit didn't match the suspect, the homeowner reportedly told police.

Officers let him go. The homeowner, 50, described the initial encounter to police.

"(He) was sitting in the back sunroom watching TV when he heard a noise outside his window," Cashion said.

The homeowner saw a "dark shadow" walking around the backyard, Cashion said.

He went to the back door.

"The suspect took off running through the side wooden gate toward the street," Cashion said.

# Afterglow new twist to Aglow

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony in the Village leaves an afterglow this year.

Soon after the lighting, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, on the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair in downtown Village district of the City of Grosse Pointe, adults are invited to Cocktails and Appetizers with the Elf, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., in a Kercheval storefront less than a half block away.

"We'll converge there for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and community fellowship," said John Shook, president of the City of Grosse Pointe

Foundation.

A suggested, \$20 tax-deductible donation to the afterglow benefits the Foundation, a group of City boosters responsible for numerous community enhancements.

Funds from the afterglow help pay for holiday decorations in the Village, according to Shook.

"Every year, we sponsor decoration and lighting and costs associated with the Village Christmas tree," Shook said. "The donation helps us continue our goodwill."

The afterglow is in the Elf House, on Kercheval around the corner from the Christmas tree and recently-opened Calico store.

"Jim Bellanca (representing the property's owner) is giving us the space," Shook said.

The foundation, established in 1985, supports municipal enhancements beyond those normally funded through taxes.

Completed projects include:

- ◆ Neff Park "Clubhouse" playscape,
- ◆ new decorative street signs,
- ◆ arched entrance at Elworthy Field,
- ◆ new city entrance signs,
- ◆ Neff Park ice rink,
- ◆ Kressbach Place in the Village,
- ◆ brick pillars and decorative fence at Elworthy Field,
- ◆ arched clock spanning Kercheval in the village (Foundation dona-

- tion),
- ◆ personalized brick program at Neff Park,
- ◆ decorative planting, trees, fencing, seating and flagpole at Neff Park,
- ◆ new Neff Park entrance building,
- ◆ tree replacement at Neff Park after the storm of 1997,
- ◆ annual donation to the Village holiday decorations,
- ◆ memorial bench for Denny Callahan,
- ◆ hanging planters in the Village and Neff Park,
- ◆ seasonal banners on street light brackets in the Village and
- ◆ restoration of the eagle statues at the entrance to Neff Park.

For more about the Foundation, visit cityofgrossepointe.org.

# K-9 Duke paying dividends

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Duke, the 1 1/2-year-old police dog named after jazz musician Duke Ellington, is getting in the swing of drug detection.

A fresh graduate of the K-9 academy, Duke twice last week uncovered illegal narcotics or related paraphernalia.

He scored three arrests last week in two separate cases.

On Duke's hit list are two Detroit residents caught during a traffic stop.

Also, a 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man faces charges. His parents sanctioned

sniffs of his bedroom.

Duke's cognomen honors the public safety K-9 program's benefactor, Gretchen Valade, owner of the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe on the Hill.

Valade is funding the dog and related expenses for five years.

Duke always was a willing dope hound, but now he's raring to go, according to his handler, Farms Officer Tim Harris.

They completed an intense week of training last month in Alpena during a conference of the National Association of Professional K-9 Handlers.

"Ever since Alpena, Duke's turned it up a bit," Harris said.

Some 270 K-9 teams attended.

The arrest of two Detroit residents developed from a traffic investigation.

Lt. Andrew Rogers pulled over a 21-year-old Detroit man on westbound Mack near East Warren for operating a gray 2005 Dodge Magnum at dusk Tuesday, Nov. 4, without lights.

Rogers summoned the K-9 team to confirm an odor of marijuana in the car.

Duke sniffed out a sandwich bag containing about 2 grams of marijuana wedged between rear seat cushions, Harris said.

Officers arrested the

driver and a 19-year-old male passenger, also of Detroit, for possession of marijuana.

At headquarters, Duke detected a narcotics odor on \$750 carried between the two.

Police investigated the Farms man Thursday, Nov. 6, at his parents house on McKinley Place.

His parents reportedly told police he's a marijuana user and agreed for the K-9 to sweep the house.

"Duke located a marijuana grinder in (the son's) bedroom, along with a scale and small packaging baggies," Harris said.

The marijuana totaled .5 ounces, police said.

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# Eastside to host Detroit police chief

Detroit Police Department chief James E. Craig will speak at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18.

The chief's address will focus on recent enforcement initiatives and is sponsored by the Eastside Republican Club.

"I know our community is anxious to learn more

about this latest east-side police initiative, Operation Peace Keeper," Eastside Republican Club chairman Ken Caldwell said in a news release.

"It is encouraging to see chief Craig building a spirit of collaboration and improved communication with Detroit businesses, community groups and neighborhood volunteers. He is improving the safety for both Detroit citizens and visitors."

Craig has nearly 40 years experience in law enforcement, which began in 1977 at the Detroit Police Department, and he served as chief of police in Portland, Maine, and Cincinnati, before assuming the role of chief of police in Detroit in July 2013.

These stints were preceded by nearly three decades as part of the Los Angeles Police Department, where Craig



Chief James Craig

played a key role in reducing crime in some of the city's most violent areas through the implementation of innovative strategies and community partnerships.

Craig has said his top priority in Detroit is to reduce violent crime and increase morale.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum is held on the third Tuesday of each month, September through June.

For more information on the club, search "ERC" at Facebook.com.

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## Rock N Ride

Rock N Ride is a spinning-only cycling studio located at 15230 Charlevoix, in Grosse Pointe Park. For more information call (313) 571-3812 or visit [therocknride.com](http://therocknride.com). Celebrating ribbon cutting ceremonies with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce are, from left, Grosse Pointe Park councilman Jim Robson, city councilwoman Laurie Arora, city manager Dale Krajniak, mayor Palmer Heenan, owner Alicia Brown, Yusuf Brown, Deborah Walker and Willie Brown.



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## Pure Barre

Pure Barre, at 75 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a 55-minute workout combining barre work, pilates, a yoga move or two and weights. Pure Barre is open seven days a week and its schedule can be found at [purebarre.com/MI-grossepointe](http://purebarre.com/MI-grossepointe). For more information call (313) 458-7857. Celebrating ribbon cutting ceremonies with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce are Chamber President Jennifer Boettcher, owner Renae Lange, owner Lia Amine and Grosse Pointe Farms City Manager Shane Reeside.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## AJ's Nails & Spa

AJ Nails is a full service nail salon offering manicures and pedicures, waxing and facials in a spa-like setting. AJ Nails is located in the Village at 16828 Kercheval. Call (313) 882-8888. At ribbon cutting ceremonies with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce are chamber president Jennifer Boettcher, Anna Sinh, owner Jason Sinh, owner JoAnne Sinh, City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace and city councilman Donald J. Parthum Jr.

## TOYS:

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"You have to be committed to working within your own community," Stevens said. "I'm not sure we, in Grosse Pointe, have to jump on the bandwagon of a program out of New York or abroad. There's a big need right here in Detroit."

He hopes to combine the spirit of giving with life lessons.

"Some children are underprivileged because they've been born into an environment that's not conducive to a good family life," Stevens said. "As a result, those kids need to be nurtured to where they see goodwill and friendship in everybody."

Toys For Tots, founded after World War II by members of the U.S. Marines Reserves, solic-

its Christmas presents for needy children.

At a Toys For Tots distribution depot, Stevens was dismayed to learn each child gets only two gifts.

"My question was, why does this little 2-year-old boy only get two toys when there's hundreds on the shelf?" Stevens said. "(A Toys For Tots representative) said they only give two toys because they have thousands of little kids."

He doubts most people

are aware of the need. "That motivated us to go beyond the norm and recruit more volunteers," Stevens said.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Dick Ruzzin by e-mail at [dickruzzin@design@aol.com](mailto:dickruzzin@design@aol.com); or visit the Friends website, [gpsanta.com](http://gpsanta.com).

Monetary contributions may be sent to: Toys For Tots, c/o Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade, 120 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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## LIGHTS:

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Friends member from Grosse Pointe Park. "That was successful beyond our dreams. There was a huge crowd."

The train remains on display after the lighting.

Municipal Recreation Director Christopher Hardenbrook organized the event, including free food, treats and beverages.

"The Harvard Grill cooks Coney Islands and the Grosse Pointe

Boat Club gives hot chocolate," Hardenbrook said. "The city will do s'mores and the bonfire."

Lighting the tree occurs one week before the annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, on Kercheval from Lewiston in Grosse Pointe Farms, through the Hill to the Village.

The Christmas tree is the site of carolers and holiday music on Friday evenings in December.

The parade is produced by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

## WORK:

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tual site plan review," as Reeside described it, during the city council meeting, Monday, Nov. 10, reflected comments and notions voiced at a less formal public meeting in September.

The core idea remains the same.

Members of the league will raise funds to enhance the experience of their roughly 1,000 players and their families by slightly reconfiguring four existing diamonds on municipal property at Kerby Field.

Modifying two outfields to league standards allows state tournament play.

Also proposed is the addition of a fifth, smaller diamond.

All changes, including construction of a central plaza, occur within

Kerby Field's existing footprint.

"The change from September is we decided to do it in phases," said Mark Davey, league president. "Phase one is to go with the existing fields we have today."

No longer considered is replacing a nearby youth soccer and practice football field with three mini-diamonds for kiddie baseball and girl's softball.

Proposed lighting also is reduced to, perhaps, two fields, Davy said.

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

Most games are scheduled during daylight hours.

Because afternoon and evening games sometimes carry into twilight, league backers hoped to ring the diamonds with lights on 40-foot poles to thwart the cancellation of late innings due to darkness.

Only one night game per year is proposed, a championship contest during the end of June; perhaps on the summer solstice, June 21.

Plans discussed this week included parking lots with a total of an additional 52 spaces.

A marked entrance to parking off of Moross is intended to reduce traffic on Kerby.

A united council, minus the approved absences of members Martin West and Therese Joseph, endorsed the latest concept.

The next step is a detailed site plan review, including specific dimensions and building materials, at a future council meeting to be determined.

Regardless if the diamonds are reconfigured, the cost to the city of maintaining Kerby Field is expected to remain the same, according to Theros and others.

## City of Grosse Pointe

## Buzzed

At 11:02 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, a man living in the 700 block of Fisher heard the back door buzzer.

"He heard the back door open," said a public safety officer.

The homeowner investigated.

He found the door closed but nobody there. So, he called police, suspecting an attempted home invasion.

Officers questioned a pedestrian in the area, but nothing developed from it.

Something similar happened Monday afternoon, Oct. 20, in the 17000 block of Maumee.

A man rang a front doorbell, paused and kicked in the door, fleeing on a blue bicycle when confronted by the resident.

—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

## Wheeler dealer

A teenager running from police took it in stride when taken to the ground, according to arresting officers.

"I have weed on me," the teen, 15, of Grosse Pointe Farms, reportedly said.

"He started laughing," said Officer Paul Reygeart.

Reygeart initially spotted him walking a small bicycle on westbound Chalfonte near Cloverly at 4:36 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8.

The location is close to Brownell Middle School.

"Numerous bicycle larcenies have occurred on the north end of the city within the past one or two months," Reygeart said.

Questioning went well — the bike's his — until the youth ran away, ditch-

## Public Safety Reports

Report information on these or other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety at (313) 822-7400.

ing a cell phone near the intersection of Manor en route to his parents garage in the 400 block of Madison, police said.

A search of his pockets revealed a bag containing 9 grams of marijuana, a scale and \$28, police said.

Officers arrested him for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, possession of narcotics paraphernalia and obstructing police.

Officers recovered the cell phone.

"There may be pertinent information on the phone in relation to sales of marijuana," Reygeart said.

## 'Just drinking'

At 6:32 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, a 43-year-old man from Macomb Township was arrested for doing what he admitted doing.

He said he was "just drinking beer" behind a business in the 19200 block of Mack, according to a patrolman.

The officer arrested

him for consuming alcohol in public, loitering and possession of concealed weapons, namely four kitchen knives, a razor and four pocket-knives.

—Brad Lindberg

Report information about these or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department at (313) 885-2100.

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Drunk with kid

A 25-year-old Chesterfield Township man being investigated for running two red lights on northbound Lakeshore near city hall was arrested for drunken driving at about 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Officers added a charge of child endangerment upon learning his white 2013 Chrysler 300 contained a 4-year-old girl passenger.

A motorist reported the

man speeding, possibly intoxicated, on Lakeshore.

As Shores officers deployed to investigate, Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Skip Fincham alerted them to the man running red lights at Vernier and the entrance to Osius municipal park, then making a U-turn at Hawthorne.

Officers made the arrest in the municipal parking lot.

Officers said the man had a .146 percent blood alcohol level.

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Larceny from auto

Sometime during the

early morning hours of Sunday, Nov. 9, an unknown suspect broke the sunroof out of a vehicle parked in the driveway of a house on Balfour and stole the owner's wallet.

## Bike theft

Sometime between Monday, Nov. 3 and Wednesday, Nov. 5, a men's Trek mountain bike was taken from an unlocked shed on Cadieux.

—Kathy Ryan

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Cash taken

The owner of a nail salon on Mack arrived at work at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, and found the back door had been kicked in. The only item missing appeared to be cash from the cash register. There are no suspects.

—Kathy Ryan

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After harvesting and cleaning the horseradish root, the job of peeling it is next.



The next step is slicing and chopping the horseradish into chunks.



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A line of women prepare the horseradish ending with Sue Ternes, who drops the chunks into the blender with white vinegar and a pinch of salt. From left are Rita Bontomasi, Donna Batten, Katherine Paquette and Ternes.

## Delivering nature's bounty

By Ann L. Fouty  
 Features Editor

Get there early is the best advice Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe members are delivering.

While preparing mustards, herbed salts and vinegar and an eight-bean soup mix for the club's 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, sale at the Grosse Pointe Woods municipal building, the women pointed out what sells out quickly — Sue Ternes' horseradish.

The secret, according to Katherine Paquette, is the white root vegetable grows in a 4-by-8-foot plot in Ternes' backyard tended by Sue and her husband, Bob, who is both a master gardener and a master composter.

"Bob digs and cleans it," Ternes said.

A progressive line of hands peels the root vegetable, slices and chops it. Ternes completes the process by



The final step is scooping it into small jars, sealing and labeling.

dropping the pieces in a blender with white vinegar and a dash of salt. A few seconds of whirl-

ing blades and the condiment is ready for the jar and a label. Paquette said the

home grown, homemade horseradish is good with steak, in bloody Marys, sauces and salad dressings, plus it's healthy. Reading from the internet, she said horseradish can be used as a stimulant, diuretic or antiseptic.

Other herb society members are making the club's special blend of French tea with lemon balm, mint and lavender. These ingredients are purchased from an Iowa organic farm.

Also being packaged is the club's Best Ever Pumpkin Pie Spice, filling the room with aromatic cinnamon fragrance.

"People come back (to the annual sale) because we have good prices," said event co-chairwoman Mary Glasco. She and Pat Muellenhagen oversee the production, packaging and labeling of two and a half pages of items to be sold. "They buy for themselves and

as presents. This is seed money."

Glasco said she has never counted how many culinary and dried items the group creates. Proceeds from the sale are used to support the herb society's gardens. Members plant and tend an herb garden at the War Memorial and are putting in a garden at Services for Older Citizens, the club's new meeting site.

The garden is a 15-by-18-foot paisley-shaped bed designed by Mary Northcutt and Molly Valade.

Northcutt said garlic is to be planted yet this fall. But, today she's labeling jars filled with homemade dilly beans and tomato jam she made with produce from the Eastern Market.

Glasco grows nasturtiums and uses the blossoms for vinegar creating a blush-colored liquid that can be used to deglaze pans.

"It has a nice peppery flavor," Glasco said.

Paquette said she likes to use this vinegar as a dressing with arugula and goat cheese salad.

In addition to the bottled vinegar for sale, there is zippy salt, a non-salt seasoning, wreaths and dried flowers, sugar flavored with marigolds and lavender, a roasted garlic salt, mulled cider spices, a Greek-based salt rub, Herbes de Provence, lip, cuticle and boo-boo balms, herbal dog bones made with sweet potatoes, scarves for dogs with penny royal in them that is a flea repellent, and the always-popular catnip pillow. New products this year are lavender chocolates and a winter spice room freshener.

"We add something new every year," Glasco said.

Attendees also have the opportunity to sample the eight-bean soup and warm cider seasoned with the club's mulled cider spice mix.



Mae Spitzer screws a lid on a jar of tomato jam made by another member, Mary Northcutt. Spitzer is an original member of the club established in 1984.



Nasturtiums produce a blush-colored peppery-flavored vinegar.

## THE UNIQUE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF WOMEN



**Suzanne Antonelli, CFP®**  
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Although I work with men and women, families, and all age groups; I have focused my career on planning for women. Over the years I have been asked many times "Why is financial planning for women different than planning for men?" and "Why did you choose to specialize in working with women?"

Planning and investing needs for women are very different from men. Women live longer than men and have a longer spending time horizon. The World Health Organization reported in 2014 that the life expectancy of a U.S. woman is 82.2 years, while that of a man is 77.4 years; thus the risk of outliving our money is greater for us than our male counterparts.

Many women have had to put temporary holds on their careers to have a family, to care for aging parents, or to relocate for their husband's career. This has resulted in women spending fewer years than men in the paid workforce. It is likely the reason that women still earn less than men. The Bureau

of Labor Statistics reports that females in the U.S. generally earn approximately 80 cents on the dollar when compared to males. Although this disparity continues to narrow; women are still paid less, meaning less disposable income, and therefore less money to put away for retirement.

The most staggering statistic, according to the U.S. Census Bureau almost 45% of women over the age of 65 are single; either by choice, divorce or the death of a spouse. I keep this statistic center stage when planning with couples. Opting to take social security benefits early reduces benefits for the survivor, and understanding that likely the wife will eventually have to live alone

on reduced benefits needs to be considered. Other decisions heavily weight this statistic: life insurance, pension survivor benefit selections, long-term care insurance, and the amount of risk to take in an investment portfolio.

I have also found that like me, women are busy and have significantly more demands on their time. Balancing raising a family and caring for parents with a full-time job requires that we outsource those tasks that we simply do not have the time or resources to devote to, or that we do not do well. Sadly, many married women have never met their financial advisors, or are not participating in conversations with the

advisor and the planning process. You should know your advisor and be actively engaged — you have placed your future standard of living in their hands. Women have been vastly underserved by my industry; although that is changing as the industry has come to realize that women control half of the wealth in the U.S. Selecting a financial advisor is as daunting a task as finding a mechanic, buying a car, or hiring a contractor, but it cannot or should not be put off indefinitely.

The second question on my choice to focus on investing and planning for women is the easiest to answer, I am a woman. I have walked in their shoes as a young female college graduate, a newlywed, a young mother,

a divorcee, a single mother, a career woman, a caregiver to a failing parent, supporting three children in college, the loss of a parent, transitioning to an empty nest, and now transitioning to middle age. Each step in my life has given me a unique insight into the lives of women and the challenges they face both financially and emotionally.

*Suzanne has over 20 years of experience in personalized portfolio management, tax and retirement planning, risk management, and estate plan execution and funding. She specializes in the unique financial needs of families, retirees, and women.*  
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# AREA ACTIVITIES

**BNI** at 7 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, Contact Olga Tecos at (313) 423-0087 about Business Network International that meets at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

**des Jardinieres** La Societe des Jardinieres meets at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at Ann Baxter's house.

A demonstration of creating stained glass window methods and mosaics by Baxter is the day's topic. Lunch is provided by hostesses Tina Olofsson and Helena Thurber.

**Knitters**

The Wool & The Floss hosts Knitters Stash Buster sale and raffle from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the store, 397 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

One hundred percent of the profits benefit Knit Michigan, a 501(c)(3) organization assisting Michigan's cancer patients and their families.

A raffle basket worth more than \$500, filled with kits and tools, donated by suppliers, will be given away.

**War Memorial**

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial hosts Detroit Symphony Orchestra assistant concert master Hai-Xin Wu, a violinist, at a 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, Music with Wine concert. The event features a cabaret-style evening with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Tickets cost \$35.



**St. Nicholas**

The Holley Institute holds its annual St. Nicholas dinner party at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Live and silent auctions have been added to the event. To donate auction items or make ticket reservations, call (313) 343-7484. Tickets cost \$75 for those 40 years and younger or \$150. Proceeds benefit the institute's programs. Serving as chairwomen and honorary chairwomen are Betsey Rashid of Grosse Pointe Shores, Nancy and Lisa Cotton of Grosse Pointe Shores and Grace Rashid of Grosse Pointe Shores.



Hai-Xin Wu

**Vision support group**

Friends of Vision Low Vision Support Group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17, at the 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, Nov. 17, at Henry Ford Cottage. For more information, call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

**Woman's Club**

Grosse Pointe Woman's Club holds its annual fall scholarship benefit luncheon at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. A silent auction, lunch and fashion show from the Dress Barn are featured.

For more information, call club president Pamela Zimmer at (313) 926-6726 or scholarship benefit coordinator Nila Carter at (313) 882-6873.

Visiting Committee for European Sculpture and Decorating Arts meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

June Hargrove lectures on "Resonances: Degas and Gauguin across the Arts," and guides a tour of works by Degas and Renoir, followed by a reception.

Tickets cost \$60 per person and reservations are required by Nov. 17. Reservations are accepted at (313) 833-4005 or online at tickets.dia.org.

For more information, contact Megan Reddicks at (313) 833-1720 or mreddicks@dia.org.

**Republican club**

The Eastside Republican Club hosts Detroit Police Chief James E. Craig at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The public can attend.

Craig began his law enforcement career in 1977 in Detroit. Following a lay off, Craig moved to Los Angeles. He came to Detroit from Cincinnati and holds a Bachelor of Science degree, a master of management degree in public administration and is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy.

**BNI**

The East Side BNI Launchpad organization meets at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods. Janet Brown of Kaul Funeral Home discusses how to preplan funeral arrangements.

For more information, call vice president Leah Beck at (586) 944-0945.

**Historical society**

Grosse Pointe Historical Society hosts Harry Skldra at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Cook Schoolhouse. His topic is "Michigan's Drive-in Theaters."

**Yacht club**

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club hosts a holiday boutique from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20.

The public can attend to view clothing, accessories, sweets, purses, stationary and gourmet food.

**Garden club**

The Men's and Women's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov.

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# There are senior housing options

*Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series. I'm feeling confused and overwhelmed in my search for the right*

*senior living community for my loved one's needs, can you offer direction? It's important to learn the terminology*

and the differences between the senior care solutions available so you can make the right choice for your family.

As you begin the search use the following guidelines to learn more about the types of senior housing options available in the United States.

Independent Living Communities — known as retirement communities, congregate care, retirement villages, 55 plus communities, senior apartments or continuing care retirement community — cater to seniors who are independent with few medical problems. Residents live in fully equipped private apartments.

A variety of apartment sizes are available from studios to two bedrooms. Dining services are offered with custom-designed meal packages. Often residents can choose to pay for a specified number of meals per day. Frequently, there are numerous social

outings and events to choose from for entertainment.

Assisted living facilities — also known as assisted care community, personal care home — these are designed for seniors who are no longer able to live on their own safely but do not require the high level of care provided in a nursing home. Assistance with medications, activities of daily living, meals and housekeeping are routinely provided. Three meals per day are provided in a central dining room.

Residents live in private apartments that frequently have a limited kitchen area. Staff is available 24 hours per day for additional safety. Most assisted living communities provide licensed nursing services.

The hours vary, so be sure to ask when you visit. Social activities and scheduled transportation also available in most communities. A special unit for Alzheimer's residents is available in some.

Nursing homes — also known as convalescent care, nursing center, skilled nursing, long term care facility — provide around-the-clock skilled, licensed nursing care for the frail elderly who require a high level of medical care and assistance. Many nursing homes now provide short-term rehabilitative stays for those recovering from an injury, illness or surgery. Long-term care residents generally have high care needs and complex medical conditions requiring routine skilled nursing services. Residents typically share a room and are served meals in a central dining area un-



less they are too ill to participate. Activities are also available. Some facilities have a separate unit with dementia.

Part II: Alzheimer's care and respite care.

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Some patients are unable to stand straight, bend or twist due to the pain.

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Seek medical attention if you have back pain associated with an injury, shooting pain down the legs, sudden leg or foot weakness, sudden changes in bowel or bladder function or for severe pain lasting longer than three days.

LBP is caused by several spinal conditions including muscle strain, ligament sprain, disc degeneration, trauma and spinal stenosis (narrowing).

Treatment is based on the type of pain and the cause. The treatment for acute LBP is non-surgical.

Evidence supports using acetaminophen, NSAIDs and muscle relaxers for relief. Physical therapy, in conjunction with medication, pro-

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**Know Your Skin**  
By Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

A persistent, extremely red facial rash. What's the likely diagnosis?

Several skin conditions present as red facial rashes. Likely culprits include acne rosacea, acne, perioral dermatitis, seborrheic dermatitis or even a rash as the presenting symptom of cutaneous or systemic lupus.

Acne rosacea is characterized by a flushing redness and the appearance of small veins called telangiectasias; the inflammation's severity can increase due to triggers, such as temperature changes and winter's cold dry air.

Acne as the cause of a facial rash may be indicated by the presence of cysts and comedones, accompanied by pronounced redness or erythema.

Seborrheic dermatitis is noted by moderate redness, with scaling and crusted patches around the face, eyes, ears and scalp. Perioral dermatitis is usually confined around the mouth, but can also involve the eyelids and forehead.

To learn more about facial rashes and their treatment, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates.

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Jason Copen

## Being fearless in a fear-filled world

**W**e live in a fear-filled world. If we gauged the emotional state of our nation based on the leading news stories, we would determine Americans are afraid. We are afraid of ebola. We are afraid of ISIS terrorists. We are afraid of school shootings, car jackings and summer floods. On one hand, fear is healthy. I think God instilled healthy fear in us to keep us safe. There is a reason most people don't keep lions as pets.

We love the sight of Niagara Falls, but the thought of canoeing down them doesn't seem to resonate with too many people.

Fear can be healthy. But it can also be paralyzing. When we allow fear of the unknown to define our lives, then fear is no longer healthy.

The Bible has a lot to say about fear and how believers should respond to it. More than 80 times scripture tells believers to avoid fear. This is to be a defining trait of a follower of Christ. When fear grips the world, believers should demonstrate trust and faith in someone greater than themselves.

Second Timothy 1:7 reminds us that "God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

In the midst of the chaos of this world, followers of Christ are to demonstrate with their own lives what it means to trust in God.

If a person has faith that Jesus lived, died and was resurrected, and that Jesus offers hope for this world and the next, it should profoundly impact how they live. This does not mean we don't take precautions to prevent the spread of disease or work to make our schools safer.

We do all of these things. But what it does mean is rather than run from trouble, followers of Christ are called to run to trouble. We confront the diseases of this world with care and compassion. We combat the evils of terrorism with the truth of a loving God.

We deal with the potential of school violence by investing in children so thoughts of violence and danger are not ignored. Where there is fear, we proceed with power and love and self-control. We do not panic. We do not hate. We do not give up.

A. W. Tozer once said that a scared world needs a fearless church.

Our world is scared. Will the church be fearless?

Copen is the Crosspointe Christian Church's associate pastor.

## Religious education needed for all ages

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

Rev. Alex Riegel grew up in Saline and felt, what he called, "an intense spiritual yearning" in high school. While attending the University of Michigan, he explored religions and began a spiritual journey.

"I took it upon myself to explore religions. I was really drawn to the breadth of theological doctrine" of the Unitarian Universalists, he said.

Riegel earned a degree in philosophy from U of M and Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from Harvard Divinity School. Those degrees were followed by a Doctor of Ministry degree from Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, Mass.

He served the Unitarian church in Farmington Hills for 12 years before coming to the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church in August. Unitarian Universalists have a liberal religion based in Christian and Jewish values, emphasizing the search for spiritual meaning.

One of his goals for the church, located in the City of Grosse Pointe, is for the congregation to reacquire themselves with world religions and build upon that.

Ministers have a hard task, Riegel said, because the families are hearing a variety of

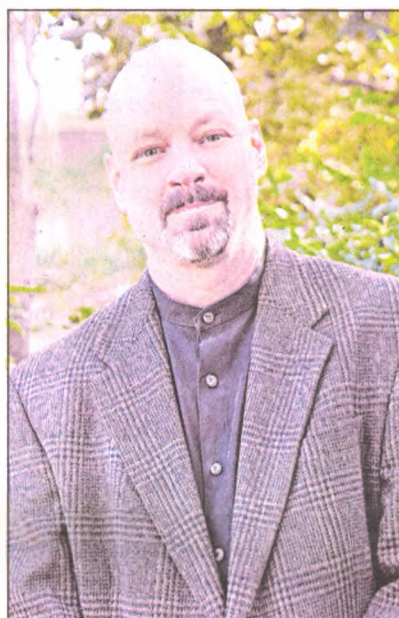


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Grosse Pointe Unitarian minister the Rev. Alex Riegel.

theological ideas from a number of sources and are trying to fulfill a need to help people through volunteering.

"All ministers are facing headwinds. You can stream religion and do good at Gleaners. This congregation is situated to draw on the wisdom of world religion," he said.

He said the congregation will continue to support its various outreach projects, such as its food bank and volunteering with Habitat for Humanity.

Another of his goals, Riegel said, is to encourage continuing religious education for all ages.

"Religious education is vital from the cradle to the grave," he said.

Riegel said fundamentally the religious message from the mystics, Jesus, Buddha and Mohammed is the same in all religions though it becomes fragmented by theology and is packaged differently.

Promoting the mystics, Riegel said, "I am returning to a wisdom tradition that has been with us for thousands of years — tradition found in Buddhism, Hindus and Christians.

"If we get back to those teachings and become familiar (with them because) all are saying the same thing. We can bring people to spirituality that gets beneath the doctrine and look for subjective experience."

Riegel also would like to bring workshops and more music to the church. He and several friends are putting a CD together of mystic poets' writings set to music. Workshops would be open to the public and discuss world religions.

Riegel's wife, Kimi, is the minister at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church in Southfield. They are parents to 25-year-old daughter, Ariana, and son, Preston, a student at Roper School in Birmingham.

When he is not tending to the church and his duties, Riegel is reading poetry by the mystics and every two years goes to an ashram in southern India.

## On tour

Tripp Kennedy, the assistant organist at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, didn't hear the applause Sunday when it was announced to the congregation he had won the grand prize in the Chartres International Organ competition in France. The 2008 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate was still in France. He returns home for a brief stay before he begins a 30-concert tour in France, England, Russia, Germany, Spain, Italy and Iceland. In addition to the title, Kennedy was given a cash award. He is a graduate of Oberlin Conservatory of Music and has a Master of Music degree from Yale University.



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## CHURCH EVENT

## Ecumenical breakfast

Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast opens its 7:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, meeting at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, with coffee.

A buffet breakfast follows at 7:30 a.m. and at 7:45 a.m. speaker Carolyn Barth of the Grosse Pointe United Methodist church discusses the church's Stephen Ministry.

For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

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# Light Up the Night comes to St. Clair Shores

By John McTaggart  
Staff Writer

The St. Clair Shores 9 Mack Merchants Association is lighting up St. Clair Shores as part of its annual Light Up the Night event.

The festival kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, and continues through 8 p.m. in downtown St. Clair Shores, located along Greater Mack Avenue between 9 Mile Road and 9 Mack Drive.

Activities for all ages are on the agenda and include the opportunity for children to meet princesses Elsa and Anna at

Jan and Jim's Hallmark from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Martial arts demos, as well as dance performances are also part of the evening's entertainment.

Cafe Far Bella hosts line dance performances throughout the evening.

A choral performance by Regina High School students pave the way for the 7:30 p.m. tree lighting ceremony.

Donations of hats, coats, gloves and other winter clothing, as well as infant clothing, can be brought.

A canned food drive also will take place during the evening.



## Flag retirement

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the John Paul Jones (Children of the American Revolution) and Boy Scout Troop No. 96 conducted a flag retirement ceremony Sept. 27 at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park. During the ceremony, worn, donated flags were disposed of according to tradition and veterans and their families were honored for their service to the United States. The ceremony was in accordance with the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War commemoration. From left, Assistant Scout Master Tim Rossow and Boy Scouts Ben Reiter, Mark Armentrout and Tom Carey prepare a worn flag for retirement.

## Readers



Bonnie and Bob Wachter of Grosse Pointe Farms and Bob and Nancy Orr of Grosse Pointe Shores (and wild-life friends) on a trip to the Galapagos.



Grosse Pointe Sail Club members enjoyed an annual rendezvous in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Left to right are: Elaine and Bill Kuester, Maureen Comerford, Beth Gibney, Lynne and Larry Haggart, Dee and Pat Clark and Sharon and Harry Masek.

## BACK PAIN: Continued from page 4B

vides greater benefits. Consult with your care provider before taking any medications.

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loss of hydration,  
◆ quit smoking because it is linked to decreased calcium absorption,  
◆ use proper lifting techniques and  
◆ proper posture while sitting reduces stress on the lower back.

Written by Samer Saqqa D.O., an orthopedic surgeon, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, is board-certified and fellowship trained in spine surgery.

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**A LA ANNIE**  
 By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

## Corn pudding offers menu change



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Thanksgiving is two weeks from today. I love the thought of the bird coming out of the oven (or off the grill) then being surrounded by colorful, flavorful side dishes.

My repertoire of "sides" has grown through the years. Different takes on stuffings, cranberries and vegetables that make my Thanksgiving special each year. This week I am turning back the page a few years (10 plus) to a recipe for corn pudding. This easy to make and bake take on corn is a real crowd pleaser.

### Bourbon Corn Pudding

(Claudine Manchester)

- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/8 cups evaporated milk
- 3 cups (2 - 15 oz. cans) cream style corn
- 3 cups frozen corn, thawed
- 3 TBLS butter, melted
- 3 TBLS brown sugar
- 3 TBLS corn starch dissolved in 3 TBLS water
- 3/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 4 1/2 TBLS bourbon (optional)
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground white pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat one large (9-by-13 inches) or two

**Bread pudding makes a nice side dish for the Thanksgiving feast.**

smaller baking dishes with no-stick spray. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl (using an electric mixer) beat together eggs and evaporated milk. Stir (don't beat) in all remaining ingredients. Pour batter into prepared dish(es) and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean. The top and edges of the pudding will be golden brown.

The size of the baking dish(es) doesn't really matter however, the deeper the pudding the longer it will take to bake. I divided my corn pudding into a single shallow dish and a round Corning deep dish that took an additional 15 minutes after the shallow pudding was finished cooking.

You can also bake the puddings in individual ramekins for a stepped up presentation.

I have been serving Claudine's bourbon corn pudding for years and this creamy flavorful baked corn is always a hit. Choose a quality bourbon.



## Musical

Tom Pagano and Danielle Caralis are part of Grosse Pointe Theatre's 31-member cast presenting Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, at 2 p.m. Dec. 13, 14, 20 and 21 and at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14, 17, 18, 21 and 22. For ticket information, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.



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## Speakers

Dorothy Heitjan, Stephanie Cork and Kristen DeVooght were the featured speakers at The Family Center's Ask the Experts presentation offering suggestions to help kindergarteners be successful, encouraging readers and teaching strategies for dyslexics. To view Ask the Experts articles written by the presenters visit familycenterweb.org. This special presentation was videotaped and will be on YouTube later this fall.

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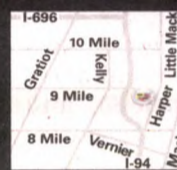
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# SPORTS & SCHOOLS

## SWIMMING

### South cruises

Blue Devils win division title meet and Norsemen take 5th **PAGE 2C**

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## VOLLEYBALL

# South, Liggett earn district titles

## South beats North in epic final

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

It's too bad the Class A district championship match between host Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South had to have a winner and a loser.

Fans, including a large student section from both schools, packed North's gymnasium and were treated to a classic battle between rivals.

When South senior Izzy Murphy's final kill attempt was blocked and went wide, the Blue Devils prevailed 22-25, 29-27, 25-23, 25-23.

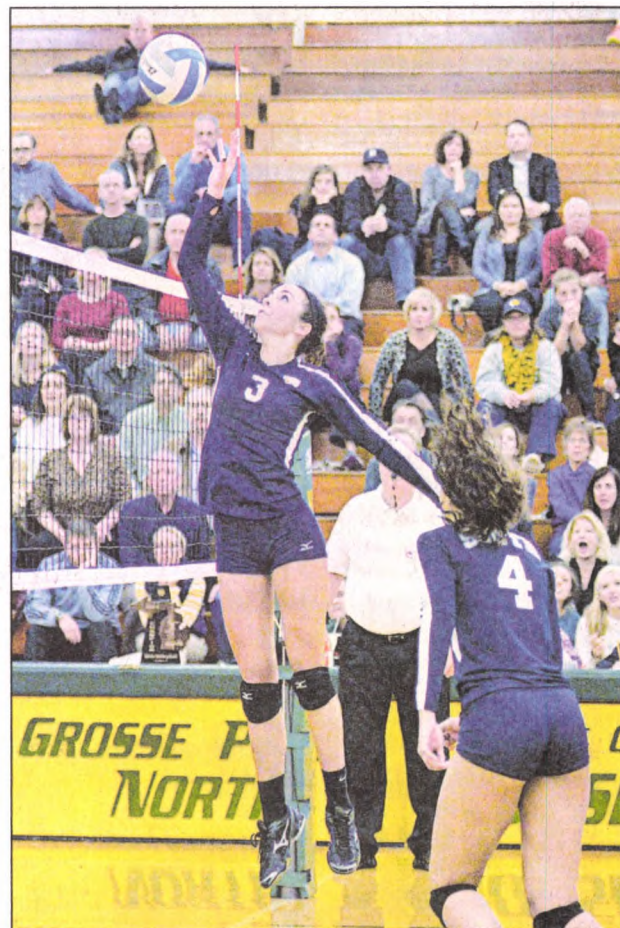
"Having the crowd here and support of the community was huge for us," South head coach Kevin Nugent said. "It really energized us."

"After we won last night against East Detroit, I told the girls to vision this."

The match was so close that if North could have won a few crucial points in each game, it would have won in three straight



North senior Maddy Bessert, left, had another solid match for the Norsemen, but unfortunately they couldn't advance to the regionals.



PHOTOS BY PETE BALAYA

South senior Carina Bertakis, left, tips the ball for a point during the Blue Devils' district title win over rival Grosse Pointe North.

games and hoisted the district trophy.

"They gave it their best shot, but tonight South was a little better than we were," North head coach Chelsea Brozo said. "We had a lot of dedication from our six seniors and battled through tough injuries to get this close."

Each of the four games went down to the wire with clutch sprawling digs, kills and serves on display with every point.

In the opening game,

the Norsemen received key points from seniors Katie Roy, Kelsey Parafin and Vita Aluia, to put them on the board, 1-0.

Game two was a tug-of-war with the Norsemen failing to capitalize on a couple of game points. The Blue Devils took advantage and stole the game when Murphy's kill made it 29-27 and tied it 1-1.

Games three and four were tied a dozen times with each team's seniors

stepping in the spotlight.

For the Blue Devils, it was Carina Bertakis, Ashley Borowicz and Martine Maes, along with underclassmen Kayli Johnson, Lexi Kohut and Katherine Satterfield making the key plays.

For the Norsemen, it was Maddie Bessert, Olivia Ritchie, Roy, Parafin and Aluia, teaming up with underclassmen Stephanie Roy, Katie Snow, Lucy Dodge and Erin Armbruster, who

made the plays.

In the pivotal game by forfeit over Detroit Southeastern, Satterfield had key kills, and in game four, it was Murphy's final two kills, which propelled the Blue Devils to the district championship.

In the semifinals, South swept Eastpointe East

Detroit in three straight games, while North won by forfeit over Detroit Southeastern.

South also swept Detroit East English Prep in its first-round game.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 28-17-4, while Grosse Pointe North finished 31-19.

## Liggett has easy time in districts

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' volleyball team had no trouble winning a Class C district championship.

The Knights swept host Detroit Edison Public School Academy 25-10, 25-4, 25-15 in the championship.

"We got a lot of points through our serve and errors," head coach Joe LaMagno said. "We didn't get a lot of attacks, but when we did, we put them away."

Senior Courtney deRuiter was on fire with her serve. At one point, she had a 10-point run which included several aces.

Other seniors who won another district championship included Zarine Minwalla, Carina Ghafari, Kacie Wuthrich, Jacqueline Kopicki and Meg Shannon.

Underclassmen enjoying success were Kayla Strong, Tegan Jones, Teagan Cornell, Sara Anthony, Nycki Eschenburg, Jasmine Dickens, Rebecca Lohman, Karina Minanov and Emily Kanakry.

In the semifinals, Liggett swept Detroit Plymouth Educational Center Preparatory High School.

It wasn't much of a contest as the Knights destroyed their foe in convincing fashion.

It was much of the same in the opening round as Liggett won in three games over Detroit University Prep.

Liggett moved over the .500 mark for the first time this season, improving to 14-13-2 overall.

Next for the Knights is

the regional round of the state playoffs.

If they beat Riverview Gabriel Richard in the semifinals, they advance to the Sweet 16 to face either Wixom St. Catherine or host and top-ranked Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13.

For the Knights, the regional is a familiar place. In 2011, the Knights beat Burton Bendle in three straight games in the semifinals before falling to Madison Heights Bishop Foley in four games in the finals.

In 2012, the Knights lost to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian in the semifinals.

Last fall, LaMagno's team beat Royal Oak Shrine in three games in the semifinals before falling in four games to Oakland Christian.

"We have experience and we will be ready for the challenge," LaMagno said.



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Liggett's Emily Kanakry, left, and sophomore Jasmine Dickens, pictured during a match a couple of weeks ago, and their teammates destroyed the three teams they faced in a Class C district tournament.

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Swimming

RIVALRY

# South wins title meet, North 5th

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South won another Macomb Area Conference Red Division swimming and diving championship meet last weekend.

South had an easy time of it, earning 449.5 points, while Utica Eisenhower was a very distant second with 256.

Romeo was third with 172 points, followed by Chippewa Valley with 169.5 and host Grosse Pointe North with 161.

For head coach Eric Gunderson, his Blue Devils won 10 events, including the opening 200-yard medley relay with Claire Young, Alex Hughes, Abbey Schuetze and Amy Krausmann turning in a state-qualifying time of 1:48.59.

For Grosse Pointe North, Sam Villani, Kayleigh Gehlert, Olivia Asimakis and Julia Gehlert took third with a state-qualifying time of 1:55.21.

In the 200-yard freestyle, the Blue Devils had three in the top six.

Ava Boutrous was third with a state-qualifying time of 1:59.31, while Brigit Jogan and Mackenzie Stapleton finished fourth and sixth with times of 2:02.57 and 2:03.67, respectively.

For the Norsemen and head coach Mike O'Connor, Angelina Cavaliere placed eighth with a time of 2:12.06.

South's Hughes and Young battled for the gold medal in the 200-yard individual medley.

It was Hughes who won with a state-qualifying time of 2:07.40 and Young was runner-up with another state-qualifying time of 2:11.91.



The Grosse Pointe South girls' swimming and diving team won another MAC Red Division title last weekend.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

South's Catie DeLoof displays her MAC Red Division swimming and diving championship MVP medal.

South's Grace Perri was fourth with a time of 2:20.18 to give the Blue Devils three of the top six for the second straight event.

They made it three straight events as Catie DeLoof, Jackie DeLoof and Caroline Erickson placed first, third and sixth in the 50-yard freestyle with times of 23.97 (state qualifying), 25.32 (state qualifying) and 25.75.

Other point winners were South's Frederickson and North's Hannah Mattes, who placed seventh and 11th, respectively, with times of 25.63 and 27.90, respectively.

In the diving competition, North's Isabelle Nguyen was third with 357.65 points to earn 12 team points, while Josephine Bennett earned 1 point with a score of 187 points.

Other divers who

earned points were Rachel Rogers, Maddie Burgoyne and Sara Crader for South.

It was an all-Grosse Pointe top three in the 100-yard butterfly, with South's Schuetze and Roslyn Vern taking first and second with state-qualifying times of 59.83 and 1:01.68, followed by Asimakis for North placing third with a time of 1:03.62.

South's Sarah McCabe was eighth with a time of 1:06.67, while North's Julia Gehlert and Meghan Veltri placed seventh and 12th with times of 1:03.40 and 1:15.68.

Catie DeLoof also won the 100-yard freestyle with a state-qualifying time of 51.27. Teammates Vern and Krausman took fifth and sixth with times of 56.27 and 56.51, respectively.

For North, Villani placed third with a state-

qualifying time of 54.80.

In the B-Final, South's Sarah Cauvel was seventh with a time of 56.34, while Villani's teammates, Cavaliere and Stephanie Shea, finished 10th and 12th with times of 59.32 and 1:03.21, respectively.

Boutrous led the Blue Devils with a first-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle with a state-qualifying time of 5:10.23, and Maria Baldwin and Stapleton placed fourth and fifth with times of 5:40.48 and 5:43.71.

South's Kathryn Leonard was ninth with a time of 6:04.45.

South and North finished first and third in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

The Blue Devils' squad of Frederickson, Jackie DeLoof, Krausmann and Catie DeLoof won with a

state-qualifying time of 1:38.91, and the Norsemen's team of Villani, Kayleigh Gehlert, Cavaliere and Asimakis took third with a state-qualifying time of 1:44.16.

Young won the 100-yard backstroke, turning in a state-qualifying time of 55.79, while McCabe and Jackie DeLoof placed fifth and sixth with times of 1:03.62 and 1:05.95.

Their teammate, Cauvel, took eighth with a time of 1:04.13 to earn five points.

For North, Villani once again had a solid finish, taking third with a state-qualifying time of 1:00.02, while Julia Gehlert and Asimakis took seventh and 10th

with times of 1:04.11 and 1:08.16.

In the final individual event, the 100-yard breaststroke, Hughes, Grace Perri and Kelly Gleason placed first, second and sixth, posting times of 1:05.14 (state qualifying), 1:08.92 (state qualifying) and 1:15.08.

North's Kayleigh Gehlert was fifth with a time of 1:12.24.

In the B-Final, South's Kaitlin Malley and North's Mattes placed seventh and eighth with times of 1:15.87 and 1:20.18 to earn points.

South won the 400-yard freestyle relay, with Cauvel, Young, Hughes and Catie DeLoof posting a state-qualifying time of 3:27.78.



North's Olivia Asimakis earned three points with her finish in the 100-yard backstroke.



South's gold medal winning 400-yard freestyle relay team of, from left, Sarah Cauvel, Alex Hughes, Claire Young and Catie DeLoof, put an exclamation mark on the Blue Devils' meet title.

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## Success

Grosse Pointe South varsity girls lacrosse players competed in the annual GVSU "Spooktacular" 5v5 Lacrosse Tournament Sept. 26. Throughout the five games played, the Blue Devils scored 35 goals, won three games and Emma Andrasen made 25 saves. In another tournament, South swept its bracket in the U.S. Lacrosse Michigan 7 vs. 7 event held Nov. 2. The girls won all five of their games, collectively scoring 77 goals for the day. Pictured above from left are Kathryn Williamson, Alexandra Estes, Megan Gall, Mary Reiber, Mia Doyon, Emma Baer, Emma Andrasen, Margaret Reilly, Margaret Brennan and Ryley Kerik.



YOUTH FOOTBALL



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# Champions

The Grosse Pointe South Red Barons junior varsity football team captured the ESFL JV championship Saturday, Nov. 1, beating the Sterling Heights Redskins (9-2) 30-20 in the championship game. Team members above are Miles Jamieson, Brian McKenna, T.J. Rumely, Sammy Tucker, Aidan Walsh, Jon Clark, Alexander Shaheen, Ryan Buszka, James Doerer, Kevin McCarron, Raef Akkary, Michael Stritzinger, Gowan Carlyle, Grant Hart, Charlie Carene, Ben Gabrion, Jacob Peruski, Nolan Schmitt, Jordan Broomfield, Evan Kvintus, Hayden Wright, Liam Quick, Ben Verlinden, Eden Frevik, Nicholas Kurta, Caden McQueen, Max Gavagan, Oscar McWood, Dominic Coluni, Drew Burke, Adam Stapleton, Jackson Lambert, Michael Murphy, Caleb Lewis, Benjamin Farber, Barret McKowen, Justin Maccagnone and Yates Bellamy. The coaching staff consists of head coach Al Shaheen; assistant coaches, Mike Stritzinger, Mike Fallon, Tim Walsh, Nick Koszewski, John Doerer and John Gough. Cheerleaders are Macy Baasch, Birdie Bellamy, Iris Bellamy, Liana Bocci, Anne Davey, Jai-Lauryn Dearing, Paulina Gallagher, Kelly Gavagan, Marley Huston, Avery Jakubowski, Tia Kosmas, Madison Kvintus, Jane McKee, Hannah Piccolo, Brooke Westfall and coach Christine Gallagher.

BASEBALL



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

# New digs

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Kevin Nugent recently opened the Lakeside Baseball Club, located at 3538 Cadieux, just west of Mack, in Detroit. This 4,800-square foot facility is for baseball and softball players who want to improve their skills by using pitching machines to get swings in during the off-season, as well as pitch, catch and even get some infield work. The process is two years in the making. It was tough for Nugent to find a space which would fit the business plan. "We wanted to give baseball and softball players in the east area a spot to fine-tune their skills in the off-season and this is the perfect spot," Nugent said. "There are a lot of ball players in the eastside and this is the spot for them. We are starting to fill out our time slots through the winter, so call and reserve your space for a team or individuals." Even if it's freezing outside, it is warm inside for the baseball players to stay active before spring ball hits or their summer team begins play. For more information, contact Nugent at (313) 231-9926.

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# Basketball

RIVALS

# Friends, siblings square off

Bucknell University sophomore Claire DeBoer, a 2013 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, plays against long-time childhood friend Madison Ristovski, a University of Michigan junior and 2012 University Liggett graduate. The duo battle on the hard court when U-M's women's basketball team hosts Bucknell at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at Crisler Arena.

Ristovski is the 2012 Miss Basketball who earned Academic All-Big Ten and averaged 8.9 points, 3.0 rebounds and 2.8 assists per game last season.

As a freshman, Ristovski scored 77 points and averaged 12.5 minutes per game.

That doubled as a sophomore as she played 25.7 minutes per game and scored 301 points, with 54 three pointers.

DeBoer earned Patriot League All-Rookie League honors and tied a record with eight Patriot League Rookie of the Week honors last season as a freshman. She registered four double-doubles, including an 11-point, 10-rebound effort at Cornell to

become the first Bison freshman with a double-double since 2008. She scored in double figures in 13 of the 27 games played. Two days before these two clash, Ristovski plays against her younger sister, Haleigh Ristovski, when the Wolverines host U-D Mercy at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14.

In their first meeting a year ago, the Wolverines beat the Titans 86-63 on their home court.

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Madison started and scored 14 points to go with 4 assists, while Haleigh had 3 points and 3 assists.

"At first it was a little weird covering my sister," Madison said. "After a few possessions, we were in the flow of the game and didn't think twice about it."

"It was our job to make sure the other didn't score. It was a fun experience."

The last win for the Titans in this series was Dec. 18, 2010, when they pulled off a 67-48 outcome in Ann Arbor.

Since then, it has been all Wolverines.

Family and friends of DeBoers and Ristovski will be in the stands for both games.

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# South Players present 'Almost, Maine'

By Diane Morelli  
Schools Writer

The Grosse Pointe South High School Pointe Players present "Almost, Maine" 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20-22, in the auditorium at South high school.

The romantic comedy "Almost, Maine," by John Cariani, is set in winter under the northern lights in the far-north town of Almost, Maine.

Meaghan Dunham, English and theatre instructor for South, is director of the play which has a cast of 19 and a crew of 12 to 15.

"I am thrilled I've been able to cast the number of students, the number of brand new — more than half the cast have very limited stage experience or they have never been on stage before," Dunham said.

The Pointe Players have a positive outlook for "Almost, Maine."

"I'm pretty excited," said Madison Moylan, cast member. "I think it's cool because it's a lot of different scenes coming together so a lot more people got to be involved this year, than last year. I like that it opens a lot of doors for people."

"It's definitely unlike any other play I've ever done," said Jack Kay, cast member. "Usually it's the same characters forming a plot that goes from the beginning to end, but instead you have these little segments of every type of relationship, from your traditional marriage breaking up even to your best guy friends who end up falling in love with each other."

"It's every type of love

story, basically, and it's really kind of surreal in a way; there's a lot of dream-like aspects to it, but it's really cool. The writing is really awesome and the script is really great."

The play presents a diverse learning experiences for the Pointe Players.

"It's a brilliant play for building a program and being able to work individually with groups of two and three in a safe environment," Dunham said. "The characters are rich and dense and there are risky choices that have to be made, but we've been able to do them in kind of a more secure environment — so they're really learning."

The group has been rehearsing separately for about a month.

"We did some training and actor training pieces with them as a cast to bring them together because they are rehearsing pretty much in smaller components," Dunham said. "When we bring them together next week, in spite of the fact they have been doing vignettes, we'll be able to bring this all together as a cohesive whole."

Adam Campau, stage manager and Pointe Players board member, said eight members are going to the Michigan Thespian Festival held Dec. 5 and 6, on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University.

Tickets for the play cost \$10 per person or \$8 per student or senior and are available at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe or at the door, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.



Senior South Players Madison Moylan and Jack Kay during on-stage rehearsal of the first vignette, "Her Heart," after the prologue of "Almost, Maine."

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## ULS Pre-K learn about airplanes

The making of a paper airplane in University Liggett School prekindergarten class led to a student-initiated, three-phase classroom project about airplanes.

"They made the paper airplanes and were flying them," said Kristen McLeod, prekindergarten teacher. "They wanted to learn more, so our airplane project was born."

It's not unusual to find students at every level initiating a classroom project. It's one example of Liggett's Curriculum for Understanding.

In Liggett's lower school, students often follow a three-phase project approach to learning: They ask themselves what they already know about a topic; they do the research and investigation to discover what more they want to know; and demonstrate and share what they've learned.

The prekindergartners already knew a few things about airplanes, but they wanted to know more. They started with the first phase: sharing their prior knowledge. They explained a few things they knew about airplanes:

"They take off when everybody is on. They call off the names of the cities everyone goes to."

"They have an inside with seats, even a floor."

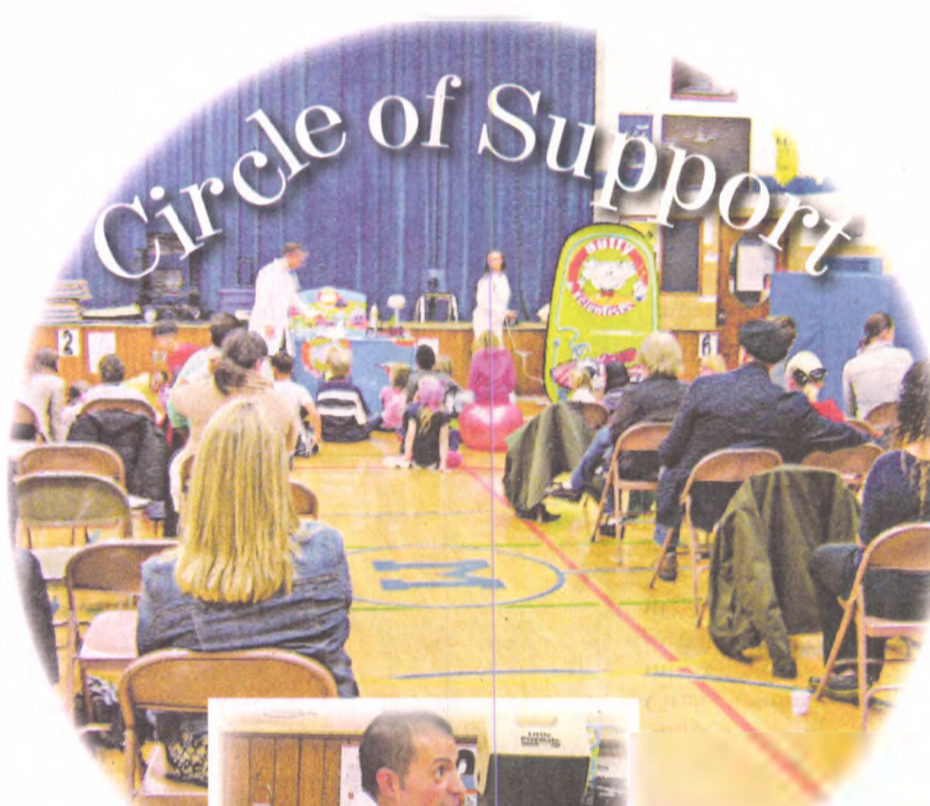
"They have engines."

"Airplanes have smoke coming out of the back."

The next phase led to research and investigation: They read some books about airplanes, learned about the various parts of an airplane and had a visit by airline pilot Steve Houk.

Other classroom projects included creating all the components of an airplane in art class, learning about lift with ping pong balls, a hair dryer and straws; and labeling the parts of a plane.

The final phase involves sharing their knowledge with family, friends and other members of the Liggett community. They're also building a large model airplane.



By Diane Morelli  
Schools Writer

Parents Supporting Parents - Circle of Support's first meeting proved to be a success.

Held Nov. 6 at Maire Elementary School, more than 50 adults attended the new support group, designed for students who have an individual education plan within the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Several Grosse Pointe schools teachers and administrators also were present.

Using entertainment as a tool, the Nutty Scientists interactive program taught students about science through scientific activities during the 6:30 to 8 p.m. meeting. The program proved learning can be enhanced while having fun. The Nutty Scientists talks included a demonstration about electricity, a bubble machine, question and answer session and, as the nutty scientist said, "incredibly cool inventions."

Parents Supporting Parents is led by Karen Lawrence and Tish Hasting, parents of spe-

cial needs children, who are dedicated to strengthening the journey for a stronger special needs parent.

"We are trying to be a hub of information to help parents," Lawrence said.

"All information or tips is good information."

"I know it is at times so challenging to have a child with special needs and

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The next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 21, in the gymnasium at Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe.

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## St. Clare outdoor learning

Above: Grosse Pointe Park St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School teacher Angela Lo Vasco talks to the school's sixth-grade students along Detroit's Riverwalk and Dequindre Cut about the African painting, "Mother and Child," by Solomon Irein Wangobie, during a recent exploration of art through the Detroit Institute of Arts InsideOut reproduction program.

"St. Clare's sixth-grade students were able to develop their critical thinking skills by discussing some of these paintings during the field trip," Lo Vasco said. Above, left: St. Clare's sixth-grade recently visited YMCA Camp Storer in Jackson. Depicted, from left, Frannie Boyle, Madison Payne, Robert Williams, James Norman and Torrance Campbell do not let go of, or let the 20-foot long rope touch the ground while untying its knots.

"The students were able to enjoy a night hike under a full moon, learn how to canoe and do archery, hold some reptiles, take a hayride to a barn full of animals and engage in a variety of team-building activities," said Lo Vasco. "It was an unforgettable experience."

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