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John and Terry Minnis, center, stand with several staff members in the Grosse Pointe News offices in Grosse Pointe Woods.

New owners

Former editor, spouse acquire venerable Grosse Pointe News

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — John and Terry Minnis, founders and publishers of the popular Grosse Pointe Magazine, are excited to announce they have acquired the weekly Grosse Pointe News from Robert G. Liggett Jr., of Grosse Pointe Shores, in a private sale. The terms were not disclosed.

John Minnis worked for the Grosse Pointe News for 19 years, beginning in 1988 as a staff writer and progressing to editor and general manager. Liggett purchased the Grosse Pointe News in 2007 and brought in his own management team. "We are honored and humbled that Mr. Liggett

John Minnis worked See NEW, page 3A

Hope in a race car

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

For the last decade, Racing for Kids has taken over Kercheval Avenue on the Hill.

This year, on Wednesday, Aug. 30, the day-long charity event is set to be the best yet.

"It's the most premier event we have on the Hill," said Dan LaLonde, president of the Hill Association.

The daytime street fair runs 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the annual evening reception 6 to 9 p.m., on Kercheval between McMillan and Hall Place.

In 1989, Racing for Kids was founded in Detroit as a way to bring together pediatric cardiologist Dr. William Pinsky's love for motor sports and his other passion, the treatment of children. Pinsky was introduced to Pat Wright, who drew up a plan and got the ball rolling.

Wright, the executive director and CEO of the nonprofit, said by using the popularity of motor sports, they are able to bring comfort and attention to the health care needs of children.

"The core of what we do is take celebrity driv-

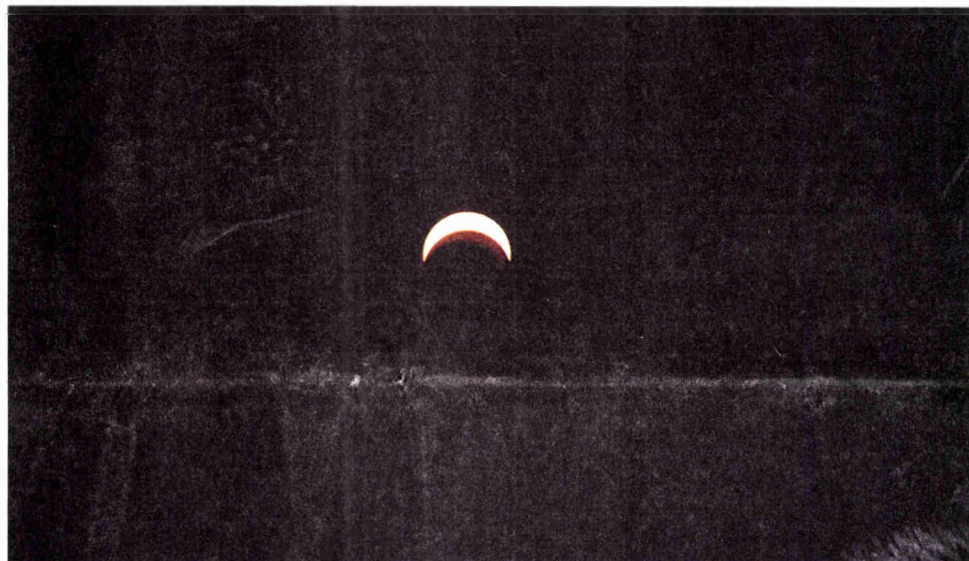
ers, starting with Robbie Buhl in 1989, and we take them to see sick kids in children's hospitals," Wright said. "As the doctors who take care of these kids will tell you, the kids get better faster when they have experiences like this. It takes their mind off of often very difficult and painful treatment. It gives them hope."

From its humble beginnings almost 30 years ago, the organization has expanded to have a national and international presence.

"We take the good that is Grosse Pointe and Detroit and take it around the world," Wright said.

The organization has visited more than 30,000 children in six countries, none of which would be possible without events like Racing for Kids to the Hill and the support of the community. While fundraisers take place across the country, the money raised stays in the community. In Grosse Pointe alone it has raised more than \$1 million, all of which goes back to local hospitals and helps support hospital visits and other events through-

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Left, the eclipse reached its maximum coverage at 80 percent over the Michigan sky. Below, Elizabeth Calcaterra, Matthew Calcaterra, Evan Skaff, Annalise Reed and Sarah McCabe, National Honor Society students from Grosse Pointe South High School, watched the moon partially cover the sun during the eclipse.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Total eclipse of the sun

Hundreds gather to catch a glimpse of solar eclipse

By Jody McVeigh
 Editor

With wide eyes and an even wider smile, Patricia McClary excitedly discussed one of many highlights of her day Aug. 21.

"I just helped a 95-year-old woman see the solar eclipse," she said. "This is amazing. This is a once-in-a-lifetime thing."

McClary — Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods branch manager and youth librarian — was among the organizers of an eclipse party at the branch Monday afternoon. The Ewald branch

hosted a similar event. The two were among 2,000 libraries chosen by NASA to host events, McClary said.

"It's exciting we can celebrate this with all these people," she said, adding the program registered nearly 200 folks. "And it's almost double when they come with all the people they bring."

McClary said the great response was due to the library's regular family programming.

"We do a lot of after-hours nights to get people more involved as more of a community,"



she said. "We always do things that are inclusive. It's easy to be excited about doing something in our community. They're so responsive. They enjoy and appreciate events like this. It's a joy to team up for something they can appreciate."

The library teamed up with the Warren Astronomical Society for the event. Mark Kedzior set up telescopes with solar filters so people could safely peek at the sun during the eclipse.

"This is a pretty neat thing," Kedzior said. "The last time there was a total eclipse in the United States was in 1979. But it was 99 years ago the last time there was one this impactful. It's quite an event just to see a total eclipse. Even seeing a partial eclipse is exciting."

"It's an astronomical event," he continued. "It involves nature and planets and stars. It makes

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GPAAS hosts fundraiser for Harper Woods

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

HARPER WOODS — The hogs are going to the dogs Saturday, Sept. 16, when Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society sponsors the second annual motorcycle rally in support of the Harper Woods

K-9 program.

The ride begins with kickstands up at 10 a.m. following registration at Salter Park, 19430 Harper, Harper Woods. Coffee and doughnuts, courtesy of Tim Horton's, will be served. Registration fees are \$25 per rider and \$5 per passenger. A \$5 dis-

count is being offered for any registrations received by Friday, Sept. 1, at gpaas.org.

According to Corinne Martin, GPAAS executive director, Harper Woods K-9 Officer Stephen Johnson and his K-9 partner, Kaiser, will be on hand to greet riders.

Music will be provided by 106.7 The D.

"Last year was the first time we tried this event and it was so much fun that we are hosting the second annual ride this year," Martin said. "The K-9 program benefits Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointe community

in that there are now two K-9 units in our community, with Officer Tim Harris and K-9 Duke in Grosse Pointe Farms and Officer Johnson and Kaiser in Harper Woods."

Lunch will be served following the ride at 1 p.m., courtesy of Rex's Deli.

"Everyone is welcome, with or without a bike," Martin said. "We'll have music and several raffle items. This is really a fun event and a great way to show our support for the K-9 program."

In case of rain, the event will be held Sunday, Sept. 17.

Cops: Lock your cars

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — It was a busy night for what police believe were a pair of suspects as they ransacked several unlocked cars in both the Woods and Harper Woods.

Overnight Friday, Aug. 18, at least six unlocked cars were entered. Among items taken were a wallet, video camera and loose change.

Four cars in the 1900 and 2000 blocks of Lochmoor were entered, along with two cars on Hollywood.

In each case, glove boxes and consoles were opened and owners found items strewn about their cars.

But it appears the

thieves' luck may have run out when they were checking out cars in Harper Woods.

"It is our understanding Harper Woods took two suspects into custody over the weekend," said Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke. "Our detectives are working with Harper Woods to see if these are our suspects."

Kosanke reminded residents to always lock their cars and never leave valuables in their cars, noting that entering an unlocked car is a crime of opportunity. Thieves just keep trying doors until they find unlocked ones, not wanting to make any noise by breaking a window.

"We can't remind residents enough," Kosanke said. "Lock your cars."



The audience held glowsticks or used cellphones as flashlights while singing, "This Little Light of Mine."

Unity

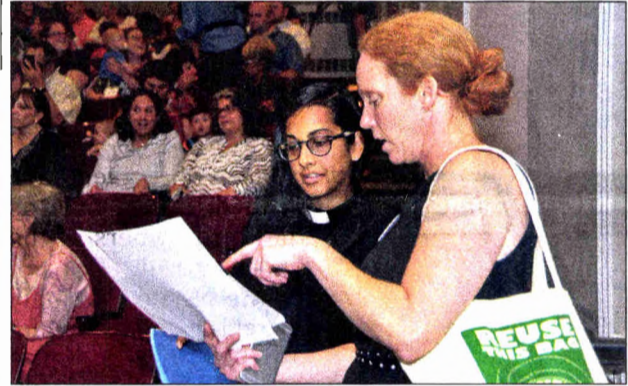
A peaceful, non-partisan, non-denominational solidarity vigil took place at The War Memorial Thursday, Aug. 17. Anyone who wanted to speak out against white supremacy, support the city of Charlottesville and bear witness to Grosse Pointe's commitment to diversity and peace was welcomed. Community faith leaders offered prayers and there was a moment of silence for the victims of Charlottesville.



Winston Adenaas, 4, showed his support by drawing a flower.



Ella Sutorka, a second-grader at Defer Elementary School, holds up the card she signed, one of many that will be sent to Charlottesville.



Shannon Byrne goes over the program for the evening with the Rev. Areeta Bridgemohan of Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

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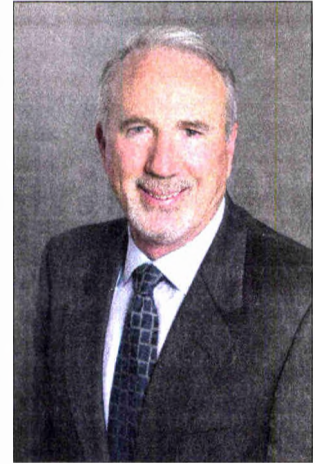
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Farms native promoted to division president

RSI Communities, a California- and Texas-based homebuilder, has promoted Patrick Donahue to president of its Southern California division. In his new role, the Grosse Pointe Farms native and 1976 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, has been tasked with opening four new-home neighborhoods with 342 homes in Southern California's Inland Empire this summer.

"Pat's expertise and professionalism are instrumental in helping us bring to market value-packed new homes in California," said Todd Palmaer, president and chief executive officer of RSI Communities. "He is an extraordinary leader who is helping us expand and achieve rapid growth."

As president, Donahue oversees the continued growth of RSI's Southern California division through land acquisition, new-home developments and environmentally



Patrick Donahue friendly building practices. This summer, he has opened four new

communities, showcasing single-family-home styles of up to 2,902 square feet. He's also leading the California team to open three more new-home neighborhoods this year.

Prior to joining RSI Communities in 2015, he most recently served as executive vice president of Clearwater Communities Inc., managing land acquisition, entitlement and development activities. Donahue has more than 30 years of experience in the home-building industry.

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Senior fun day

Services for Older Citizens hosted its 12th annual Senior Fun Day Aug. 10, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The program included a morning workshop, panel discussion, lunch, entertainment, keynote speaker and drawing. Approximately 200 attended. Left, Carter Gagnier, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School, gives raffle tickets to Mary Ann and Hugh Montpetit.



Jewelry-making workshop participants, Marilyn Robinson and Gene Fedeli, show the bracelets they made by wrapping wire and material together. Robinson made hers for herself and Fedeli made his for his wife.



The Boogie Woogie Kid, Matthew Ball, pianist and songwriter, entertained the crowd during lunch.

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Beaumont Hospital panelists included, from left, Lea Madioff, Asha Shajahan M.D., MHSA, Michelle Crowder N.D. and the Rev. Rich Bartoszek.



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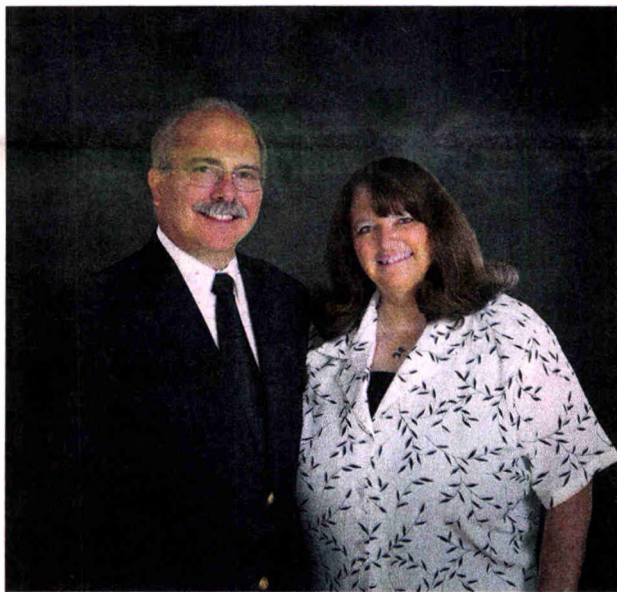
has agreed to let us take on this historic newspaper," said John and Terry Minnis. "Grosse Pointe is a unique community, a 'small town' in an urban environment. The Grosse Pointes deserve — and need — a newspaper of their own, and we look forward to continuing that work."

"I have been honored to 'steward' the Grosse Pointe News for 10 years," Liggett said. "Seeing it win so many 'Best of' awards is a testimony to the quality of our Grosse Pointe News family of employees. Our goal was to maintain this jewel of the Pointes, and I believe we have done this. In searching for a new steward of the paper, I wanted a successor who shared my enthusiasm for my hometown. I know I have found this with John and Terry. I wish them every success."

The Minnises began their publication, Grosse Pointe Magazine, in May 2010. In its first seven years, the magazine has grown in size and popularity. Other titles — Insider's Guide to the Pointes and Harper Woods with Chamber Member Directory and Detroit River Living — have been added to the Minnises' Pointe Media Incorporated portfolio.

"We think our magazines are a good fit alongside the Grosse Pointe News," said Publisher John Minnis. "While our bi-monthly and annual magazines provide color and uplifting features, the weekly newspaper offers our readers and advertisers the immediacy they often require."

The Grosse Pointe News, founded by Robert B. Edgar, debuted Nov. 8, 1940. Its Vol. 1, No. 1



John and Terry Minnis

cover featured a photograph of Edsel B. Ford casting his vote in the November General Election. Upon his father's death in 1979, Robert G. "Butch" Edgar took over as publisher. Following Butch Edgar's death in May 2007, Minnis worked with the surviving family members to complete the sale of the newspaper to Liggett.

In recognition of the founding family, "Robert B. Edgar, Founder" joins John Minnis, Publisher, on the newspaper's masthead along with Terry Minnis, Vice President, and Jody McVeigh, Editor. Pete Waldmeir, former Detroit News columnist, comes out of retirement as Opinion Editor.

While John and Terry Minnis, of Grosse Pointe Woods, will be hands-on owners in all aspects of the business, Terry Minnis will focus on the business and sales end, while John Minnis will work with the editorial staff and maintaining strong relationships with city leaders, organizations and the many loyal advertisers and businesses that support both the newspaper and magazine publications.

PHOTO BY THE PORTRAIT PLACE

"I look forward to working with Jody and the entire editorial staff in continuing and expanding their complete coverage of the Grosse Pointes," former editor John Minnis said. "They're doing a great job; they continue to garner many industry

Tensions still high after bond vote

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — City of Grosse Pointe resident Brian Benz expressed his disappointment about the passage of the \$12.96 million public service and safety bond at the Monday, Aug. 21, city council meeting. He thought the council was inaccessible and unwilling to communicate to the public about the issue. The vote was rushed and without much input from the community, he said. He encouraged the council to be more open and available.

Benz, however, left chambers before council members were given a chance to comment. Councilman John Stempfle said there were six public meetings before the vote Aug. 8. He also said he has had the same phone number 50 years and can easily be found in the phone directory.

Councilman Chris Walsh said it wasn't rushed through and they had been working on the issue 12 years with open meetings the whole time. He went on to thank the various department directors, past and pres-

ent, and public safety and service personnel for their hard work.

"I think what we've done as a city is a big step forward," Walsh said. "What we are trying to do is work for the betterment of the city, for the betterment of the department. The Department of Public Works (facility) back there is an embarrassment."

In other news

◆ The council approved an extension of the preferred developer agreement for the development of a hotel in the Village. The extension runs until Dec. 31, 2017. It was requested by City Manager Peter Dame because of changes in plans to locate the hotel at Lot 2 instead of Lot 3 and to allow proper time for public comment and input. While Dame is hopeful a definite plan will be set by the end of the year, he said he wouldn't be surprised if he had to request another extension.

◆ The City of Grosse Pointe Urban Forestry Commission's Master Plan was approved. The plan calls for the planting of more than 100 trees, at an estimated

cost of \$35,000, to restore the city's full tree canopy. The commission will rely on private, tax-deductible donations and grants to pay for the replanting; no city funds will be used. They will launch an informational and fundraising campaign, 'ReLeaf, Grosse Pointe,' shortly.

◆ VillageFest's application to hold the annual block party was approved. The festival takes place noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, in the Village. It will be hosted by Holy Cross Services in partnership with the City of Grosse Pointe Downtown Development Association and the Merchant's Association. The day includes two large tents, four food trucks, various family activities and performers. At night, Nick Kuhl and the Gang will perform.

◆ A vote to vacate the Goethe Street dead end at University Place was tabled until the September meeting. The attorney for one of the two adjacent homeowners, who would like to obtain and split the property, requested more time to review the minutiae of the deal.

The Week Ahead

THURSDAY, AUG. 24

◆ The Grosse Pointe Library Board meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

FRIDAY, AUG. 25

◆ Music on the Lawn featuring The Sun Messengers, 7 to 10 p.m., Grosse Pointe Woods city hall, 20025 Mack.

SATURDAY, AUG. 26

◆ Tennis tournament, 11 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Park.

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Lifelong Grosse Pointer leads Hamzavi Dermatology

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

Dr. Meredith Price's smile lights up her office in the new Beaumont Medical Building on Jefferson in the City of Grosse Pointe. The medical dermatologist and City of Grosse Pointe resident is nothing short of excited to open the doors of the new Hamzavi Dermatology office and give back to the community in which she was born and raised.

"One of the bad parts about dermatological diseases is that you see it on people's skin," Price said. "It can be publicly embarrassing. People don't know what you have. They might think you're contagious when you're not. So as a dermatologist, when you help somebody, you can see the improvement. It's



COURTESY PHOTOS

Meredith Price M.D., center, and her team at Hamzavi Dermatology Grosse Pointe are excited to serve the community.

very rewarding." Price's office is equipped with technology and services that aren't readily available in

the area. "One of the reasons I joined the Hamzavi Dermatology group was because we have an academic tilt," Price said.

"So what I want to focus on is taking care of people with serious medical dermatological diseases

or conditions and bring in new services that aren't here yet."

One of the unique pieces of equipment at the Hamzavi Grosse Pointe office is the Excimer laser, a hand-held, narrow-band ultraviolet laser.

"Narrow-band UVB and other types of light have been used for decades," Price said. "But, the hand-held device is nice for people who have less area affected by skin conditions."

Price said they also have their own in-house dermatopathology lab, phototherapy and Mohs surgery.

It is obvious she cares deeply about the community, a place from which she's never strayed too far. She grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods, attended Regina High

School and St. Joan of Arc School.

"The farthest I've gone is Ann Arbor for college," she said. "I did medical school and my residency at Wayne State."

So when her husband, Dr. Zachary Price, chief of anesthesiology at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, told her about the new medical building, she knew that's where she wanted to end up. And now, a couple of years later, her dream of having an office in Grosse Pointe has come to fruition.

Price is looking forward to establishing lifelong relationships with the community.

"I see from infants to the elderly," Price said. "So I'm making relationships with those pure aged people, then seeing everyone growing together."

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people appreciate astronomy. And it's all done with math."

Kedzior and the society regularly host astronomy events — and telescope training sessions — at the library, which houses several telescopes available for patrons to borrow. People check out telescopes for a week at a time, Kedzior said, explaining the hobby's popularity.

"Astronomy can be a 24-hour avocation," he said. "There are things to see on the sun and at



nighttime, there's always something to see."

Casey Richardson, a resident at St. John Hospital & Medical Center, attended the eclipse party during her

vacation, bringing along co-worker David Eisinger, also a resident at St. John.

"I've always loved space," Richardson said. "I have an eclipse picture at my house from Alaska. It's a fun thing. My parents are in Oregon to see the eclipse."

Added Eisinger, "I'm always looking for something fun to do."

Apart from handing out solar glasses, the Woods event included games and crafts for children, as well as NASA's livestream broadcast of the eclipse as it moved across the country.

As 80 percent of the sun was covered by the moon around 2:27 p.m. Monday, onlookers of all ages peered into the sky.

"This is really cool," said Michelle Potter of

Grosse Pointe Woods. "I came in to get some books. I thought, 'What's going on? What are all these people doing here?' So this is a bonus for me."

Marilyn Metz of Harper Woods came for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"I thought it was fantastic," she said. "I'm glad so many people are here — the telescopes, the camaraderie — it's wonderful. This is such a great gathering."

The next total eclipse in the United States will happen April 8, 2024, Kedzior said.

"It'll be closer to home; in between Toledo and Cleveland is the path of totality."



Far left, Margo Kim created an alien craft during the eclipse event at the Grosse Pointe Woods library. Left, Nick Di Cresce, a nationally certified interpretation guide, helps Kylee Brown look at the sun through the telescope as the eclipse began. Below, Hugo Brooks made an eclipse viewer out of a cereal box.

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out the year.

The street fair is free and open to the public

with a plethora of family friendly events and activities. This year's activities include a racing simulator provided by Kart2Kart, inflatables, music, an art station run

by the College for Creative Studies and more.

You can't have an event with the word 'racing' in it without cars. The Detroit Grand Prix show car will be there, as will a fire truck from the Wayne County Community College District and plenty of the community's dream cars. There also will be motocross and racing demonstrations and a few other special surprises.

New this year is the presentation of the first Racing for Kids Courageous Kid Awards. Three children will be honored for showing courage and determination in the face of challenging health conditions. Seven-year-old Riley Slattery of Grosse Pointe, 13-year-old Aidan LaForest of Wyandotte and 12-year-old Dylan Drouillard of White Lake all will receive this honor.

Then, as the late-summer sun slowly slides behind the historic buildings, the street will be transformed for the evening events, including a cocktail reception and

live and silent auctions, with local restaurants providing food and entertainment.

Items up for auction this year include a luxury fishing trip in Florida, the two-year lease of a 2017 Ford F-150 truck from Crest Automotive Group and an Indy 500 VIP package.

Proceeds from the auction and ticket sales go to area hospitals, including St. John Providence, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, Children's Hospital of Michigan and Henry Ford Health Care System for upgrades to their pediatric departments.

Tickets for the evening event will be available for \$125 at the door or may be purchased at LaLonde Jewelers, 91 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call the Racing for Kids office at (313) 882-3403.

"I am a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe," Wright said. "I am just so happy to see this community that I grew up in turn out in such a generous way to help kids when they need it the most."

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B&E brothers found competent

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Rumora.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Two teenage brothers, claiming they confused their residence in Detroit for one they were arrested for trying to burgle on Preston Place shortly after a midnight in April, waived their rights to a preliminary examination in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court.

They did so in court Wednesday, Aug. 9, represented by counsel and having been found competent to stand trial, should evidence warrant.

"You have a right to a preliminary exam where the prosecutor has to prove probable cause a crime was committed and probable cause you committed it," said Judge Matthew

Defendants Justin Godfrey-Brewton, 18 at the time of arrest, and brother Christian Godfrey-Brewton, 17 at the time, said they understood.

"If you waive your right to a preliminary exam, you'd be automatically bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court for further proceeds," Rumora said. "You understand that?"

Both said yes. "The court accepts the waiver," Rumora said. "The defendants are bound over to circuit court on the charge contained in the complaint warrant."

The pair are scheduled for arraignment 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

"I got full confessions," Detective Lt. Richard Rosati said in April.



The Michigan Opera Theater performed Summer Serenade at The War Memorial Tuesday, July 25. Michael Day, a tenor for the Michigan Opera Theater Studio.



Serenaded

Above, Olivia Johnson, a touring ensemble artist for the Michigan Opera Theater. Left, 3-year-old Elizabeth Walczyk and her 7-year-old sister, Alexandra Walczyk, of Grosse Pointe Farms, danced to the music.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Farms

Ensuring arrest

A Detroit woman was stopped on Mack Avenue around 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, because she had only one working tail-light. When the license plate came up invalid because of fraudulent insurance, officers put in a quick call to the insurance company and discovered her policy didn't exist. The woman was arrested for forgery and the car impounded.

Content, twice the legal limit. He was arrested and cited for OWI and the faulty headlight.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Twofer

Officers recovered a stolen vehicle reported missing from the 800 block of Lincoln. At approximately 9 a.m., Friday Aug. 18, a gray Lincoln MKZ was reported stolen from the owner's driveway. The owner noticed broken glass on the driveway and contacted public safety. Responding officers contacted Grosse Pointe Farms officers who were investigating a separate stolen vehicle call. Farms officers found the stolen Lincoln on cinder blocks in Detroit on Munich near Hereford streets, along with the stolen vehicle from the Farms.

Number 1 with a side of fraud

Sunday, Aug. 20, a resident reported fraudulent charges on their credit card. The credit card was used in Westland, Thursday, Aug. 17. The resident stated they were not there during the time of the transactions and had no idea how the number was stolen.

Before the card was frozen, the culprits

charged more than \$100; two transactions at Party City for a total of \$6.30; \$90 at PETCO; and \$19.13 at Kentucky Fried Chicken.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Taken to the cleaners

A 64 year-old male and former tenant in the 1400 block of Wayburn absconded with a washing machine and dryer valued at \$600 upon moving out between Monday, Aug. 7, and Friday, Aug. 11.

An easy target

Sometime between Friday Aug. 11, and Saturday Aug. 12, registration, insurance and title paperwork were stolen from a vehicle in the 1400 block of Wayburn. The victim said the vehicle was parked and locked in their driveway, but the passenger window was left partially down.

Cinder blocks walked away

Three gray concrete cinder blocks went missing in the 1000 block of Wayburn. Around 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, a man stole the three blocks that were on a pallet between the sidewalk and curb.

The unknown suspect was driving a black GMC Envoy.

Shattered

Two vehicles had their windows smashed in the 1300 block of Maryland sometime between Tuesday, Aug. 15, and Wednesday, Aug. 16. One vehicle was rummaged through but nothing was taken.

Fool me once

A 42-year-old man was arrested 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, after he was caught red handed. The man was spotted attempting to break into a vehicle with an unknown tool in the 1200 block of Maryland. When officers responded, they noticed him in a second vehicle in the 1300 block of Maryland. He fled on foot but was caught and arrested.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Buskers on the loose

8:55 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 two women were reported hitting a fire hydrant with a wrench near 70 Lakeshore Lane.

Reporting officers searched the area but were unable to locate the

suspects or wrench.

A dinghy jailbreak

An abandoned gray dinghy with no identifying numbers was spotted on Lake St. Clair at Lochmoor around 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17. The small watercraft was anchored to land by the U.S. Coast Guard. After the USCG left the scene, a man was seen kayaking to the dinghy with gas and a bilge pump.

The man, who said he was the owner of the boat, received it as a gift the previous day and had yet to register the watercraft. He said he reported the missing boat the previous night to the USCG after it broke loose from their sailboat. He reported no people associated with the missing boat.

Pay those tickets

A Grosse Pointe Park man was arrested around 10:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, on Lakeshore at Stratton. After pulling him over for a broken headlight, officers discovered a warrant out of

Clinton Township for parking tickets. The man was taken to the Grosse Pointe Shores station where he posted \$127 bond and was released.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Bike theft

A bike was taken from a garage in the 1900 block of Kenmore sometime overnight Wednesday, Aug. 16.

Shoplifting

Police were called at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, to Kroger on Mack to investigate a shoplifting case. According to the store manager, an unknown suspect was seen leaving the store with nearly \$200 worth of steak he had not paid for. The suspect got into a car, which struck another car as it was leaving the parking lot.

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

Never passed calc

A St. Clair Shores woman was arrested for OWI when officers noticed her swerving down Lakeshore. Around 2:45 a.m. Friday, Aug. 18, officers pulled over the woman who had difficulty completing the field sobriety test. When asked to name a number between 21 and 19, she said 22. She blew twice the legal limit and was arrested for operating while intoxicated. A red Solo cup was found in the vehicle with an unknown intoxicant.

Just two, officer

The evening of Saturday, Aug. 19, a City of Grosse Pointe man was stopped on Mack Avenue at Kerby because of a blown headlight. When the officer approached the vehicle, he noticed the driver's eyes were bloodshot and a distinct odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle. The driver said he had two Budweisers about an hour before. However, the man blew a .16 percent Blood Alcohol

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OUR VIEW

Editorial policy

In its "initial number" — No. 1, Vol. 1 — the Nov. 7, 1940, Grosse Pointe News editorialized that the basic reason for the newspaper's appearance is "the belief of its owners that there exists ... a need for a progressive newspaper, giving special attention to the interests and activities of Grosse Pointers, with an increasingly complete coverage of those matters." Owners John and Terry Minnis concur with the Grosse Pointe News founder's sentiment. In fact, to honor the newspaper's patriarch, Robert B. Edgar, you will find his name above that of the owners in the masthead. We do this to recognize a great newspaperman, whose descendants still reside in the Pointes. In its more than three quarters of a century, Mr. Edgar's newspaper has survived a World War, all too numerous armed conflicts, urban civil unrest and boom-and-bust economies. The Grosse Pointe News celebrated its 75th Anniversary in 2015, and the Minnises hope to take it on to its next great milestone — 100 years, Lord willing!

In its initial editorial, the author declared the newspaper's owners were free of untoward influence of any particular organization, clique or faction. Again, the Minnises echo that claim. Further, the newspaper's owners do not declare themselves as members of any political party and prefer to remain independent in their affiliations and opinions. Adhering to tradition, particularly in the mostly nonpartisan, volunteer municipal elections in the Pointes, the Grosse Pointe News will favor incumbents over challengers absent sufficient cause to do otherwise. We do this as a nod to the hours of service incumbents have invested on their boards in contribution to our community.

The newspaper's founder opined that "it will urge educational progress and municipal improvements, but with the constant regard to the burdens imposed by additional taxes." Today's owners of the Grosse Pointe News agree. The newspaper's Editorial Board — comprising the owners and Opinion Editor, and with such other knowledgeable input required from time to time — will decide its position on issues facing the community and express that opinion in this space. The newspaper's stance on issues may be positive, negative or neutral. Many times, just airing all facts and sides of an issue will suffice to inform citizens.

In all cases, however, readers, whether they disagree or agree, are welcome to state their case in the Letters columns of this newspaper. Letters will be subject to word count and editing for content. Hate speech, profanity and incivility will not be tolerated.

The Grosse Pointe News founder said the newspaper's hope was to "earn an early recognition ... as an accurate and just register of its social, political, religious and commercial interests and activities, and earn its place as a force making for better social and commercial relations, for better government and greater opportunities for material and cultural advancement."

We believe the Grosse Pointe News has earned that recognition over its nearly 77 years, and the Minnises sincerely, and humbly, take on the responsibility of shepherding the newspaper under their ownership.

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Pure Grosse Pointe

The observation deck in the marina at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms was built in the 1950s. It features binoculars and benches, as well as a 360-degree view of the park, marina and Lake St. Clair.



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RENEE LANDUYT

OUR VIEW

Post election, around the bases

Now that voters have given the City of Grosse Pointe the go-ahead to move its city hall, police and fire and other civic services from Maumee to Mack Avenue, the oft-repeated question is, who's next?

Talk has been around for years that the most logical shift from its residential location on Kerby Road to Mack and Moross would be the city of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Don't count on it.

It repeatedly has been suggested, sometimes with heated conviction, that the Farms' city hall and public safety department should head west, too. After all, the reasoning goes, unlike the City, which is paying a hefty sum to shutter a business on Mack to provide its new footprint, the Farms already owns a large chunk of open land at Moross and Mack.

But despite all the rhetoric and reasoning, it's remained a non-starter for a lot of reasons, not the least of which is that the busy intersection serves as the Farms' primary portal and, as one veteran Farms' official put it, "There are more inviting attractions for a family-styled residential community than brick and mortar" at that prime location.

End of story? For the time being, anyway.

◆ **WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE CITY'S \$12.9 million bond issue balloting Aug. 8, it behooves us to remind readers that the next time you think your one vote doesn't count in an election, remember this number: 98.**

That important midsummer proposal passed with 783 in favor and 685 opposed — a squeaky slim margin of 98 votes. The winners should be congratulated and the losers reminded, yet again, that close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades.

◆ **JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT THE BRIAN BANKS** saga had come to a welcomed conclusion, the defrocked former Democrat state representative

popped up quite prominently again in the recent special District 1 primary election to select a slate of candidates to fill his vacated seat in November.

Oddly, the first person that the Democrat front runner, Harper Woods attorney and school board member Tenisha Yancey, 40, thanked for her 200-vote victory over Harper Woods neighbor Pamela Sossi was Banks, the guy whose unexpired, one-year term she is the odds-on favorite to complete. Banks resigned his House seat earlier this year after he pleaded guilty to bank fraud.

In what could best be described as a candidate cavalry charge, 11 Democrats, two Republicans and one Libertarian suited up for the Aug. 8 primary to pick a citizen to represent the unlikely grouping of Grosse Pointe Woods, Shores, Harper Woods and a huge section of Detroit's far east side in Lansing.

When the smoke cleared, Grosse Pointe Woods businessman Mark Crawford was chosen to carry the Republican banner and unopposed Libertarian Detroitier Gregory Creswell was anointed in a walk-over.

With Banks' continued heavy support among Detroiters evident in the numbers, Yancey survived Sossi's victories in the two Pointes and Harper Woods to earn a listing on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot. Let's hope the past isn't prologue.

◆ **WE WOULD BE REMISS TO FAIL TO APPLAUD** the gallant achievements of our Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores warriors throughout a truly exhilarating baseball season that culminated in winning a place in this year's Little League World Series finals at historic Williamsport, Pa.

A simple "well done" just doesn't quite cut it. This team of 12-and-under youngsters and adult volunteers put on a great competitive performance, showcasing not only their baseball talent but their hometown spirit and loyalty.

We thank you and your community thanks you all for a great effort and a great ride. You're all winners!

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the editor can be e-mailed to editor@grossepointenews.com.

In memory of Paige

To the Editor:
December 2015 seems like yesterday. We move forward, but we don't move on.

Everyday we leave our homes and see the ribbons on the trees in honor of Paige.

It is so comforting to me and to our family to see that you still remember and care. We want to thank each of you for keeping the ribbons up for us, for you and for our neighborhood.

Scholarships have

been awarded in Paige's name, and talks have been given to remember Paige and discuss children's safety.

We've received the support of so many people and groups, including the Grosse Pointe and Detroit police departments and Mayor Duggan.

I recently met one on one with Mayor Duggan who brought me up to date on the case. In a half hour meeting, we were brought up to date by different departments. It was good to hear that it is a high pro-

file case and that there is action, and it is in the hands of the prosecutor.

We are in hopes that Kym Worthy can soon announce the issue of warrant and solution.

Still we must remember that action still needs to be taken on safety education for all of our children.

DAVE LAWRENCE
Grosse Pointe

have taken the extra demands in stride and maintain a cheery smile for us patrons.

Thank you, library clerks, for your great service this summer.

KELLY BOLL
Grosse Pointe Park

Respect the principles

To the Editor:

If you attend a rally that promotes racism as a counter protester and with the intention of breaking heads, you are no less of a moronic thug than those already in attendance.

Holding the moral high ground doesn't absolve anyone of respecting the principles our country was founded on. The rights of freedom of assembly and free speech are integral to a democratic society.

Violence always begets violence and that is what everyone should find intolerable.

JOHN STEININGER
Grosse Pointe Farms

Library staff commended

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Library staff has been doing a terrific job dealing with the extra work required of them during Central's temporary closure. The check-out staff are friendly and efficient as they help patrons return books and DVDs, check out new materials, locate things on the hold shelf, answer the phone, and more.

It must be overwhelming to keep everything organized and running smoothly, but the staff

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES | 7A

1942

75 years ago this week

◆ **Enlistments nearly equal draftees:** Voluntary enlistments in the country's armed services of Grosse Pointe area men nearly equaled the number of men taken under the Selective Service act.

Draft records disclosed that as of July 31, 1942, 405 men were drafted and 375 who voluntarily enlisted in some branch of the armed services.

◆ **Robbers hit vulnerable block again:** Thieves again visited the Punch and Judy block in the Village of Grosse Pointe Farms. The league standing now reads: "Thieves-5; Police-0.

In the latest incident,

someone crashed a street-level window screen in front of the theater building and climbed into the manager's office. Nothing was taken.

◆ **Farms gets new booster gas line:** The piles of flanged steel pipes along the curbing on Ridge road in the Farms are a part of a Detroit City Gas Co. gas pipe installation.

The 12-inch pipes will be used for a high pressure or booster-service to improve the gas flow in the surrounding area.

1967

50 years ago this week

◆ **Two new libraries needed:** A five-month study of the Grosse Pointe Public School System and public librar-

ies recommended an addition to the existing Central Library at Fisher Road and Kercheval and new buildings for the Park Branch and Woods Branch. The recommended budget is \$2,341,000. The recommended completion date is 1975.

◆ **Injuries kill boy cyclist hit by truck:** A 14-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods boy became the second 1967 traffic fatality Tuesday, Aug. 15, when he died in St. John Hospital of injuries received when he was run over by a van truck on Mack avenue.

The boy was cycling on Mack when he lost control and hit a parked car. The boy and bicycle fell to the pavement and underneath the van.

◆ **Park firemen picket city hall in protest over pay:** Grosse Pointe Park Fire Fighters Association

did not sign a contract with the Park because of a pay dispute. The firefighters are protesting against the \$8,000 a year offered by the city, demanding the same pay being received by Park police officers, \$8,300 a year.

1992

25 years ago this week

◆ **City OKs lot split:** The Grosse Pointe City Council unanimously approved lot splits for two 100-foot lots on St. Clair between Maume and Jefferson into four 50-foot lots.

◆ **It smells, yes, but it's not unsafe:** After extensive testing, the Grosse Pointe Farms officials determined that smelly tap water is a result of dead and decaying algae.

The algae is proliferating because zebra mussels are cleansing the lake, allowing the sun to warm deeper waters, providing better breeding grounds. The testing determined the water is safe to drink.

◆ **Schools weigh options to winter taxes:** The Grosse Pointe School District board of education, in yet another effort to cut expenses, discussed changing the way it collects taxes to either a 100 percent summer collection or splitting the tax collections equally between summer and winter.

2007

10 years ago this week

◆ **Ideas for Central brought to table:** Architects proposed three ideas for the reno-

vation and expansion of the Central branch to library trustees, members of the building committee and the public. All proposals roughly double the size of the current 17,750 square-foot building.

◆ **South pool, gym project right on schedule:** Work continues on the pool and field gymnasium project at Grosse Pointe South High School. The project, which began in May, is about 20 percent complete.

◆ **Making it to the top of the Hill:** Hill merchants and businesses are marking the return of the IndyCar Series Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix with "Racing for Kids to the Hill." All activities raise funds for Racing for Kids in support of children's health-care issues.

— Karen Fontanive

I SAY By John Minnis

Hey, it's good to be back home again!



Wow. It's been 10 years since I last wrote an I Say for the Grosse Pointe News. As John Denver immortalizes in his popular song, "Hey, it's good to be back home again!"

What have I been doing the past 10 years? Well, in 2008 I managed Pete Waldmeir's election campaign for state representative. We lost in the Primary Election to Mary Treder Lang, but it was a good experience just the same. I even got to attend "Campaign Manager School" in Lansing. What is the No. 1 thing any candidate can do to get elected? Knock on doors!

After that, Andrew Richner hooked me up with the Legal News group of papers, which publishes throughout

the state, including Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw Counties.

I had freelanced for the Legal News for several years when in September 2009 during our long annual drive to our Marriott timeshare in Orlando, Terry and I got talking about the future. While the freedom of being a freelancer is great, earning a good income doing it is pretty difficult. I despaired of anyone ever leaving the Legal News in a bad economy to provide an opening.

We talked about starting our own publication, but what? We couldn't do a newspaper since Grosse Pointe already had one that was well entrenched and had been around for some 70 years or so. Then a light bulb when off. What about a magazine?

We remembered how disappointed Grosse Pointers were when the Detroit newspapers' Signature magazines 48230 and 48236 stopped publishing in December 2008. The

Signature magazines were colorful, glossy and contained positive stories about people, places, organizations and events in Grosse Pointe.

As a newspaperman, I feared the high cost of premium paper color printing. So, on vacation, we started soliciting printing quotes. A quote from China was the cheapest, but the shipping was a killer! Once we had a ballpark of what printing would cost, we could then make a business plan.

By the time we got home, we had a name — Pointe Magazine — and were able to hit the ground running. A graphics company in India designed a prototype. The magazine's logo was a large, color dot that looked familiar. Watching TV, we discovered why. It looked just like the Food Network logo! That would never do.

We tweaked the prototype, and assigned stories and photos to freelancers. Many I did myself. What about ads? I had been in

Editorial, not Display Advertising. We interviewed and hired, in succession, three different advertising managers. All three quit before even starting, saying "print was dead. No one will advertise."

So after the third advertising "professional" quit, Terry and I hit Mack Avenue and Kercheval, selling ads ourselves. edmund t. AHEE Jewelers was an early signer, as was City Kitchen, The Grosse Pointe Academy and many others that have been with the magazine ever since. When we had sold enough advertising, we were ready to complete the layout and go to press.

That was Easter weekend 2010, and we will never forget it. It was Good Friday afternoon; I was laying out pages. Our cover featured "Pointe Magazine," with "Pointe" large, as it is today. In the mail, we received a cease-and-desist letter from an attorney with an office on the Avenue of Americas, New York

City. His client published "Pointe Magazine," and it came to his attention we were about to publish a magazine by the same name.

Have you ever tried to find an attorney over Easter weekend? Impossible! So on Monday morning, I called the attorney on the Avenue of Americas (Sixth Avenue). I proposed we change our name to "Grosse Pointe Magazine." The attorney asked, "Will all the letters be the same size?" I said, "No. 'Pointe' will be large, but 'Grosse' will be small, above the 'o' in Pointe" as it is today. The attorney demurred, saying it still looked too much like his client's magazine title.

So I called an attorney I had worked with in the past, Steve Johnston, and he recommended an intellectual property attorney by the name of Doug Sprinkle. I called him and started telling him what the Avenue of Americas attorney said. "I don't care what he said," Sprinkle huffed. He'd investigate it himself.

Sure enough, Sprinkle found out "Pointe Magazine" was indeed registered, but, he said, "It is registered

as a dance industry magazine." He said we were free to use "Pointe Magazine." I wrote a letter to the attorney at the Avenue of Americas address and told him what our attorney said, but to avoid confusion, we adopted the "Grosse Pointe Magazine" as it is today; though we still use "Pointe Magazine" for short.

So that's the story of the magazine. We also started a magazine in Detroit and created the "Insider's Guide to the Pointes," which includes the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Member Directory.

Oh, did I also say in the past 10 years I have co-authored three Arcadia history books? In 2009 our niece and editor Lauren McGregor (Beaver) and I wrote one on the Michigan State Fair when it closed after 160 years. Lauren and I also wrote one for the Old Newsboy's Goodfellow Fund of Detroit on its 100 years in 2014, and Terry and I wrote one on Roseville, where she grew up.

Then, of course, last week we purchased the Grosse Pointe News. I have come full circle, and yes, "Hey, it's good to be back home again!"

FOR PETE'S SAKE By Pete Waldmeir

Old dog learns new trick



Pete who...? I get that a lot these days. So perhaps a fresh introduction is in order.

For the shorthand explanation, I'm probably best recognized as the old sportswriter who used to beat up on Hizzoner and assorted other soft targets regularly in the pages of The Detroit News.

Besides writing a column for this paper, however, I have a fancy title. And no, it's not Official Curmudgeon. I'm the new Opinion Editor of the Grosse Pointe News. Now the way I look at

it, instead of being the heavy-foot hotshot whose primary goal in life is making a demolition derby out of the Indy 500, an Opinion Editor is more akin to a high-wire artist who rides a bike with a long pole perched on its handle bars, hundreds of feet above some windy, rock-strewn canyon.

The key path to the daredevil's success — and for this newspaper's dedication to hearing and sharing pertinent sides of important community discussions — is balance.

But this isn't about our mission statement. I'm sure there is no dearth of opinion, in no dearth of otherwise, extant in our audience. We not only expect it, we encourage it. And we look forward to the balancing act — even if it means occa-

sionally having to head out on our high wire blind-folded.

Back to Pete Who. I'm a native born Detroit, but I've lived in Grosse Pointe Woods long enough to remember the '80s' Brie-and-Chablis culture that featured pearls with basic black. My first sartorial decision after we set up housekeeping here was to buy two sports coats — one pink, the other green.

Two of our kids graduated from Grosse Pointe North. All four are U-M grads. I served one four-year term on the Woods City Council. My eldest son, Peter, is a veteran Farms councilmember. We have deep roots here.

Most people mellow with age. A few get older and wiser. Some get older and crankier. The best of them have gained

enough self-confidence to know their strengths and weaknesses and don't let either affect their judgment.

As for the thrust and content of my columns this time around, well, we'll see where the high wire leads us.

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New events in the Park

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Just as the last After Six of the summer concludes this Saturday, Aug. 26, plans were announced for new events to begin Friday, Sept. 15, on Kercheval in the Park.

But first, the popular After Six will be 6 to 10 p.m. **Saturday.** Entertainment for young and old alike, along with food and beverages will be offered.

In September, the fun moves to Friday nights, with An Evening at Market Square scheduled for Friday, Sept. 15, and a second planned for Friday, Sept. 23, both

starting at 7 p.m.

On the 15th, the popular Teen Angels Band will provide music for everyone's dancing pleasure. On the 23rd, things get spicier with a Salsa Dance Party. Mambo Marci will kick off the night with beginner salsa dance lessons from 7 to 8 p.m. These lessons get everyone ready for the live music from the five-piece Band Los Gatos at 8 p.m.. Marci and her partner will be offering Salsa and other Latin dance demonstrations throughout the evening. A DJ will alternate with Band Los Gatos, offering a variety of music throughout the evening. Save the dates.

Rotary awards scholarships

Rotary of Grosse Pointe provided college scholarships to six outstanding students who recently graduated from Grosse Pointe North and South high schools.

The students were introduced and presented their scholarships at the June 28 Passing the Gavel event at Assumption Cultural Center.

Scholarships were awarded to Anthony Kolesky, Grace Scott and Alex Black of Grosse Pointe South High School, as well as Lolly Duus, Taylor Curry and Benjamin Sliwinski of Grosse Pointe North High School.

The scholarships were given by Grosse Pointe Rotary in honor of Frank Sladen, a World War II veteran and community leader. He was president of Rotary, former Rotary district governor and served as a distinguished Rotary International director.

Sladen also was a for-



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From left are Anthony Kolesky, Grosse Pointe South; 2016-17 Rotary President Ted Everingham; Grace Scott, South; Lolly Duus and Taylor Curry, Grosse Pointe North; Mark Weber Ph.D, Scholarship Committee chairman; and Benjamin Sliwinski, North. Not pictured is Alex Black, South.

mer headmaster of University Liggett School and served as a board member for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. He volunteered and served on many community boards.

The WWII hero, who was severely injured and

lost his leg in combat, followed his lifelong philosophy, "Have faith and be of good courage."

Rotary scholarships are awarded based mainly on character, challenge and service above self — all passions relevant to Sladen,

Grosse Pointe Rotary and the students.

The scholarship recipients were interviewed individually by the Grosse Pointe Rotary Scholarship Committee after being recommended by their high school counselors.

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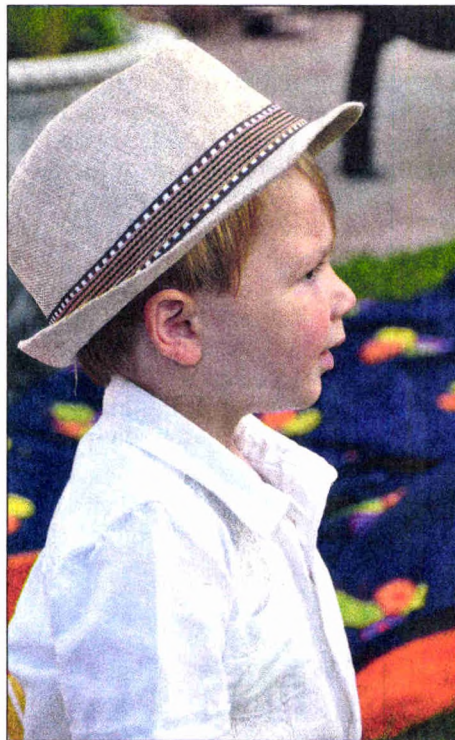
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Above, Sun Messenger singer, Nikki Pearse, sings among the crowd. Right, bottom row, from left, Isabella Yoakam, Paige Spence, Annabelle Julien and Lizzy Rheume. Middle row, Molly Spence and Charlotte Julien. Top row, Phoebe Julien.

Melodies & memories



The Sun Messengers played on the cool Friday evening to make up for their June date that got rained out. Left, 2-year-old Sal Strasz attended Music on the Lawn Aug. 11. Below, Cooper Gaffrey came equipped with snacks to listen to the music.



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Assistant principals put students first

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Cindy Parravano and Joe Spryszak, Grosse Pointe South High School's new assistant principals, each has an open door policy. Those doors are adjacent to each other, making teamwork all the more convenient.

"Administrators work really closely together," said Parravano. "We're constantly communicating, making sure things are run the same way."

Parravano is responsible for freshmen and juniors, while Spryszak oversees sophomores and seniors.

"It's called looping," Spryszak said. "You stay with (the students) so there's some consistency."

While Parravano is a familiar face to returning students, Spryszak is new to all students. Parravano, who has a health certificate, came aboard first as a long-term substitute to teach a health class. She also has an administrative license and when an assistant principal position opened up last winter, she stepped in on an interim basis in February. She was appointed to a permanent position at the same time as Spryszak, beginning in their respective roles Aug. 1.

Originally from Michigan, Parravano left



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South's new assistant principals, Joe Spryszak and Cindy Parravano, have an open door policy for students and their families.

a position as an assistant principal in Arizona to move home to Grosse Pointe to be closer to family. In addition to helping her parents, she is able to spend time with her nieces and nephews, even coaching her nephews' Little League team.

Spryszak's last position was as interim assistant principal at Seaholm High School in Birmingham. Prior to that, he served eight years as principal at Southfield-Lathrup High

School in Lathrup Village. He and his wife, DeLois, a Detroit Public Schools principal, live with their two children, Mina, 17, and Andrew, 22, on the east side of Detroit.

While Parravano and Spryszak work closely together, their roles are divided in some areas. They each oversee student clubs and activities and particular departments.

Included among Parravano's duties are

the safety and security of the building and graduation. Spryszak is responsible for special education, counseling, advanced placement and college board testing.

One of Parravano's goals is to ensure there are systems in place to allow the school to run more efficiently. Examples include programs for teachers to organize field trips online and procedures to ensure teachers and students know what to do in an emergency.

Spryszak is responsible for the master schedule and working with student schedules, a critical function this time of year. Because it was something he had previous experience with, he was happy to take it on.

Both recognize the job comes with challenges.

"I've been in education for 30 years, 20 of them as an administrator, so hopefully I'm prepared for anything," said Spryszak. "It's very good to be in a school district that's as high performing as Grosse Pointe schools and of course being a part of a community where the parents are all involved, the students are involved and achieving."

Top challenges, according to Spryszak, are making sure students are engaged, have rigor in their program and are challenging themselves.

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What fills your bucket?

Principals share what they're most excited about in 2017-18

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

For Moussa Hamka, principal of Grosse Pointe South High School, beginning a new school year is like hitting the reset button.

"One of the great things about our profession is that it's cyclical in nature," he said, adding he looks forward to the energy students bring to the building each September.

"You get a new group of kids and you see kids who have matured and grown. You get to hear their stories and their experiences over the summer. Just listening to their dreams and what they want out of the next year of high school — that always fills my bucket. We're here for all the kids and so when the kids come back, it brings the building back to life."

"The second thing I always look forward to is the staff," he continued. "Hearing what they've learned over the summer. So many of our staff invest in continuous education over the summer. They're lifelong learners They keep refining their craft. They come up with new ideas. They come back and are ready to implement a different strategy or different approach. That's always exciting to hear their stories and to support them. How can I help you achieve that goal or that vision? Our teachers are so committed to our students. I think that rejuvenates all of our spirits every year. It reignites that flame that we all have."

"Like every year, I am eager to welcome our new Norsemen into our home and help them achieve all their goals and more," said Grosse Pointe North High School Principal Kate Murray. "I am also looking forward to seeing more and more innovative and collaborative spaces

popping up around North. Our teachers work tirelessly to equip our students with the crucial career 21st century skills of collaboration, creativity, problem solving and communication."

"The start of school has always been my favorite time of year," said Parcels Middle School Principal Dan Hartley. "The fresh start brings energy, excitement and a school community that rallies together around setting goals and bringing success to our students. We have an outstanding group of students and teachers at Parcels and I am excited to once again be part of this special place."

Rodger Hunwick, Brownell Middle School's principal, looks forward to continuing fundraising efforts with the help of the PTO to renovate the front courtyard into a functional outdoor classroom. He also can't wait for students to use a new exercise room transformed from the old stage in the boys' gymnasium.

"We are excited to welcome the new sixth-graders to Pierce (Middle School)," said Principal Chris Clark. "We have heard such outstanding things from the fifth-grade teachers, we can't wait for them to join the already strong seventh- and eighth-grade classes at Pierce."

"For me personally, I am looking forward to blending our new staff members with the returning staff so we can continue to grow as professionals and become even better at what we do," said Walt Fitzpatrick, who is welcoming several new staff members and inter-district transfers to Trombly Elementary School. "With change comes opportunity."

He also looks forward to seeing the greenhouse, renovated last summer, fully in action this year.

Sara Delgado, principal of Kerby Elementary School, is looking forward to rolling out the updated

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Link Crew member Amy Ellis, a junior at Grosse Pointe South, gave a tour to incoming freshmen, from left, Keely Conlan, Ellie Costello and Lauren Cooper.

Link Crew creates bonds

The transition from middle to high school for Grosse Pointe South High School incoming freshmen got a little easier thanks to an orientation program called Link Crew. Incoming ninth-graders got together with upper-class Link Crew leaders 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, for a full day of activities.

"Link Crew is an international program that we have been using at South for five years," said Link Crew adviser and social studies teacher Dennis Pascoe. "One hundred upperclassmen are paired together and they work with groups of eight to 10 freshmen per year. We use the orientation day as a way for the students to get to know one another, go

around to their classes and get them more comfortable coming to high school. The goal is for the upperclassmen to stay in touch with their freshmen throughout the year and help ease the transition into high school."

The day started with an assembly, then students broke into small groups with their assigned Link Leaders. Activities

included icebreaking games and team-building and bonding activities. Students received their schedules, learned how to open their lockers and toured the school.

"The program has been a great thing for our school and I think it starts the freshmen off on the right foot on their first day at South," said Pascoe.

— Mary Anne Brush

THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BREAKFAST PROGRAM

A provision of the Michigan School Laws requires all K-12 school districts to provide breakfast programs unless the district provided less than 20% of its lunches at free or reduced rates at any of its schools during the prior school year. In that event, the District may opt not to offer a breakfast program, but it is first required to conduct a public hearing which seeks input from parents and pupils on the issue.

The Superintendent of Schools will be recommending that the Grosse Pointe Public School System not provide a breakfast program except at Defer, Mason, and Poupard Elementary Schools, Parcels Middle School, and North and South High Schools. The reason is that it would be cost prohibitive due to the small number of participants and would require local tax dollars to supplement such a program in the other schools.

Therefore, the required public hearing will be held on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., as a part of the regular meeting of the Board of Education. The meeting will be held at the Brownell Multi-Purpose Room, 260 Chalfonte Ave, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. All parents, students and other interested citizens are welcome to attend.

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TEACHERS IN THE SUMMERTIME

Library media specialist shares resources

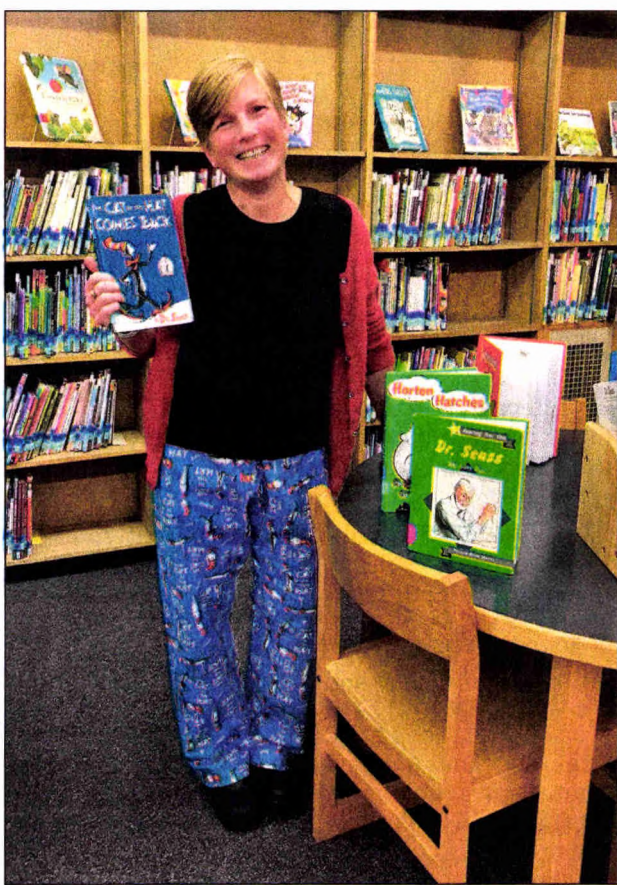
By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

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

Reflecting the increasing emphasis on technology in a school librarian's role, Amy Hermon attends two major technology conferences a year, including one in the summer. In August, she attended GoogleFEST, a two-day professional and personalized learning conference offering participants firsthand knowledge from Google experts, certified instructors and teachers familiar with Google.

Hermon, the library media specialist at Defer, Maire, Monteith and Richard elementary schools, registered to go with the goal of sharing strategies and resources in all four buildings during the school year.

"Part of being a librarian is also helping in technology in the build-



COURTESY PHOTO

In addition to helping with technology, library media specialist Amy Hermon celebrates reading with her students, including celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday in March.

ings," Hermon said. "The library curriculum covers a great deal of the technology grade-level expect-

tations. There's a nice overlap there. When we teach kids library, there's a lot of digital literacy and technology that goes hand in hand and it's nice when we get to tie those things into the classroom lessons as well."

Hermon also welcomes the opportunity to share what she learned at the conference with peers district-wide during the professional development day Tuesday, Nov. 7. Each year teacher volunteers put together presentations for fellow teachers on an array of topics, from classroom strategies and life skills to new technology.

"Librarians do tend to take on some of these presentations because we enjoy the technology and we enjoy sharing that technology with our peers so we all can benefit," Hermon said. "It really is a great use of resources because the district recognizes we have experts in the district who can do the training."

"This is one of the times we can all get together

and help each other out with different challenges," she continued. "It's a fun day. I really look forward to it every year."

She plans to put together a compilation of the presentations she attended as well as links to those she was unable to attend and provide web-based resources, extensions and apps. Resources cross grade levels, she said, and are not just for elementary level teachers.

With the district migrating to the Google platform — made complete with a transition from Outlook to Gmail, Google's email system, this summer — GoogleFEST was particularly beneficial to Hermon. She likes many aspects of the program, including the seamlessness of its products, the lack of licensing fees and the accessibility — and transportability — of the Cloud. "As a teacher who travels to four different schools, I was carrying hard copies of things

building to building and I don't have to do that anymore," she said. "I can work on things at home, I can work at things at the conference, I can work at things at school."

Educator and student accounts for web-based resources are free, she noted, not requiring a license. They also are multimedia, allowing "the kids to create rather than just absorb," she said.

Hermon said she is excited to teach teachers about some of the web tools available that will allow them to create and share lessons digitally. Students, too, can share work remotely online and work collaboratively.

"I think the kids put a great deal of investment in something they know is going to be shared," she said.

One of the things Hermon appreciates about attending the conferences is "nobody is an expert in technology and because it's constantly evolving, we all learn from each other."

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version of the Everyday Math program and continuing to explore the Leader in Me program with her staff. Plans for the year include a self-led book study and visiting Leader in Me schools in the district to learn more about the program.

Roy Bishop is starting his second year as principal of Mason Elementary School with a focus on building relationships with the entire Mason and Grosse Pointe community.

"I am looking forward to supporting our community as much as possible as we continue to individualize the educational experience at Mason, to encompass our students' interests, passions and strengths," he said. "Most



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Mason's theme for the year is "Many hands one Mason." "We are very excited about helping our students develop a passion around being leaders and learners and simply being kind," said Roy Bishop.

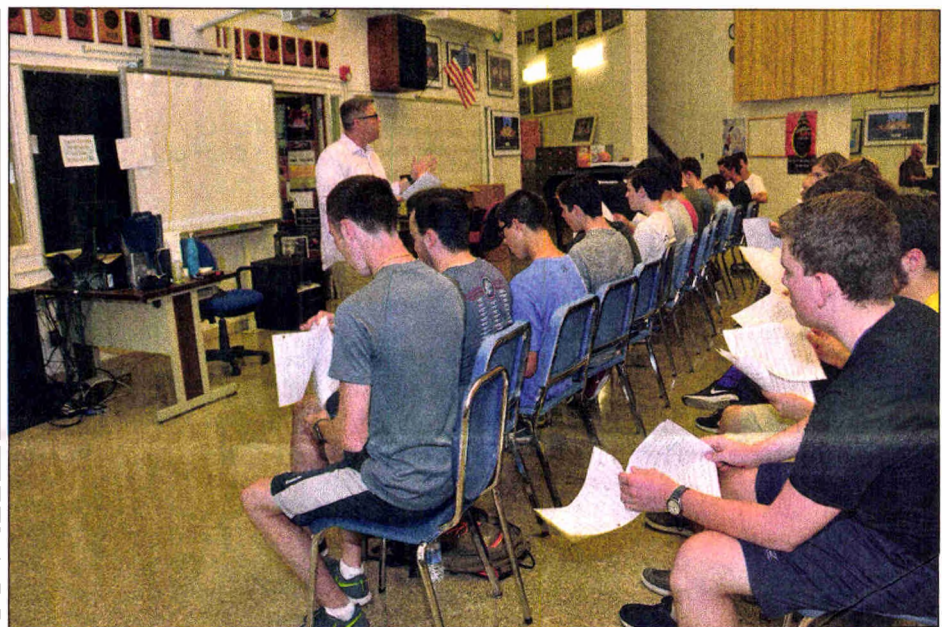
importantly, I look forward to being a champion and advocate for all our wonderful students and staff members while making learning fun."

Mary MacDonald-Barrett, principal of Richard Elementary School, is excited to add a third kindergarten room, implement the new Everyday Math program for all grade levels and

host the annual community luncheon. "Another great year of learning" will kick off with a visit from Ricky the Raccoon the first day of school.

For Sonja Franchett, the most exciting part of every new school year is reconnecting with students, teachers and parents at Maire Elementary School.

"Everyone comes with their stories from the summer and the students are excited about their new school supplies and meeting their new teachers," she said. "Seeing all of the parents gathering on the blacktop before school in the morning, kissing their children goodbye when the bell rings and the kids line up — it is just a positive, uplifting way to start the day."



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High school participants in the summer show choir camp learn music on day one, with choreography to follow.

Show choir camp provides variety-style entertainment

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

High school students at the weeklong summer show choir camp took a break to watch the solar eclipse Monday, Aug. 21. Then it was back to full-scale rehearsals in an intensive, weeklong workshop culminating with a performance of "That's Entertainment 2017" Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School. The variety style show features group, ensemble and solo performances.

This is Grosse Pointe South High School choir director Christopher Pratt's sixth year directing the camp, which is open to students from Grosse Pointe middle and high schools. Middle school students rehearsed in the mornings under the direction of South choir alumnus Nick Kuhl and high school students under Pratt's direction in the afternoon. Also working with students throughout the week were vocal jazz clinician Duane Davis and choreographers Andy Haines and Annette Layman.

"It's a great opportunity, as we're winding



Christopher Pratt, in his sixth summer as director of "That's Entertainment," helps students prepare for Saturday's showcase.

down summer, to create some fun music and put on a show in five days," Pratt said.

Among groups performing at the showcase are South ensemble groups the Tower Belles and Pointe Singers and the Suspensions, an a cappella group.

Pratt encourages community members to attend the show and see what the students are able to accomplish.

"I think for the community it's great to see kids making music and the teamwork that goes into that. All of these kids have done this with their bodies. It's not on their iPhone. It's not on some kind of key-

board. It's done with their own talent.

"This is the best that young people do," he added. "Singing, dancing, acting, being asked to jump out of their comfort zone."

Tickets are \$15 for lower level seats. Balcony seats are \$12 or \$9 for students or senior citizens and are available at gpsouthchoir.org or Posterity Gallery in the Village. Grosse Pointe Gold Cards are accepted at Posterity Gallery and the door. Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards are accepted with a 50 cent convenience fee. Contact the choir office at (313) 432-3638 with questions.

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New Defer principal brings leadership experience

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Lisa Rheume, the new principal at Defer Elementary School, may be new to administration, but she has a proven track record as a teacher, leader and innovator.

Since 2006, she has taught fourth or fifth grade in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, most recently at Mason Elementary School and previously at Kerby and Monteith elementary schools. In that time she piloted the 21st century classroom for the district, incorporated technology into the classroom and provided differentiated lessons and activities to students to maximize their learning.

She also brought leadership experience as co-coordinator of the K-5 Grosse Pointe Writing Assessment, training from the Galileo Teacher Leadership Academy and grade-level leader for fourth- and fifth-grade language arts and social studies. A graduate of the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education, she has a Master of Arts degree in curriculum and teaching from Michigan State University and expects to complete a Ph.D. in educational leadership at Oakland University in September.

Stepping into her new role upon the retirement of Karen Sullivan, Rheume is most looking forward to building relationships with staff, students and families.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting the students right now," she said. "We've been here for two weeks and I'm really looking forward to



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Lisa Rheume is fired up for success in her new role.

seeing new faces here. It's been wonderful. Everyone I've met so far has been so welcoming and so supportive. It's been a wonderful transition from Mason and I'm looking forward to meeting more people."

One of her main goals is to continue the work the staff has already started with the Leader in Me program, including two days of training this summer with a third to come.

"Teachers here at Defer have already been using many components of Leader in Me for many years," Rheume said.

Thanks to funding from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, the goal this year is to make the program more formalized by working with a coach and creating a lighthouse team.

"As we continue to move forward with Leader in Me, finding ways to continue to

empower our students is one of our goals in our community," Rheume said, "(along with) helping them continue to be lifelong learners and setting up the foundation at school so they can continue to grow."

"I love that the Defer community has already used and is implementing so many of the components," she continued. "We can only continue to build on these exceptional practices."

She is excited to see teachers already getting their classrooms ready for the new year.

"I've been meeting one on one with teachers this summer and they've been sharing a lot about what they're doing in the classrooms. It's so exciting to hear about what their passions and interests are in the community, how they're excited to try something new this year or continue what they're doing in their rooms."



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Poupard Principal Hussain Ali reads "A Fine, Fine School," by Sharon Creech, to incoming kindergarten student Curtis Thomas. Ali visited the homes of many kindergartners this summer so "they'll have a familiar face the first day."

New Poupard principal sets goals for year

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

School hasn't started yet, but Hussain Ali, Poupard Elementary School's new principal, already has met with almost every teacher at the school.

He sent two questions by email in advance to give each time to prepare a response.

"What are needs specific to you that will help you be your best self heading into the 2017-18 school year?" was the first question. He received a wide range of responses, including one teacher who wanted her Classroom repainted from Pepto Bismol pink. Another sought consistency across grade levels.

Ali compiled responses and plans to make a word picture representing the most prominent needs to help drive future plans forward. Incorporating more technology into the classroom was one of the top responses.

His second question for each staff member was, "What is one thing at Poupard that excites you so much it makes you want to do back flips and cheer for joy?"

The theme that emerged from this exercise, according to Ali, was, "We absolutely have staff that are committed to these kids. They're dedicated and they're there for the students."

Ali added a third question: "What is one thing you value?"

"I slipped one in there," he said. "I didn't want them to have a chance to think about it."

While the Leader in Me program, soon to be in its third year, was a consistent theme, it didn't come first, Ali said. "The fact that we're here for kids, that we're dedicated to working with kids; that came first."

What Ali himself is most excited about is meeting the students and their families. His first formal opportunity will be at the Popsicles with the Principal event Aug. 28.

"My goal is to learn every kid's name by November," he said. "With 300 or so students, I should be able to do that."

He has begun by meeting individually with incoming kindergartners at their homes to read each of them a book so when they arrive Tuesday, Sept. 5, "they'll have a familiar face the first day."

'What is one thing at Poupard that excites you so much it makes you want to do back flips and cheer for joy?'

HUSSAIN ALI
Principal, Poupard Elementary School

He is on track to meet with half of the kindergartners by the time school starts, with plans to read to the rest during the school year.

He also is "super excited to work with the other elementary principals and the admin team. We have an amazing team. I feel supported by everyone."

He said he particularly appreciates support from Keith Howell, director of pre-K and elementary instruction, and Jon Dean, deputy superintendent of educational services.

"Keith and Jon are there to support us, coaching us along the way," Ali said. "I can call them whenever I need to. I called Jon at 7:30 (p.m.) yesterday. I said, 'Sorry to bother you.' He said, 'You're never bothering me.'"

Goals include connecting parents to their children's academics through social media and providing a variety of experiences for students beyond the school day by partner-

ing with community organizations. His aim is to create opportunities for students to explore their interests with such offerings as chess, golf, music and dance.

Another goal is to grow teacher leaders. The challenge here is a personal one.

"In any leadership role, we're doers," he said. "I know I really need to empower people around me to lead things."

He is confident he will achieve this goal thanks to the leadership of former Principal Penny Stocks.

"I want to thank Penny for everything she has done for the building," Ali said. "Because of her, we have so many amazing staff members that are there. I'm especially thankful that I'm inheriting this amazing staff."

Week Ahead

MONDAY, AUG. 28

◆ The Poupard Elementary School community is invited to "Popsicles with the Principal" to welcome new Principal Hussain Ali 6:30 p.m. in the Poupard playground, 20655 Lennon, Harper Woods.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30

◆ The Defer Elementary School community is invited to "Popsicles with the Principal" to welcome new Principal Lisa Rheume 6:30 p.m. in the Defer playground, 15425 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

Said Spryszak, "My favorite part (of the job) is to see the kids succeeding, watching the child go from a ninth-grader, who might be a little bit insecure, into a leader and see them grow into maybe the class president or finding their passion and seeing them do well in that area ... helping them get to where they need to go to the next level."

Ensuring teachers' success also is critical to their role.

"A good principal should be in the classroom watching what's happening, evaluating teachers and giving them feedback, making sure we continue to take this school upward," said Parravano. "It's already great; we just need to keep it going."

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Both agree building relationships with students is critical, as is putting students and families first.

"The more I get to know students, the more I get to build a relationship with them, the easier that all will become," Parravano said.

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It's good to know you've got a friend

By Lynne Severini
Guest Writer

Just like Carole King sang in 1971, it is good to know and we have hundreds of them.

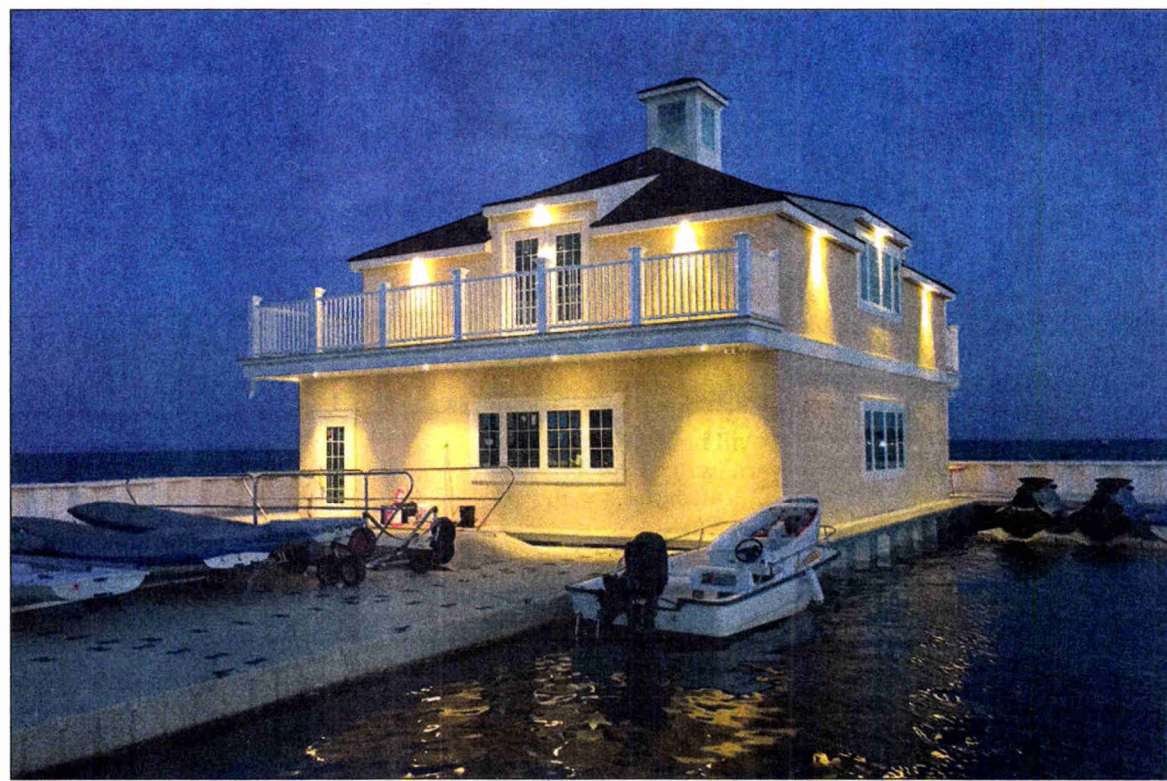
I am talking about the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. These Friends are great in so many ways. They help the library with financial support for programs, equipment and prizes for contests, as well as ideas, volunteers and so much more.

Coming up soon is a book sale at the Ewald branch, Sept. 28 to 30. A Friends membership allows you to get free DVDs the first Thursday of each and every month. The Friends have some of their own programs too, like the annual Halloween Costume Sale the first Saturday in October and at Halloween, Trick or Read, which takes place in the Village and during which kids get a free book instead of candy.

There's also the Books, Bags and Bagels Sale — the best gently used purse selection you will ever see — which happens March 2018, the Classic Books Lecture Series during spring 2018 and the Friends Down Under Used Bookstore, located in the lower level of the Woods branch, just to name a few.

This is a great group of people of all ages who come together and help the library get the word out that every member of this community should have a library card and come in and see all we have to offer. Become a Friend and your opportunities to make more friends become endless. Our goal is not hundreds of Friends, but thousands.

Severini is a librarian with the Grosse Pointe Public Library.



The building is lit at night until midnight.

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are other things we're trying to do," he continued. "One of those things is boosting junior sailing around the community. When the kids are out (on their boats), the race is way out there and parents are not involved. With stadium sailing, with the deck and bleachers, they pull in right off the wall. Parents are involved and help grow the sport of sailing. The more parents are involved, the more exciting the program gets for the parents and families."

Morrow said the quality of programs offered is more important than the growth or size of the offerings. His hope, he said, is to develop sailors at the center who can compete on a national level.

Part of that success will come from Wally Cross, the club's sailing professional, and new Sailing Director Parker Mitchell.

"This has been a dream of Jim's and mine to have a



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The open floor plan allows students hands-on experience when learning about rigging and other facets of boating.

center so people can come and sail and not feel like second-class citizens," Cross said. "This will be good."

"Our focus is trying to develop young people in the community to be the best they want to be," Morrow said. "Teaching them how to sail and be on the water safely is a big part of our mission. Sailing is a lifelong

sport. Kids can walk away with a great deal of knowledge about water and the ocean. And they can qualify for scholarships. They just have to have some sailing experience — a junior program with a club or a high school program."

All of the programming ties together with the sailing center, which was built by Connell Building Co.

"We think this is a major change to where we've been," Morrow said. "The whole wall had to be redone. They had to build the island. With the wall, the building, new floats — it's an almost \$2 million project. They redid seawall and reinforced the inner seawall so there will be no issues with ice damage in the future."

New boat wells were added, too.

More work will be done in the harbor, Morrow said.

The season's last official event is the 79th annual Bluenose Regatta Saturday, Sept. 23.



Scan this QR code to watch video footage captured by a drone operated by Bill Turner.

Massage Green SPA

A Luxury Everyone Can Afford

With money problems, full work schedules, school obligations and a host of everyday aggravations, many Americans feel stressed. According to the American Psychological Association, average stress levels in 2016 reached 5.1 on a 10-point scale. Luckily, Massage Green Spa, has provided an outlet for those seeking relaxation.

In October 2015, January Thomas, a resident of Grosse Pointe City, opened the doors to Massage Green Spa Grosse Pointe after opening her first location in St. Clair Shores in 2012. Massage Green Spa offers an affordable menu of spa services. In an effort to gain a broader clientele, first-time customers can receive a full-body massage for \$49.95, a facial for \$49.95 or a full-spectrum infrared sauna for \$19.95.

At the heart of the Massage Green Spa model is affordable, therapeutic massage. A one-hour, full-body introductory massage is just \$49.95. After that, clients are eligible for one of several low-price, risk-free Wellness Plans. In the most popular plan, members are pre-charged for one massage (or facial) a month at \$49.95 with any additional massages at \$39.95 per month. That compares to a typical massage in a private spa for \$80 and sometimes as much as \$150. And that is why they call it "the luxury everyone can afford." Up to four members of a household can share the plan and any unused massages roll over to the next month. Best of all, members can cancel their plan at any time with no penalty or fee.

The Massage Green Spa menu offers more than half a dozen types of

massage, including Swedish, deep tissue, sports, cranial-sacral, Reiki, Reflexology and pre/post-natal. In addition to massage, the spa offers European facials, men's facials, back scrubs, waxing and the full-spectrum infrared sauna.

Dry heat sauna has long been used to produce a strong sweat that produces a number of healthy benefits. According to Thomas, to get results you had to heat the air in a small room to approximately 180 degrees Fahrenheit, which then heats the body from the outside in. The effect can be uncomfortably hot and dehydrating for many people. Infrared sauna, on the other hand, uses the invisible part of the sun's light spectrum to gently penetrate human tissue, giving a deep, soothing, natural warmth. Some of the powerful benefits are detoxification, pain relief, circulation improvement, blood pressure reduction and weight loss. In fact, a person can burn up to 600 calories in one sauna session. New clients can experience this breakthrough technology for \$19.95 for an introductory 40-minute session.

Thomas clearly is passionate about the benefits of massage and the new infrared sauna technology. "The research is absolutely clear," Thomas said. "Regular massage is a critical part of a health and wellness regimen. For many people, it's right up there with regular exercise and a reasonable and balanced diet. And I am so happy that we can bring high-quality, therapeutic massage and infrared sauna to the Village of Grosse Pointe at incredibly affordable prices."

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ASK THE EXPERTS

Family Center offers fall programs

Q. I've attended past Family Center programs and value the educational opportunities provided to our community. Can you tell me what is planned for the fall?

A: The Grosse Pointe community has a number of helpful organizations that offer various types of enrichment and educational programs throughout the year. You will have no trouble finding something that fits your schedule and interest.

In addition to The Family Center, Services for Older Citizens, The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Public Library, Grosse Pointe Public School System, Neighborhood Club and many other organizations are where you should begin looking for options.

The Family Center has the following programs scheduled in the upcoming months:

◆ **Mental Health First Aid Training** — This eight-hour training (two four-hour sessions) is intended for adults who are interacting with youth to detect and respond to mental health issues.

◆ **Suicide: The Silent Epidemic** — The documentary film "Death is NOT the Answer" will be shown. A panel of film members will discuss suicide awareness and answer questions following the film.

◆ **Aging Parents? Strategies to Remain Conflict-Free** — Learn how to resolve conflicts and work together within your family to put the primary

focus on the elderly family member(s).

◆ **Help Your Child Get Ready for Kindergarten** — This presentation will help clarify what children need academically, socially and emotionally to be prepared for kindergarten.

◆ **The College Preparation Process for Parents and Students** — Presented by GPPSS counselors, this evening provides information regarding the college exploration process, online college resources and familiarity with financial aid.

◆ **Digital Distractions** — How to find a balanced relationship with technology.

Stay tuned to familycenterweb.org, the Grosse Pointe News and The Family Center's Facebook and Twitter

The Family Center

ASK THE EXPERTS articles

pages for further details and more potential topics.

The Family Center's mission is to serve the community through programs and resources vital to today's families. As a nonprofit organization, it is completely supported by community donations. To learn more, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 477-1374 or email info@familycenterweb.org.

The Family Center has moved. Its new address is 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, and phone number is (313) 477-1374.

Chimney swifts chattering in Grosse Pointe neighborhoods

By Rosann Kovalcik
Guest Writer

Perhaps one of the happiest sounds in my yard during the warmer months is the chattering of chimney swifts as they race by in the sky.

Looking like a cigar with sickle-shaped wings, they usually are seen flying in pairs or family groups.

Their wings quiver in flight, swift and shallow, as they maneuver to catch insects. Feeding

"on the wing," they capture flies, bugs, wasps and other insects.

Chimney swifts spend more time flying than other species of birds. They copulate in flight and drink and bathe in the rain while flying. They do stop flying to sit on eggs and roost at night for sleep.

Chimney swifts previously nested in caves and hollow trees. With the advent of chimneys on this continent, they acclimated to this new hollow for nesting purposes, as well as using air vents, old wells, silos, barns, lighthouses, sheds and similar structures.

The nest of a chimney swift is a work of art. Both parents contribute



Rosann Kovalcik



PHOTO BY JERRY JOURDAN

A group of chimney swifts in flight.

to the nest, breaking off small twigs with their feet while flying through branches and returning to the nest site with the twigs in their bills. The nest is a half-saucer of loosely woven twigs, measuring 2 to 3 inches from front to back, 4

inches wide and an inch deep. Remarkably, it is stuck together and cemented to the chimney wall with the bird's glue-like saliva.

Three to five white eggs are laid with a 16- to 21-day incubation period. The young outgrow the nest and cling vertically to the walls while the parents continue to feed them another 14 to 19 days. At that point, they launch themselves to flight and join their parents.

Large numbers of chimney swifts roost together in a single chimney during the non-breeding season. During cool nights, the numbers of birds together may raise the temperature inside the roost to 70

degrees Fahrenheit, warmer than the outside air.

The largest known chimney swift roost in North America is on Grand River in Farmington Hills. There, up to 50,000 swifts can be seen dramatically diving into the 150-foot chimney stack of the former LaSalle Winery at dusk.

Mark your calendar and join Detroit Audubon for "Swifts Night Out" Sept. 23 and 24. See you there.

Kovalcik is the owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, Grosse Pointe Woods. Send comments, questions or suggestions of birds together may raise the temperature inside the roost to 70 cast.net.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will consider the following proposed ordinance for a second reading and final adoption at its meeting scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance and proposed code is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Council meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING, ENACTING, AND RECODIFYING THE CITY CODE FOR THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF, AND PROVIDING WHEN THE CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 8/24/2017

McMahon commissioned by ROTC

Peter V. McMahon was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army, Combat Engineering, during ceremonies at the Virginia Military Institute Monday, May 15. The 2013 graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School received degrees in economics and business from VMI. He will report for active duty at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. in September.

McMahon is a former resident of Grosse Pointe Park and graduate of St. Paul School.

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Good Housekeeping Promises

Hospice volunteers recall touching moments with patients

Helen Buccella-Costa recalls a particular gentleman who had enjoyed an extremely full life, but by the time she met him he was angry over his body's betrayal, which had left him bedridden with a fading ability to communicate. As an Arbor Hospice volunteer, Buccella-Costa was committed to helping this patient make the most of his days as she joined him on his end-of-life journey.

"He did not want to talk," Buccella-Costa recalls of their initial visits. Looking for a way to connect, she pulled a volume from the many poetry books that packed his shelves, ultimately realizing it was one her patient had penned. He beamed as she read aloud the prose he had authored years prior.

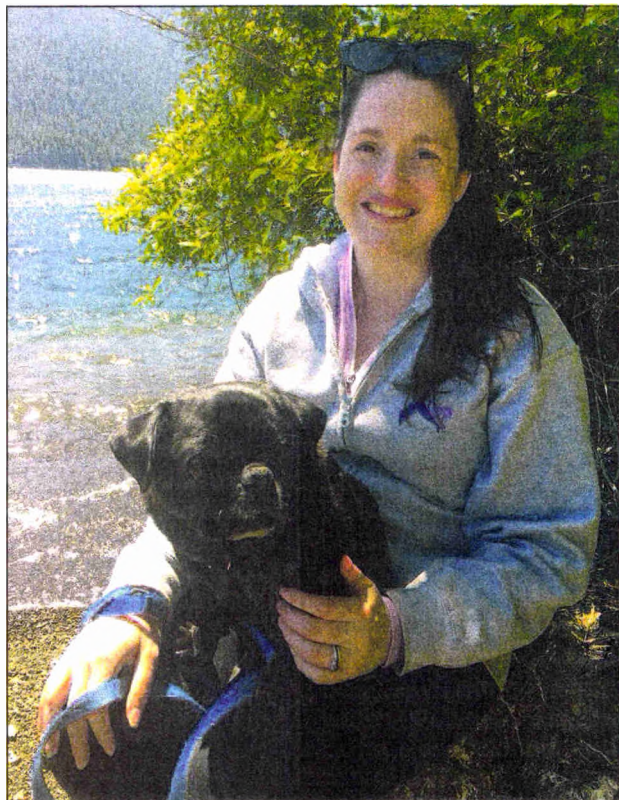
"It felt like I was giving him back to himself," she explained of the bond that was born.

Buccella-Costa's experience repeats itself daily as volunteers for Arbor and Hospice of Michigan, which joined forces in 2016, form connections with patients at a difficult time in their lives. Volunteers are vital in maximizing quality of life, a primary goal of the care plans both nonprofit agencies develop for the nearly 1,900 patients they serve daily.

"Our volunteers are just as important in delivering patient care as our clinical team members," said Alana Knoppow MSW, volunteer program manager for HOM and Arbor. Working in tandem with nursing, social work, spiritual and other staff, volunteers note new or advancing symptoms during patient visits they share with the team for immediate intervention.

But their greatest impact comes from the friendships they forge with those fate has brought into their lives.

Knoppow recounts another volunteer's efforts to connect with a non-verbal patient. The volunteer learned from



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANDREA KENSKI

Hospice of Michigan and Arbor Hospice volunteer program manager Alana Knoppow MSW, often joins her volunteers visiting patients and their families with her dog, Sammi. Adopted from Michigan Pug Rescue, her 8-year-old companion is certified through Therapy Dogs International.

the woman's daughter she had always enjoyed glamour and shopping. As the woman was immobile, the volunteer delighted the patient by bringing the shopping to her, skimming through fashion catalogues during their visits. The volunteer's ingenuity ensured the woman could continue "doing her favorite things within her ability," said Knoppow.

Sometimes relationships get off to a rocky start, but sympathizing with the patient's pain and simply persevering helps establish a connection. Buccella-Costa, who often visits patients accompanied by Alpine, Arbor's therapy dog, remembers her first meeting with a patient who was withdrawn and lashed out at her upon entering the room with Alpine in tow. Buccella-Costa quickly retreated several steps toward the door before turning around. Coming closer to the woman and acknowledging her feelings, her patient immediately softened. "She looked up

and said, 'thank you, dear.'"

HOM and Arbor volunteers often bond with their patients over shared interests and experiences. An avid music fan, Buccella-Costa shared favorite recordings with a patient who enjoyed the blues. Both nonprofits count military veterans among their volunteer forces, pairing them with veteran patients. Doing a little research before each first visit, one volunteer finds a news article or other material specific to the era or branch of his patient's service to spark conversation.

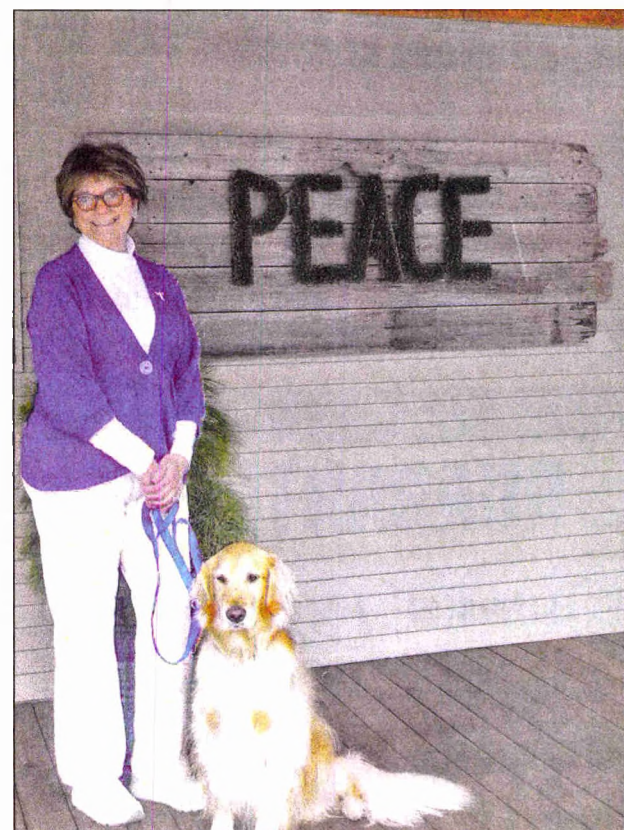
Volunteers also form bonds with caregivers. "Families are every bit as important," Buccella-Costa said.

HOM and Arbor offer caregiver relief visits, one time sending a volunteer to sit with a patient so the caregiver could garden in her yard. "The caregiver never did garden," Knoppow said. "The three of them sat and chatted."

The relationships volunteers nurture with caregivers can also boost patients' well-being. "When a patient can see their loved ones having a few moments of life, it gives them relief and happiness," Buccella-Costa said. She can still describe the joy she saw on a father's face as he watched his four children play with Alpine.

HOM and Arbor continually welcome new volunteers, age 18 and older. Most often, volunteers are matched with one patient within the community at a time and are encouraged to make weekly visits. In addition to patient care, volunteers can choose to provide office and event assistance. HOM and Arbor prepare volunteers to serve through interviews and a comprehensive orientation process. For more, visit hom.org or arborhospice.org.

"I've met people I never would have interacted with in my life," said Buccella-Costa. "I carry all their spirits with me."



"It's such an honor to come in contact with people at this stage of life," said Arbor Hospice volunteer Helen Buccella-Costa of her patient visits with therapy dog, Alpine. Calling her eight years of hospice work as the "most rewarding and fulfilling" of her life, Buccella-Costa remembers the bonds she's formed with the hundreds of people she's met over the years.

OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

Elizabeth A. DeTine

Elizabeth A. DeTine, 89, died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017, in Denver.

She was born in New York, N.Y., to Elizabeth and Carlos DePina and attended college in St. Paul, Minn. She was a retired nurse.

Elizabeth volunteered at numerous animal shelters and humane societies and was a member of the American Humane Society.

She is survived by her

sons, Gregory DeTine, Timothy DeTine (Maureen) and Patrick DeTine (Silvia); daughters, Paula Elias (Al Diver), Michelle DeTine, Kimberly DeMarco (John), Pamela DeTine, Elizabeth DeTine, Claudia Ward (Scott) and Collette DiCintio (Nick); 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Donations may be made to the American Anti-Vivisection Society, 801 Old York Road, Suite 204, Jenkintown, PA 19046-1685.



Elizabeth A. DeTine



**Come & Play, Come & Pray
CELEBRATE
St. Michael's Feast Day
Sunday, September 24, 2017**

St. Michael's celebrates Feast Day

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20745 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its Feast Day event 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24. The event includes food, games, treats from Caffe Far Bella, a cake walk, themed baskets and live music by the John T-Bone Paxton Trio. The celebration closes with prayer. Cost is \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door for two hot dogs, chips and a beverage. Call (313) 884-4820 or visit stmichaelsgpw.org.

ASK JEFF AND DEBRA

Medication-assisted treatment

Q: Our son is addicted to opiates and we are afraid he could die. He doesn't deny the problem, but he refuses to go to treatment. He says he can just get some medication from his doctor — Suboxone — and he'll be alright. There's been a lot of talk about medications for addiction in the news and we wonder what you think.

A: If something sounds too good to be true, it usually is. Medications can be helpful in the treatment of addiction, but they are not a cure. Not even close.

For opiate addiction (heroin, pain killers, fentanyl), medications will be used during the detoxification process. Detoxification should always take place in a medical setting and Suboxone or buprenorphine normally will be used to make the patient more comfortable. Without medications, most patients wouldn't stay in care long enough to complete the detox process.

For addicted attorneys and physicians (whose licenses are on the line), the next phase will be 30 to 90 days of residential treatment. These professions are mandated to get longer treatment programs for a very simple reason: these programs work. However, longer residential treatment programs no longer are covered by most health insurance policies. For most people, 5 to 10 days of detox/stabilization will be followed by intensive outpatient counseling, or IOP, and medication support. It's cheaper.

We can't endorse this strategy, no matter the cost savings. In the past,

when one of our family members struggled with addiction, we always opted for longer residential treatment. It's our belief most policymakers would do the same, regardless of what they recommend for the general public.

Your son's insistence that he can manage his addiction with medication alone is false. Even the manufacturers of Suboxone recommend its use only with appropriate therapeutic support. Medications can be helpful, but patients need more support.

Think of patients with heart disease brought on by unhealthy lifestyles. Would it be enough to prescribe medication or would physicians also recommend changes in diet and exercise? A more comprehensive solution always will have a better chance of success — and that's not rocket science.

Addiction is a serious illness and patients need to make a serious commitment to a daily program of recovery if they are to succeed. Like so many other challenges in life, recovery must be taken day by day, with the help of family and friends. Recovering people in every community are eager to help anyone who wants to get clean and sober. But there are no shortcuts to success. As they say in 12 Step groups: "It works if you work it."

Jeff and Debra Jay have helped families overcome addiction more than 30 years. Their best-selling book, "Love First," is a standard in the field of recovery. They live in Grosse Pointe Farms and their website is lovefirst.net.

Robert and Sophia Hull



Robert and Sophia Hull

A celebration of life service for Robert and Sophia Hull will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Robert passed away Friday, May 27, 2017, with loved ones by his side. Sophia passed away Monday, July 17, 2017, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Robert and Sophia are survived by their children, Leslie (Van), Kathleen (William), Timothy (Carrie), Beth (Steve), Kathy (Todd) and 16 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the American Lung Association at lung.org or Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Deacon Bill Jamieson

We are all good shepherds

One of the most endearing images of God is that of the Good Shepherd. The 23rd Psalm is an image of our Lord gently carrying a sheep — and each of us — on his shoulders.

A shepherd knows his sheep; the sheep know the shepherd. It's an intimate relationship — the type of relationship we're called to share with Jesus. He wants us to be more than sheep. Along with placing ourselves in his loving care, he wants us to be shepherds, too, each in our own way.

Moms and dads: You are good shepherds, called to lead your family in the way of the Gospel. You work hard for your flock; you protect them; you make sacrifices for them. You share the healing power of Jesus — not just cuts and broken bones, but bruised egos and emotional wounds.

Grandparents: How many sacrifices have you made over the years for your children and grandchildren? You are good shepherds. A little older and wiser, how often are you called on for advice or share an experience you've had? And it's the hope your flock will carry on your legacy of faith.

Widows, widowers and single parents: You are good shepherds by show-

ing empathy to others who have experienced the loss of a spouse. Perhaps you have experienced the pain of divorce and can relate to someone who also has gone through that experience. You can bring to them the healing comfort and peace of Jesus.

Those in the single life: Called to be good shepherds in many ways — in the parish, a family, at work, in the community.

Young people: Called to be good shepherds by giving a good example — in school, among friends or strangers. It's not easy being a young Christian in a society filled with the glamour of sex, alcohol, drugs and materialism. But Jesus the Good Shepherd is at your side. Never be ashamed to live the Gospel.

So, whatever our state in life, we can be good shepherds. We don't have to do extraordinary things. St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "I don't do great things; I do little things with great love." Whatever we do out of love, we imitate the Good Shepherd, who hears our voice, asks us to listen to his voice and asks us to listen to others.

Jamieson is the pastoral associate at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

CHURCH EVENTS

Catholic Biblical School of Michigan

The Catholic Biblical School of Michigan is coming to St. Clare of Montefalco Parish in Grosse Pointe Park Wednesday evenings beginning this September.

CBSM is an adult education program in Sacred Scripture that began in the Archdiocese of Detroit in September 2009. This four-year systematic study is an intensive program featuring 28 weeks of two-hour classes September to May. Classes include weekly homework, small-group discussion, lecture and a reading assignment over each summer. Instructors have at least a master's degree in theology or pastoral ministry. Courses may be taken for credit through Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Partial scholarships available for qualified students.

To register or learn more, call Fred Morath at (313) 570-8105 or Tamra Fromm at (313) 378-0868, or visit cbasmich.org.

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and artisans for its annual art and craft show, slated Saturday, Nov. 4.

For table reservations or information, call Carol at (586) 296-2745.

Memorial

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a Blessing of the Backpacks during worship Sunday, Sept. 17. Call (313) 882-5330.

The church hosts "The Novel as Theology," 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the home of Peter and Shawn Henry. The group will discuss "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood.

St. Margaret

St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 21201 13 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores, seeks crafters

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "Fresh Start: A Healing Ministry for the Divorced, Separated & Civilly Remarried," 7 to 9 p.m. two Thursdays each month, beginning Sept. 7. The program helps Catholics divorced, separated or remarried outside the Church share experiences and dialogue with others in a confidential group setting. Cost is \$10 for materials. To register, email Deacon Bill Jamieson at bjamieson@stpaulonthelake.org or call (313) 885-8855, Ext. 145.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul grant will help those in need

People in need in Grosse Pointe Farms and the surrounding area will receive much-needed assistance with housing, utilities, food and furniture thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the National Council of the U.S. Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The money is part of SVdP's Friends of the Poor® Grant Program and will be disbursed by the society's St. Paul on the Lake Conference.

The Friends of the Poor grant will be used to provide funding for temporary and emergency assistance for basic

human needs in our community, specifically housing, utilities, food and furniture. Our goal is to meet the basic needs of people in our community who have exhausted all other resources. The grant will provide funding to assist at least 20 different friends in need during the upcoming year.

The St. Paul on the Lake Conference was established in 1932 and is part of the society's Detroit Council. The conference serves working poor families in the Harper Woods and

Detroit areas in Wayne County. Vincentians with the St. Paul on the Lake Conference help more than 110 families per year and currently have 22 active members.

This grant was one of 14 distributed through the program around the country. Grant applications are evaluated and awarded quarterly on a regional basis by a Vincentian review committee. Funding is provided by the general public and the society's members and is targeted to specific needs in each community.

"We are pleased to be able to assist local conferences as they work to help those in need," said Dave Barringer, CEO of SVdP. "Our local conferences are a great example of how a dedicated group of people can make a difference in alleviating suffering."

One of the largest charitable organizations in the world, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international, non-profit, Catholic lay organization of about 800,000 men and women who voluntarily join together to grow spiritually by

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SVdP offers a variety of programs and services, including home visits, housing assistance, disaster relief, education and mentoring, food pantries, dining halls, clothing, assistance with transportation, prescription medication and rent and utility costs. The

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Full Circle Foundation awarded grants

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The programs at Full Circle Foundation, which works with the Grosse Pointe Public School System to provide training and opportunities for increased independence for people with special needs, are growing almost as fast as its garden, in part due to four grants it recently received.

A grant from Beaumont Health System allowed Full Circle to add several new beds to its edible garden, housed on three acres provided by Riverview Rehabilitation Center in Detroit. Each year, Full Circle students learn about planting, tending and harvesting crops, which they in turn sell to area supporters.

With the Beaumont grant, "because we're able to grow more vegetables, we partnered with SOC (Services for Older Citizens) on Tuesdays," said Sue Banner, Full Circle administrative coordinator. "We have a table and a tent. After bingo, seniors come out and shop."

A grant from Mahindra Automotive North America for more than \$7,000 allowed Full Circle to install additional sprinklers at the garden. Mahindra grant money, combined with a donation from a Grosse Pointe resident, allowed for the addition of an SUV — detailed with sponsors' names — to use for deliveries.

"Also, our summer pro-



Full Circle students, friends and supporters gather at the edible garden.

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gram ends in August. Our students help us keep the garden going, but we have no one in August and September," Banner said. "Mahindra is funding six kids to work there three days a week with a job coach through September. Those three days a week will help keep (the garden) going for subscribers and the farmers' market."

A third grant, through Detroit Industrial School, allows Full Circle to buy new equipment and supplies for one of its popular programs.

"We have a volunteer who loves to sew and she started teaching kids at the end of the school year to sew," Banner said. "They made pillowcase dresses that they send to

little girls in Ghana. They loved it so much, they wanted to continue the program, so they're making pajama pants, purses. Through (DIS), we're purchasing sewing machines and sewing supplies. We'll get two or three new machines for the kids to continue that project."

A fourth grant, from the Junior League of Detroit, focuses on technology. Through a partnership with Wayne County Community College District, Full Circle students will learn how to create their own podcasts this fall.

"Also through Junior League, we are launching soon a pilot program called TEAM 26. TEAM is an acronym for Training, Education and

Advocacy Model," Banner said. "We hope to launch it in the near future. The premise is to take young people who've exited the school district to continue job training. We have a partnership with Wayne County for part of that."

TEAM 26, Banner said, will provide support and resources for students who've aged out of school district programming.

"They're at this age when they reach 26 ... but they still need support and resources that can keep them a part of the community," Banner said. "That grant will enable us to continue their job training, but also other skills that go with the job — social skills, problem-solving skills, organizational

skills and independence.

"We're looking at other ways we can get participants more active in the community, but still involved in Full Circle," she continued. "Even though the Mahindra grant is pointed at the garden, it gives these kids a summer job."

Banner said Full Circle is bursting at the seams with its programming and is trying to expand into the community. It counts on the support of donors to fund the variety of programs it offers to students with special needs.

Its next major fundraiser is its "Evening Under the Stars," planned Thursday, Oct. 26, at The Roostertail.

"It's sort of like 'Dancing with the Stars,'

but with local celebs," Banner said.

Local celebrities — Alex Bordyukov of "The Bachelorette," WDIV-TV's Brandon Roux, Grosse Pointers George McMullen and Judy Weber, as well as Banner herself — are pairing up with professionals from the Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Sterling Heights to compete.

They've been training for a month already, Banner said.

"You can vote online for your favorite couple or come to the event to vote," she said.

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley will be in attendance.

"What he's done for us as a state is pretty powerful," said Full Circle founder Mary Fodell.

The event also features a cake auction, summer scholarship auction and live auction, the latter of which features a trip to New York; a private dinner with Chef Bobby Nehra in the Club Room of The Roostertail; a women's spa package featuring a fur coat, Botox, massage and more; jewelry from edmund t. AHEE jewelers; gift certificates from several Grosse Pointe restaurants; weekends at Mission Point and the Grand Hotel; and a children's package that includes a bicycle, LEGOs, a Gotz doll and an iPad.

Tickets are available at the Full Circle Foundation office, 17006 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call (313) 469-6660.

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Ford House

The Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, hosts its Youth Theater workshop Saturday, Aug. 26. Children in fourth through eighth grade are invited to this program, led by All the World's a Stage, to learn improvisation, drama skills, acting concepts and more. Cost is \$30.

The Ford House hosts a puppet-making workshop for ages 7 and older Wednesday, Aug. 30. Puppet master Greg Lester leads the program, which costs \$20. Register at fordhouse.org.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielak at (313) 884-4201.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, VFW 1146 Bruce Post, 28404 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, St. John Hospital & Medical Center, 22101 Mack, Detroit.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Reservations are required. Call (313) 882-9600.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Rachel Nagorsen, sales and leasing manager with Presbyterian Village of Michigan's Lakeshore Senior Living facility, speaks. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

PFLAG

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Email pflaggp@gmail.com.

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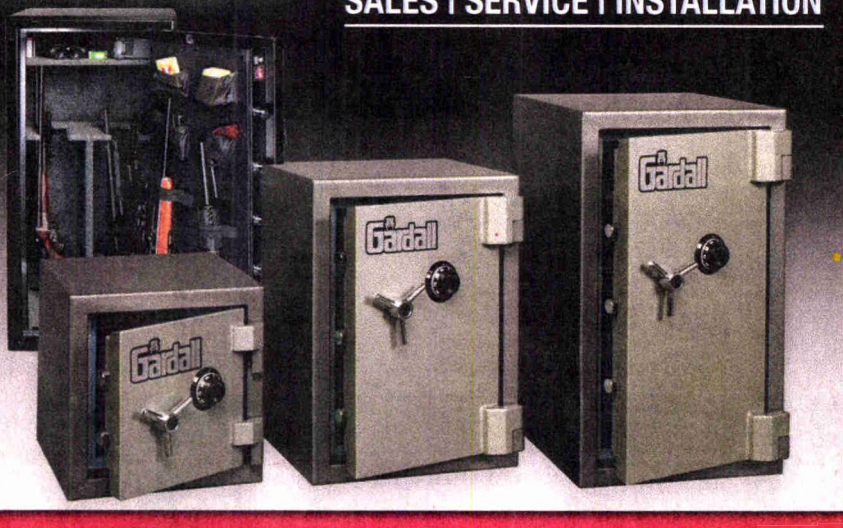
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BNI

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Libraries

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

◆ 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, Blues in the Stacks, with The Paul Carey Group. Cost is \$30 and includes food by Village Food Market and an open bar. Proceeds support library programming.

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

◆ 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, "Seed Saving Workshop" with Ben Cohen of Small House Farm.

◆ 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, "Preserving the Harvest." Learn ways to store garden-grown vegetables and herbs for use during winter.

◆ 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, "An Evening with William Rapai," author of "The Kirtland's Warbler" and "Lake Invaders: Invasive

Species and the Battle for the Future of the Great Lakes."

SOC

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

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

◆ 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 8 to Dec. 8, Conversational French with Dib Saab. Registration is required.

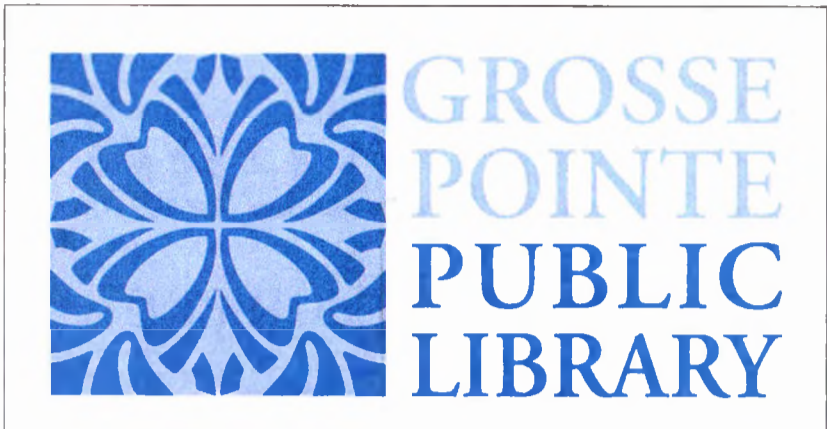
◆ 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, "Demystifying Alzheimer's Disease," with Rhonda Hamborsky, certified dementia practitioner and gerontology student. Reservations are required.

◆ 1:15 to 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, and Thursday, Sept. 14, AARP Driver Safety Program, with Rosa Hunter. Cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Reservations are required.

Call (313) 882-9600.

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GPPL rolls out new strategic plan, membership in MiLibrary



Next month, Grosse Pointe Public Library will enact its new strategic plan and enroll in the MiLibrary program. Library employees, library board members and community patrons have spent the past year creating a five-year strategic plan to meet the evolving needs of the community.

"We are so proud of our strategic plan to create the Grosse Pointe Public Library of the future," said Library Board President Elizabeth Vogel. "The staff, Friends, Foundation and community stakeholders have invested a great deal of time and talent into the plan and we truly believe the plan is a reflection of the needs, desires and values of the Grosse Pointe community."

A main focus of the strategic plan is making sure staff is being offered the tools and resources necessary to help make these changes. Library staff members are vital to a successful outcome. Staff members have had, and will continue to have, access to professional development opportunities such as conferences, webinars and workshops. Furthermore, investments are being made into new technology to increase staff efficiency.

"Throughout the planning process, we were very aware that our staff is our greatest asset at the Grosse Pointe Public Library," Director Jessica Keyser said. "The

strategic plan will empower the staff to continue to grow and provide the best services to the community."

Investments also will be made in technology for digital content for the library. The library's website is already in the process of being redesigned to make it more user-friendly. As the GPPL continues to grow, its staff members will increase as well. The GPPL aims to be a center for lifelong learning in the community.

Additionally, coinciding with the start of the school year, the library will join many other Michigan libraries as part of the MiLibrary program. This program, which is free for patrons, allows GPPL users to borrow books from other participating libraries throughout the state. Library members simply need to register at one of the three

branches and receive a MiLibrary sticker on their library card. This sticker will allow patrons to access materials from other libraries. There are participating academic libraries, as well, which can offer patrons a different selection of reads and more in-depth information on specific topics.

"What a great thrill for Grosse Pointe library cardholders to visit libraries in other Michigan cities and see and hear what programs they have created and services they offer," said Sandy MacMechan, GPPL trustee, who initiated the MiLibrary partnership.

Sign up for MiLibrary begins Tuesday, Sept. 5. For more information about the program, or upcoming changes with the strategic plan, call the GPPL at (313) 343-2074 or visit gp.lib.mi.us.

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Ready for action

Marine recreation center opens at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A world-class sailing center underwent a few finishing touches just in time for the start of the high school sailing season.

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club kicked off the opening of its marine recreation center with an open house for members Aug. 6. The building includes such amenities as restrooms, a refrigerator and sink, as well as a water bottle filling station. A second-floor classroom area includes access to a balcony spanning three sides of the building.

"The nice thing is on an inclement weather day, we can train kids in here, bring a boat inside," said Jim Morrow, president of the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation. "This is a world-class sailing center. We're proud to kick that off."

Doors and windows can open on all sides to keep the building cool during warm weather and the upper level deck provides a bird's-eye view of activity below.

"The view from up



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Left, the sailing center. Above, a view from the upper deck.

there ... looks like you're standing right on the water," Morrow said.

The center will host youth programs, high school sailing students and leadership/team building programs. For example, eight executives and two experienced sailors will divide among two boats and work together to sail.

"We see this as a perfect opportunity to do (team building)," Morrow said. "Plus, it exposes more people to our world and what we do."

What they do includes

hosting the Junior Olympic Regatta Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8 and 9, featuring 100 kids from across the Midwest.

"It will include all different kinds of boats from all over the Midwest," Morrow said. "That'll be the first time we'll actually have the full facility out of here."

Additionally, any number of high school sailors from five local high schools will sail from the yacht club this season.

The building also will host spectators for stadium sailing events. The

third such race of the year takes place Sunday, Sept. 17.

"Stadium sailing is open to the public," Morrow said. "We welcome folks to come and see it."

Its most recent stadium sailing event drew quite a crowd, he said.

Morrow said the stadium sailing program will expand next year and hopes to draw more people to the yacht club for the event.

Benjamin Klatcka, head of the Premiere Sailing League, is help-

ing develop the stadium sailing concept at the yacht club.

"It's nice that you can see it really close," he said. "Parents usually cannot be along the race track, but here, they stay on the wall and can see their kids. It's a lovely thing. It's awesome to be here in Grosse Pointe to get the youth back in sailing."

During the next stadium sailing event, a drone will capture the event as it happens and livestream it to a television in the sailing center — one of many new offerings that have been a long time coming.

"This has been two years in planning," Morrow said. "We still

have a few tweaks to make, but we're basically there. Everything has been made to be very flexible. Nothing's fixed and that's really an advantage."

For example, a set of bleachers can be used for outdoor seating during an event, serve as a table for students to eat their lunches and can be rolled inside for additional seating.

"We'll have all of our marine activities in one place," Morrow said. "They were scattered before. There was no storage. Now there's easy launch, which will promote more use."

"Philosophically, there

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

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By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Peter Ciaravino has put in a ton of time in the weight room this off-season to set himself apart from the pack as he prepares for what he hopes is a fantastic senior year of high school football at Grosse Pointe North.

The 17-year-old is coming off a stellar junior year on the grid-iron.

He was the most valuable player of the Great American Rivalry Series Game against Grosse Pointe South, set a school record with 688 receiving yards and was First Team All-League.

Ciaravino caught 31 passes with eight touchdowns, one for 62 yards. He also had three carries for 30 yards, returned a kickoff and punt.

On defense, he had three interceptions, returning one for a touchdown, recovered two fumbles and was one of the Norsemen's top defensive backs as the team finished 8-3 overall.

"I'm ready for a great



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

North senior Peter Ciaravino, No. 22, is a college recruit and is excited to play his final year of high school football.

senior season," Ciaravino said. "I've worked hard to get to this level and now I need to finish strong with my teammates. We had a great summer of 7-on-7s and the team played well."

Ciaravino is being recruited to play college football and some of the schools interested in his talents are Olivet, Trinity, Hillsdale, Valparaiso and Indiana Wesleyan.

He has begun the arduous task of making college visits and talking to college coaches.

Practice started Monday, Aug. 7, and the first of nine regular season games is set for

Thursday, Aug. 24.

Ciaravino will take the winter off and live in the weight room before embarking on his final year of high school baseball.

Offensively, Ciaravino hit 413, with 35 runs scored, 15 doubles, one triple, one home run, 20 RBIs and 14 stolen bases.

Ciaravino earned All-State recognition and has a good chance to repeat the honor his senior season.

He also gets it done in the classroom where he carries a 3.64 grade point average. He is thinking about a career in business law.

LIGGETT

Warezak is healthy

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett senior Spencer Warezak is ready to take on his final year of high school, thanks to battling through a long road to recovery from a back injury.

During his freshman year of lacrosse, the 18-year-old Warezak hurt the lower part of his back during a game. He didn't think anything of it and shrugged it off as the usual bumps and bruises associated with high school lacrosse.

He progressively worsened and after several tests, it was revealed he literally had a broken back.

"It was quite a blow to my sports seasons since it was a big time for recruiting," Warezak said.

Through several months of therapy and patience, Warezak was back on the ice for hockey and played a couple of games at the end of his sophomore season.

He also was able to play lacrosse and helped first-year head coach Mike Costanzo and the Knights put together a

solid season.

"It was a long road back to playing, but I was thankful to not have surgery and just use physical therapy to get back to the field," Warezak said. "I really missed playing and it wasn't fun sitting out all the time."

Warezak came back with a vengeance and played well during the summer heading into his junior year of high school.

He played on a high level travel team and played well in several lacrosse college showcase tournaments.

Warezak started his junior year by helping the Liggett boys' tennis team win a Division 4 state championship under head coach Mark Sobieralski. He played No. 3 doubles with Craig Buhler and they won their flight.

"I love playing for coach Mark," Warezak said. "He tells us like it is and I like that. He doesn't beat around the bush and he knows we have a team full of good athletes, which is one reason why we won the state title."

Warezak also was playing ice hockey for new head coach Mike Maltese

before ending his final year of high school playing his favorite sport, lacrosse.

As a junior, Warezak earned Division 2 All-State recognition, scoring 33 goals with 43 assists for 76 points.

Two of the college programs he is looking at are Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, and Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. Bates' men's lacrosse team finished the 2017 season 16-2 overall under head coach Peter Lasagna. Dickinson finished 12-4 under head coach Dave Webster.

"I have several college choices, but I know I can play high level lacrosse at Bates or Dickinson," Warezak said. "I'm healthy and ready for a great senior year of high school. It will be fun making college visits and ultimately picking a college where I will earn a degree and get ready for another chapter in my life."

Warezak recently played in a national all-star lacrosse game, which was viewed on television.

His mother, Shari, was able to watch her son score a goal.

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Duff's commitment to Oregon a relief

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's Chandler Duff enters her final year of high school with a major obstacle behind her.

The 17-year-old will not have to endure the ordeal of sending a dozen applications to colleges since she committed to play women's volleyball and be a student-athlete at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Ore.

She will officially sign her National Letter-of-Intent in November during the NCAA's early signing period.

"It's a big relief to get the college choice out of the way," Duff said. "It took a lot of time and traveling to visit the colleges, but once I stepped foot on Oregon's campus and saw how nice it is, I instantly fell in love with it."

"I knew this was the college for me and now I can't wait for my senior year to finish so I can get to Oregon."

Some of the colleges Duff visited included USC, Florida, Arizona State, Arizona, Long Beach State, Michigan State University, Michigan, Pepperdine, The Ohio State, San Diego State and San Diego.

Duff now gets to enjoy the Pacific Northwest for her four years of college life. She takes her official visit the weekend of Sept. 8.

"I'm excited to go to Oregon and see student life and athletics during my stay," Duff said. "I can't wait to play for coach Matt Ulmer and the Ducks."

Duff plays for one of the top AAU volleyball programs in the nation, Legacy Volleyball Club. She is a member of the Elite Team, which travels the country competing against other top-ranked squads. This elite level of competition and training has helped Duff develop

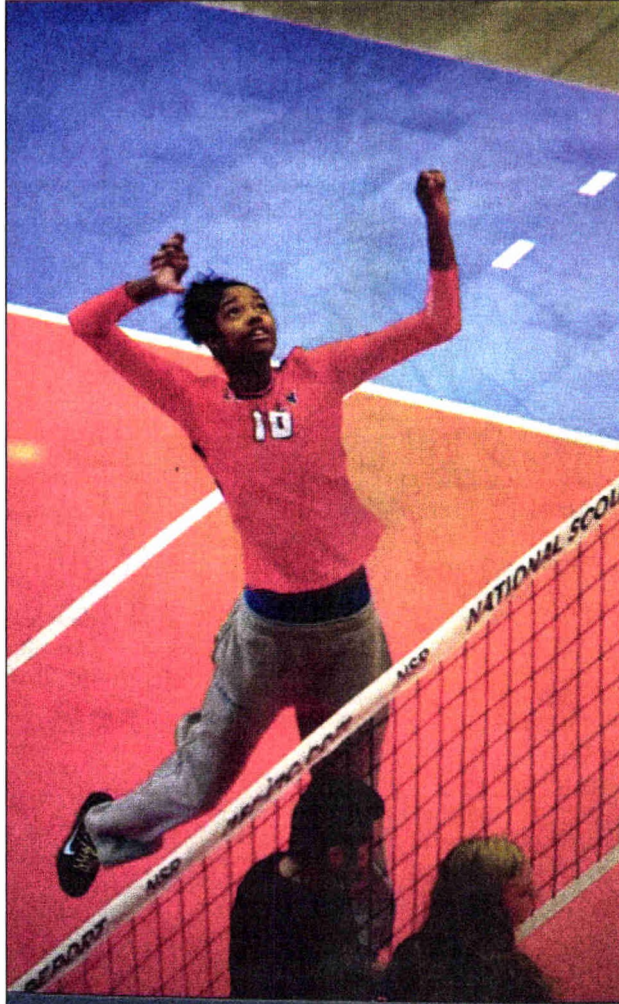


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South's Chandler Duff is the No. 1 offensive option for the Blue Devils volleyball team this season and is heading to the University of Oregon to play NCAA Division I volleyball.

into one of the top recruits in the state.

At 6 feet, 2 inches, Duff will be a standout on the Grosse Pointe South girls' volleyball team this fall. With the graduation of Lexi Kohut, now a freshman at Appalachian State University, the Blue Devils' offense will run through Duff.

Her blocking ability at the net also will be an asset as the Blue Devils' coaching staff has the luxury of having an NCAA Division I volleyball player on their roster.

"I'm looking to have a good senior season with my coaches and teammates," Duff said. "I'm going to work hard and be a good captain."

"Chandler's mother and I are happy for her and now she can focus on getting good grades and playing volleyball this year," said her father,

Dwayne Duff. "Now that she is committed, it should take pressure off of Chandler so now she can relax and play hard."

She also gets the job done in the classroom where she carries a 3.5 grade point average. Her early ambitions for life after volleyball include law or sports marketing. Oregon is sponsored by Nike and the company has a huge affiliation with the Ducks.

Duff leaves for Oregon at the end of June, shortly after she graduates from South. For now, Duff's high school season began with official practice Wednesday, Aug. 9.

"I know my senior year is going to fly by, so I plan to enjoy everything I possibly can before I leave for college," Duff said. "I know I have to continue to get good grades and get better on the volleyball court."

Baseball

LITTLE LEAGUE



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World Series

The coaches and players of the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores 12U squad took their official Little League World Series team photo, above, and competed in Williamsport last weekend. The team lost its first game, 5-1, to Texas. A four-run third inning was the difference. They faced New Jersey in an elimination game Saturday, Aug. 19, and lost 15-5. They ended the run with an 11-7 win over Italy. Pictured above are Jordan Arseneau, Adam Ayrault, Braden Campbell, Matthew Greene, Tommy Harris, Drew Hill, Jack Jones, Ryan Jones, Will Pflaum, Joe Randazzo, Chase Reinhard, Tommy Schoeck and Joe Wisniewski, Jason Hill, manager, and assistant coaches Andy Ayrault and Marc Arseneau.

Sailing



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Champs

Grosse Pointe Woods' Hanson Bratton, owner of TAZ, recently won the T-10 North American Championship in Chicago. Posing with the winning banner are, from left, Taylor Canfield, Chris Clark, Tim Kelly, Alex Hume, Hanson Bratton, Spencer Colpaert and Austin Colpaert. There were 30 competitors and after the seven races were complete, Bratton won the event with 26 points, two points ahead of runner-up Nick Ward and Greg Kinney and their sailboat, Proper Villain. TAZ and Proper Villain made it a two-team competition as the third-place finisher, Donald Wilson aboard Convergence, was a distant 12 points back.



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Football

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils field young squad

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's football team turns to youth this season as head coach Tim Brandon tries to keep his program going strong.

"We lost a ton of good football players, so this year we are very young," Brandon said. "However, we have a good group of coachable young men who love playing football."

They finished 8-4 in 2016.

"I think it will take a little time to get everyone on the same page, but once we do we will be ready."

Brandon enters his 11th season at the helm of the Blue Devils. During his first 10, he led the team to six wins over arch rival Grosse Pointe North, five division championships and seven playoff appearances.

Included in the win total is a first-ever Macomb Area Conference White Division crown last fall when the Blue Devils finished 5-0 and another



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South senior Cam Shook is one of the states best place kickers and is headed to the Naval Academy next fall.

playoff appearance. They beat North to win a district crown, but lost in a regional final to Birmingham Groves the

following week.

Leading the charge this fall is senior quarterback Davis Graham. He spent the last two seasons start-

ing on the defensive side, but now he is the offensive general.

"Davis is fast, smart and a leader," Brandon

said. "He will be a good quarterback this season."

Running the ball are Jermaine Young and Connor McKenna, and wide receivers are Jacob Hinkle, Scott Rosati and Alex Saurbier.

Riley Francis will line up at tight end and protecting Graham are linemen Aidan Davila, Evan Bolles, Owen Chen, Anthony DerManulian and Patrick O'Meara.

"We have some tall receivers and Riley is a tall tight end," Brandon said. "They give Davis good targets to throw to."

On the defensive side of the ball, look for Steve Wiedeman, Ray Taylor, Kal Nardone and Terrence Lane to rush the quarterback. Linebackers are Miles Dearing, Collin McQueen and Ed Kotula, while the defensive backs are Hinkle, Ryan Downey, Patrick Dougherty and Owen Bollaert.

Brandon also has a weapon in the kicking game. Senior Cam Shook is back to punt and kick field goals. He has a strong leg and the potential to kick 20 field goals this season. Shook has committed to the Naval

Academy.

"Cam gives us a lot of confidence in our kicking game," Brandon said. "If we are in field goal range, Cam will get us three points, plus his punting has helped us win the field position battle. Cam is a nice player who will go on to kick at Navy, a Division 1 program."

South is the defending MAC White Division champs, but winning it again will not be easy.

Runner-up L'Anse Creuse North has a talented quarterback, while Utica, Utica Ford and Anchor Bay provide stiff challenges. Fraser also is in the division and might finish last.

In cross-overs, the Blue Devils face Romeo and Warren Mott of the MAC Red Division and arch rival Grosse Pointe North of the MAC Blue Division. The opener is against Detroit Public Schools foe Cody.

"Our division is going to be tough and winning it will be a challenge, but we are up for it," Brandon said. "Our entire schedule is a challenge, but we will plan one game at a time and play hard."

LIGGETT

New foes arise

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Dan Cimini and his Knights are coming off one of the best seasons in program history, winning a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title, MIAC playoff title and first-round state playoff game.

However, gone are several talented graduates and the Knights now call the Catholic League home.

They are in the Intersectional 1 Division, along with Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Macomb Lutheran North, Riverview Gabriel Richard and Allen Park Cabrini.

"We are ready for the challenge," Cimini said. "We are going to be better than people think, but one thing we don't have is depth. We have to stay healthy."

The Knights have 20 players on the roster, including returning seniors Colin McMann, Fayez Ali-Ahmad and Des Darby.

Other returning players are juniors Brady McCarron, Mickey



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett sophomore Mickey Walkowiak steps in as one of the Knights' top receivers.

Walkowiak, Connor Barthel and David Chang; and sophomores Ian Narva, Drew Zelenak, Anthony Greene, William Gregory, Rocco Tedesco and Daniel McMann.

Newcomers to the team are juniors Zack Elliott and Danny Bowen, and freshmen Giorgio Malkoun, Cameron Strong and Dominic Cimini.

Narva takes over as the starting quarterback. The top back is McCarron and watch for Walkowiak and Bowen as go-to receivers.

Now that the Knights reside in the Catholic League, their schedule is tougher and they have

three cross-over games against teams from the Intersectional 2 Division, Our Lady of the Lakes, Clarkston Everest Collegiate Academy and Royal Oak Shrine.

The other two foes for the Knights are Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest and Climax-Scotts.

Liggett's season opener is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, at Our Lady of the Lakes.

"We have a better team than people expect," Cimini said. "The key to our success is limiting turnovers and staying healthy."

"We have goals and we can fulfill those with a team effort."

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen field strong skill set

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

This season could be special for the Grosse Pointe North football team.

Everything is heading in the right direction for head coach Frank Sumbera. His Norsemen come off another winning campaign where they finished 8-3 and won a state playoff game before losing to arch rival Grosse Pointe South in a district title game.

One sour note is the varsity team is going to have between 42 and 45 players, which is down from years past.

"We look good heading into the season," Sumbera said. "We have a very experienced quarterback, a top back to run the ball and good receivers, so all the skill positions are ready."

"We have a new line coming in on both sides of the ball, but they will get better with reps. We feel good heading into the season, but we lack depth with lower numbers, so we have to stay healthy."

Leading the offense is senior quarterback Bjorn Bjornsson, a team captain. This is his third season under center and he brings a wealth of experience to the position. Senior Sheldon Cage is the running back. He is 6 foot, 3 inches, 205 pounds, and has the speed to get outside and run for long touchdowns.

Darrick Hollowell is the fullback. He will get his carries each game and help open holes.

Catching the ball are Peter Ciaravino and John



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North senior Bjorn Bjornsson is a three-year starter at quarterback for head coach Frank Sumbera.

Lizza, both captains. Ciaravino set a school record for receiving yards last season and has the potential to break that again this fall.

Look for Anthony Oliver, Tyler Hill and Joe Salisbury to see passes thrown their way.

On the offensive line, Brett Carlson is the anchor at center. Brendan Berger, River Kirklin, Zachary Melendez and Zach Hoglebre are guards and tackles.

"We're going to open up the offense more this season," Sumbera said. "We have a quarterback who can throw and guys who will go up and catch it. Plus Cage can run or catch, so look for a little more diversity."

The Norsemen shouldn't have a problem scoring points with so many play makers.

Defensively, Jordan Gray, Erickson Glazard and several others are linemen, while Lizza, Taylor Purnell and

JonJon Perkins make up the linebacking corp.

Defensive backs are Malik McPherson, Ray Hamilton, Karon Henderson and Jaylin Ford.

The Norsemen finished second at 4-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division in 2016. Defending champ Warren Cousino fields another strong team and Port Huron is always a challenge. L'Anse Creuse has a new coach and Roseville is solid. Sterling Heights is the final division foe.

In non-league play, North has only three games instead of four. Detroit Northwestern was dropped from the schedule due to a schedule conflict.

The other non-league foes are arch rival Grosse Pointe South, Romeo and Marine City.

North's game with L'Anse Creuse is 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, on the road.



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Volleyball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen have right pieces

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Chelsea Brozo has assembled a girls' volleyball team which could be one of the best Grosse Pointe North has had in a decade.

Two seniors, Meredith Kraus and Abby Kanakry, have verbally committed to play volleyball at Aquinas College and Northern Kentucky University, respectively, and will play a big part in the Norsemen's attempt at greatness.

Brozo also has other returning seniors who bring a wealth of experience to the squad, Anna Post, Rachel Malinowski, Kirstin Bessette and Kelly Brewer.

In addition, juniors Regan Sliwinski and Evelyn Zacharias return. They also bring a lot of tangibles to the program.

"We have a lot of height this season and we emphasized blocking, blocking and blocking this off-season," Brozo said. "We have to get more aggressive attacking and serving and if we can put it all together, we should have good volleyball team."

Newcomers to varsity are Maria Zaki, Jamie Brewer, Tatiana Mahoney, Camryn



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North senior Meredith Kraus has verbally committed to Aquinas College.

Simon, Rachel Liagre, Riley Pucas and Sara Schaden.

The Norsemen feature six girls who are 5 foot, 10 inches to 6 foot, 2 inches in height. They should have a distinct advantage at the net against most teams.

"We still have to be aggressive at the net and block effectively," Brozo said. "These girls know the game and they have a will to win. I think this gives us an advantage over teams I've coached in the past."

The Norsemen under-achieved last fall, finishing 3-7 in the Macomb

Area Conference Red Division and 16-25-2 overall. They did win a district title before bowing out in the regionals.

This season, the Norsemen should contend in a tough MAC Red Division, competing against favored Marysville, Anchor Bay, Utica Eisenhower, Romeo and Macomb Dakota.

North hosts a district tournament this season, with Roseville, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore and Eastpointe East Detroit also battling for the title.

LIGGETT



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett's Teagan Cornell is looking to have a stellar senior season for head coach Derek Arena.

Veterans ready

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Derek Arena enters his second season at the helm of University Liggett's volleyball program.

His Knights improved last fall, winning a lot of matches and earning a district championship.

Most of the players return as the Knights prepare for their first year in as a member of the Catholic League.

They are in the West Division with Marine City Cardinal Mooney, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Chesterfield Austin Catholic, Detroit Cristo Rey, West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy and Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart.

"We have a great group

of girls who like to practice and they want to get better," Arena said. "We have a very competitive schedule, which will challenge the girls. We want to win a division and district title, so the girls have their work cut out."

Leading the way are seniors Delaney Bandos, Kate Zinn, Olivia Ponte, Tegan Jones, Teagan Cornell, Allison Cobb and Morgan Connell.

Other returners are juniors Mary Weiermiller and Lucy Barnowske, as well as sophomores Bella Cubba, Isabella Tomlinson, Ava Cipriano and Melanie Zampardo.

Besides the six division matches, the Knights face Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, St. Clair Shores South Lake, Clarkston Everest

Collegiate Academy and compete in tri-matches at Lutheran Northwest, Lutheran Westland and Harbor Beach.

They also compete in several invitationals, including one at Blissfield to end the regular season Saturday, Oct. 28.

The Knights are in a Class C district against host New Haven, Clintondale, Detroit Pershing, Mount Clemens and Warren Michigan Collegiate.

The strength of the Knights is senior experience with defensive standouts Cornell and Bandos. Both are excellent at serve receive and digging. Cubba is a 6-foot hitter who played club ball for Legacy, so she has improved her game.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Experience helps Blue Devils prep

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' volleyball team has enjoyed a ton of success the past few seasons, winning district and regional titles.

One thing is missing, a division crown.

Hopefully co-coaches Krysta Kreyger and Kevin Nugent can lean on University of Oregon commit, senior Chandler Duff, and her veteran teammates Charlotte Brecht, Gretchen Brockway, Cindy Hogan, Ally MacLeod, Gabby Peruski, Savannah Srebernak and Lauren Toenjes, to capture the elusive title.

"We have eight players returning to our team this year," Kreyger said. "Each of these returners, along with five new faces on the roster, will help our team succeed."

"We are very well-rounded in each position and have many leaders on this team."



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's Chandler Duff is a standout who is ready to shine during her senior year as a Blue Devil.

They have size in the front court with Duff the tallest at 6 foot, 2 inches. Brecht and Toenjes are near 6 feet in height, too.

The Blue Devils finished second at 8-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division last fall, losing twice to champ Sterling Heights Stevenson. They were 26-9-1 overall.

This could be the sea-

son the Blue Devils finish atop the White Division, competing against Stevenson, Chippewa Valley, Port Huron Northern, L'Anse Creuse and L'Anse Creuse North.

The Blue Devils host arch rival Grosse Pointe North Thursday, Sept. 7.

"We start the season off with two tournaments that will challenge us," Kreyger said.

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Cross country

LIGGETT

Knights set sights on new challenges

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' and girls' cross country program is in solid shape heading into the new season.

They said goodbye to the Michigan Independent Athletic Association and said hello to the Catholic League. However, despite the change, head coach Lindsey Bachman has a good nucleus of runners to build on.

"Overall, our numbers are a bit down from last year (especially on the boys side)," Bachman said. "We graduated some strong seniors on both sides and lost two returning juniors (one boy, one girl) and one sophomore girl to outside club sports. All three were varsity contributors last year.

"Despite our smaller numbers, this year should be our fastest one yet. Not only on the top end, but our spread from our first through fifth runners should be our tightest yet. Many of our kids have logged their most solid and consistent summer training yet, and this sets them up well to push their training and racing to new heights this fall.

"We are looking forward to a great final season of racing from our three senior captains, Annelies Ondersma, a fourth-year varsity runner, our top returning girl and two-time most valuable player who is looking to run in college; Michael Ellis, fourth-year varsity runner, top returning boy; and Andrew Loner, a third-year runner."

In total, the Knights have 10 seniors and nine sophomores.

"We are looking forward to a breakout season from Sadie Ancona, who was out with a stress fracture most of last season, and some fast quality running from Kelin Flynn and Ashton



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Most of the University Liggett boys and girls return to the 2017 squad, hoping to make it back to the state finals at Michigan International Speedway.

Pongratz, who will be joining us full time this year and is a transfer from tennis," Bachman said. "We have a few new freshmen to add to the mix on the girls side who have great energy and show good potential, and a sophomore transfer from South who is running very well, but will have to sit out this season due to transfer eligibility. She will join us for track."

The Knights also compete in a new region and moved up to Division 3, which means new courses, new teams, new meet schedule and new competition.

"While you could look at it as a bit intimidating, I find it all rather exciting," Bachman said. "It's a new chapter for Liggett XC, a fresh start and a

call up. Of course some growing pains are to be expected with a transition like this, but we are ready to embrace the challenge and excited for the opportunity to race at a higher level.

"I've done my fair share of result scouting and number crunching from last year, but rather than focusing our team's energy and strategy on how we will stack up against others, I am keeping our team focused internally. Put in the time, train smart, trust the process and race hard — keep it simple, because that's the beauty of running.

"I want them to learn to train and race with heart and purpose no matter who their competition is. Their ability is the same

no matter who is toeing the line next to them. Our goal this season is to maximize our individual and collective potential as a team and to be students of our sport in our new league and division. If we do that, and that is tall order, our season will be a success."

The boys' squad, which made the state finals last fall, is composed of Kelin Flynn, Pongratz, Michael Sherman, Ian Shogren, Michael Ellis, Andrew Loner and Tristan Shogren.

The girls also made the state finals and their squad is much larger. It is composed of Katelyn Hayes, Sophia Ma, Alisa McCrary, Ancona, Margaret Hartigan, Ava Henness, Darshana Subramaniam, Evie

Ugval, Emma Leonard, Lauren McKenzie, Karina Minnanov, Ondersma, Lauren Porter, Saudia Tate and Tatiyana Wallace.

Besides the Catholic League meets, the Knights run in the Center Line, Ramblin' Rock, Holly, James Cleverly, Hanson's and Wayne County invitationals.

The regional meet is Saturday, Oct. 28, at Goodells Park in Algonac and the state final is set for Saturday, Nov. 4, at Michigan International Speedway.

Liggett's Division 3 regional meet at Algonac has several tough opponents.

Competing teams are Almont, Bad Axe, Brown City, Burton-Bendle, Capac, Detroit Central,

Detroit Edison PSA, Detroit Denby, Detroit Henry Ford, Detroit Henry Ford Academy, Detroit Pershing, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Marlette, Memphis, New Haven, Otisville Lakeville Memorial, Pontiac Academy for Excellence, Richmond, Sandusky, Southfield Bradford Academy and Warren Michigan Collegiate.

The top three teams make the state finals, while individuals from non-state qualifying squads also earn a spot in the state meet.

The move up to Division 3 will mean more quality opponents, so the Knights' runners will have to step up their game to qualify for the state meet.

University Liggett KNIGHTS

2017 FALL VARSITY SCHEDULES

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/25/17	Our Lady of the Lakes	A	7:30PM
08/31/17	Lutheran Northwest	H	5:00PM
09/09/17	Climax-Scotts	H	2:00PM
09/15/17	Gabriel Richard	H	5:00PM
09/23/17	Everest Collegiate	H	2:30PM
09/30/17	Lutheran North	H	1:30PM
10/06/17	Cabrini	A	7:00PM
13/13/17	Cranbrook	A	7:00PM
10/20/17	Shrine Catholic	H	4:00PM

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/18/17	Portland	A	8:30AM
08/22/17	Port Huron Northern	H	8:00AM
08/24/17	Forest Hills Northern	A	8:00AM
08/26/17	Grosse Ile	H	8:00AM
08/29/17	Liggett Invitational	H	8:30AM
09/05/17	University of Detroit Jesuit	H	4:00PM
09/09/17	Almont	H	8:00AM
09/12/17	Greenhills	A	4:00PM
09/16/17	Holly	A	8:00AM
09/18/17	Brother Rice	A	4:30PM
09/20/17	Detroit Catholic Central	A	4:00PM
09/23/17	Utica Eisenhower	H	8:00AM
09/26/17	Cranbrook	H	4:30PM
10/02/17	Wylie E. Groves	A	4:00PM
10/03/17	Troy	A	4:00PM
10/10/17	Grosse Pointe North	H	4:00PM
10/12/17	Regionals	H	8:30AM
10/20/17	State Finals	A	9:00AM
10/21/17	State Finals	A	9:00AM

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/21/17	Parkway Christian	H	4:30PM
08/29/17	Inter-City Baptist	H	4:30PM
08/31/17	Detroit Cristo Rey	A	5:30PM
09/05/17	Cabrini	H	6:00PM
09/11/17	Gabriel Richard Riverview	H	6:00PM
09/14/17	St. Mary Catholic Central	A	5:30PM
09/19/17	Gabriel Richard Ann Arbor	H	6:00PM
09/22/17	Cabrini	A	4:30PM
09/26/17	Detroit Cristo Rey	H	6:00PM
09/28/17	Gabriel Richard Riverview	A	6:00PM
09/30/17	Shrine Catholic	H	11:00AM
10/06/17	Gabriel Richard Ann Arbor	A	5:30PM
10/09/17	Greenhills	A	4:30PM
10/10/17	Summit Sports Academy	H	4:30PM
10/13/17	Parkway Christian	A	4:30PM
10/16/17	Districts Week	H	TBA

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/18/17	River Rouge	A	9:00AM
08/22/17	Harbor Beach	A	6:00PM
08/28/17	Greenhills	A	9:00AM
08/31/17	Inter-City Baptist	A	6:30PM
09/12/17	Frankel Jewish Academy	H	6:00PM
09/14/17	South Lake	H	6:00PM
09/16/17	Parkway Christian	A	8:45AM
09/19/17	Austin Catholic	A	5:30PM
09/26/17	Academy of Sacred Heart	H	6:00PM
09/28/17	Everest Collegiate	A	6:30PM
10/03/17	Cardinal Mooney Catholic	H	6:00PM
10/05/17	Detroit Cristo Rey	A	TBA
10/10/17	Tri-Match	A	6:15PM
10/12/17	Greenhills	A	6:30PM
10/14/17	Homer	A	8:00AM
10/23/17	Lutheran Westland	A	5:00PM
10/28/17	Blissfield	A	9:00AM
10/30/17	Districts	A	TBA

BOYS/GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/19/17	Grosse Pointe North	A	9:00AM
08/31/17	Center Line	A	4:15PM
09/09/17	Ramblin' Rock Salem	A	9:30AM
09/12/17	Gabriel Richard Riverview	A	4:15PM
09/16/17	Holly	A	9:00AM
09/22/17	James Cleverly Invitational	A	4:30PM
09/26/17	CHSL Meet	A	TBA
09/30/17	Hanson's Invitational	A	9:00AM
10/07/17	Wayne County Championship	A	10:00AM
10/10/17	CHSL Meet	A	TBA
10/28/17	Regionals	A	10:00AM
11/04/17	State Meet	A	10:00AM

GIRLS VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/12/17	East Grand Rapids	A	9:00AM
08/15/17	Maumee Valley Country Day	H	10:00AM
08/22/17	Dearborn	H	4:30PM
08/26/17	Forest Hills Central	H	1:00PM
09/05/17	St. Catherine of Siena	A	4:30PM
09/11/17	Edsel Ford	H	4:30PM
09/12/17	Regina	A	4:30PM
09/18/17	Grosse Pointe North	H	4:30PM
09/20/17	Clarkston High School	A	5:30PM
09/25/17	Gabriel Richard Ann Arbor	H	4:30PM
09/28/17	West Bloomfield	H	4:30PM
09/30/17	Greenhills	H	12:00PM
10/02/17	Farmington	A	4:15PM
10/05/17	CHSL	A	TBA
10/10/17	Brighton	A	5:00PM
10/12/17	Cranbrook	H	4:15PM
10/13/17	Pinckney	A	6:00PM

Tennis

Programs aim for spot in state finals

LIGGETT

Knights start year ranked 1st

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' tennis team is physically and mentally prepared to defend its Division 4 state championship.

Most of the players return for head coach Mark Sobieralski, including senior captains Christian Ilitch, Tommy Van Pelt and Andrew Staricco.

Other returning seniors are Spencer Warezak, Maddie Fozo, Casey Scoggin and Craig Buhler.

"They aren't just tennis players, but athletes, and I like that about our players," Sobieralski said. "Everyone has worked hard in the off-season to improve their skills and they want to play well and win another state title."

"It's not going to be easy because (Ann Arbor) Greenhills is good and well-coached and Traverse City St. Francis is good, too."

The Knights finally climbed the mountain last season, ousting Greenhills atop the Division 4 standings. Now, the Knights are the team to beat, plus move to the Catholic League

where they play in the Central Division, with Greenhills, Birmingham Brother Rice, Novi Catholic Central, U-D Jesuit and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

"We are in a brutal division with great teams, so playing this loaded schedule will have our players more than ready for the regional and state tournament," Sobieralski said. "Our kids are up to the challenge."

Returning underclassmen are Alec Azar, Victor Logan, Matt Lesha and Patrick Ilitch.

Newcomers are senior Nick Amato and freshmen William Cooksey, a nationally ranked player, and Ryan Warezak.

Cooksey, Christian Ilitch, Scoggin and Staricco will play singles. Sobieralski is still tinkering with his doubles lineups.

The Knights compete in seven invitationals, as well as non-league matches against state-ranked foes Birmingham Groves and Troy. They also face city rival Grosse Pointe North.

Liggett hosts a regional tournament this season Thursday, Oct. 12. Competing teams are Robichaud, Detroit University Prep, Grosse Ile, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, Plymouth Christian Academy and Frankel Jewish Academy.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Roster spots available

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach John Willard lost six seniors last season, leaving holes in his varsity lineup.

"It's given a lot of players an extra boost to win those spots, which has made practice very competitive this season," Willard said of his Grosse Pointe South boys' tennis team as it heads into the 2017 campaign.

The Blue Devils' lone returning seniors are Teddy Sweeney and Alex Acker. However, they have a plethora of returning juniors, Michael Willard, Sean Miller, Sam Packer, Turner Sine and Mickey Kuchta. In addition, sophomore Kenny Prather is back, giving coach Willard eight veterans.

Newcomers to the team are senior Dylan Haggarty, junior John Lynch and freshmen Jacob Harris and Jackson Marchal.

"I hope to have nice leadership from this group of returning players and so far in practice they have set great examples for our younger guys," Willard said.

The Blue Devils won the Macomb Area Conference Red Division

regular season title last season with a 4-0 mark. The Red Division does not have a season-ending tournament.

This season, look for a deeper division with South and Port Huron Northern the favorites. However, St. Clair is vastly improved and Grosse Pointe North always gives chase.

South hosts its Division 1 regional tournament, as always, Thursday, Oct. 12, and the teams competing are heavy favorite Troy, Troy Athens, Dearborn Fordson, Detroit Cass Tech, Fraser, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Utica Ford and Warren Mott.

"Troy should walk away with the title, but our goal is to make the state finals and we need to battle for that No. 2 spot," Willard said. "Our guys are working hard and having some fun. We have goals and we will work hard to attain those."

The non-league schedule is tough and includes Detroit Country Day, Ann Arbor Skyline, Ann Arbor Huron, Troy Athens, Sterling Heights, Troy, Novi Catholic Central and Birmingham Brother Rice.

Willard knows the importance of scheduling a good mix of competition to get his players in the best possible frame of mind entering the pressure of the state regional tournament.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Seniors to lead charge

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' tennis team enters the 2017 season with a big senior class and optimism it can make the state finals for a 21st straight season.

Head coach John Van Alst has junior Hunter Williams at No. 1 singles and the returning seniors are David Daher, Blake Graham, Ethan Aziz, Sonny Mulpuri, Blake Danna, Billy Steigelman and Kenny Heaton. In addition, junior Joe Haney is a returning varsity player.

The Norsemen finished 2-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last season and made the Division 2 state finals after taking second in a regional tournament at Warren Woods-Tower.

"St. Clair may be the strongest team in the MAC Red this year," Van Alst said. "The MAC Red teams have been really close with respect to the talent of their teams and the match scores reflect the same. The final results for the MAC Red will depend greatly on how the players perform during the conference matches."

Grosse Pointe South

'The MAC Red teams have been really close with respect to the talent of their teams.'

JOHN VANALST,
North head coach

and Port Huron Northern also reside in the MAC Red and have dominated the division standings the past decade.

North is hosting the regional tournament Friday, Oct. 13, after missing out on the task last fall.

The competing teams are L'Anse Creuse, Port Huron, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Sterling Heights, Woods-Tower, Warren Cousino and Warren DeLaSalle.

U-D Jesuit was placed in a different regional and L'Anse Creuse took its place.

The Norsemen's schedule includes tough opponents, such as Ann Arbor Greenhills, University Liggett, U-D Jesuit and Grosse Ile.

Plus, the team competes in several invitations against state-ranked squads.

VanAlst's schedule is always on the tough side, challenging his players to improve week by week.



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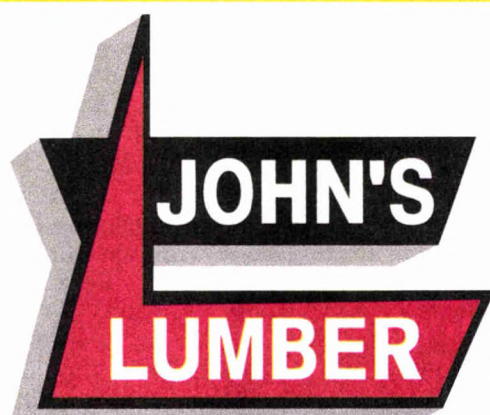
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Golf

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

The right way

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

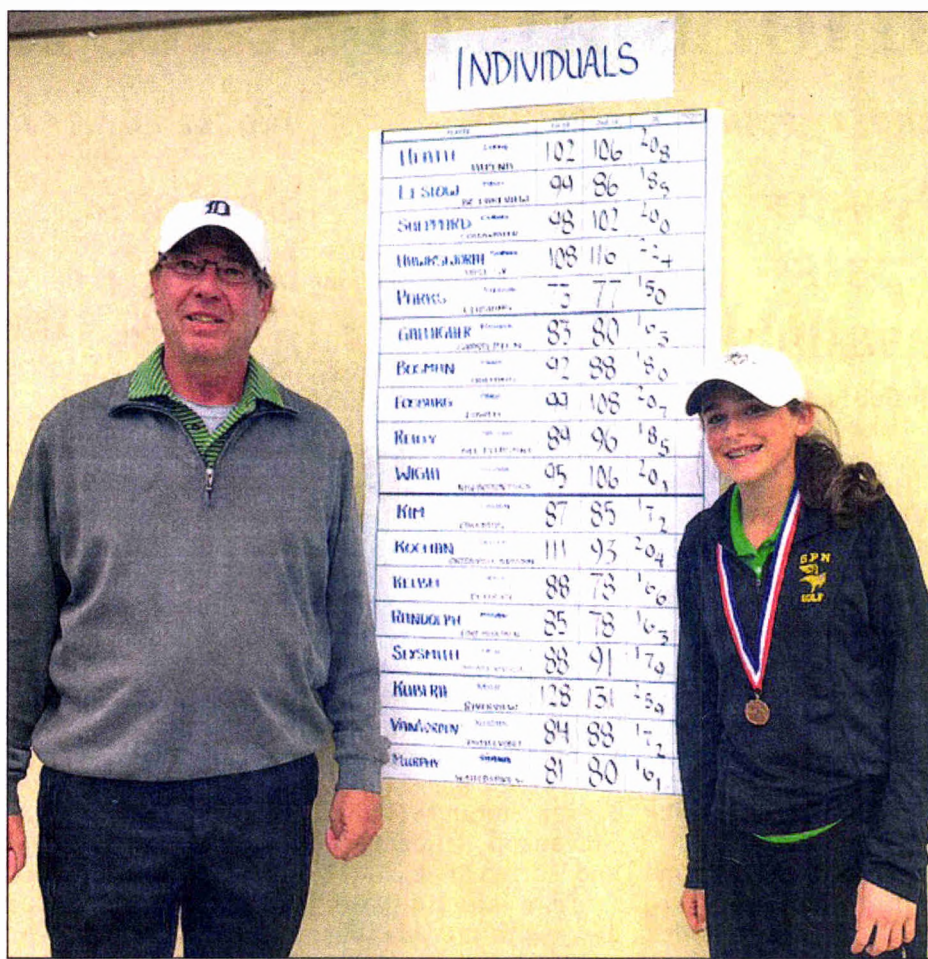
Head coach Peter Kingsley knows it takes time to become a consistently good golfer.

He was patient last year and took the time to teach the mental and physical aspects of the game. It paid off as his Grosse Pointe North girls' golfers improved throughout the season.

Everyone who competed in a Division 2 regional tournament at Monroe Country Club was an underclassman, Meghan Gallagher, Sammy Karwicz, Bianca Clark, Ava Gallant and Sofia Mihaylova.

They return and others on the squad are Brittany Miller, Alyssa Micks, Claire Cameron and Mackenzie Mermiges.

The Norsemen finished sixth, but Gallagher, now a junior, made the state finals as an individual.



North junior Meghan Gallagher, right, is an All-State golfer and the ace of the Norsemen's team under head coach Peter Kingsley, left.

She made All-State, finishing tied for sixth in the finals. She is back and the No. 1 golfer on the Norsemen's team.

The Norsemen finished 0-6 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and fourth in the division tournament.

Those standings should improve this fall as all the returning golf-

ers should see their average scores lower, thanks to Kingsley's confidence in his golfers.

They are once again in the MAC Red Division, along with Port Huron Northern, Macomb Dakota and Grosse Pointe South.

Their regional is Wednesday, Oct. 11, at

Pine View Golf Club.

Competitors are Allen Park, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Detroit Renaissance, Farmington, Gibraltar Carlson, New Boston Huron, Riverview, South Lyon, South Lyon East, Southgate Anderson, Trenton and Ypsilanti Lincoln.

INDIVIDUALS			
NAME	SCORE	STROKE	PAR
WATTS	102	106	70.5
LI SONG	94	86	65.5
SCHYBRO	98	102	70.0
UNDAKARON	108	116	77.5
WANG	77	77	50.0
GRIFFIN	85	80	57.5
BECKON	92	88	64.0
LEWIS	93	108	67.5
REISY	84	96	60.0
WAGAN	95	106	65.5
KIM	87	85	59.0
BECKON	111	95	70.5
REISY	88	73	56.0
UNDAKARON	85	78	53.5
SCHYBRO	88	91	56.5
KIM	125	151	85.5
WANG	84	88	59.0
MURPHY	81	80	56.0

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Soccer

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Coach looks to vets to lead team

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Eric Vanston and his Grosse Pointe North boys' soccer team return 12 players from last year's district championship team.

The Norsemen finished in the middle of the pack in the Macomb Area Conference White Division at 4-6-2 and was 10-10-2 overall.

They rallied to win a district title with a come-from-behind victory over Hamtramck in the title game at Grosse Pointe South.

Leading the way are all-district players Alex Siluk, Tommy Kohler, Brendan Bergeron and Billy Hoover. All are seniors and Vanston hopes they take charge on the field.

Dylan Watts is back after an injury-plagued 2016, while Blair Frezza, Avery Clark and Chris Corsentino will be big contributors.

The Norsemen compete in the MAC White Division with L'Anse Creuse North, Utica, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Romeo, Anchor Bay and Grosse Pointe South.

In non-league games, Vanston scheduled Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, L'Anse Creuse, Warren Cousino, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Fraser and Warren Mott.

The Norsemen host the district tournament in October. The competitors are Grosse Pointe South, Roseville, Lakeview, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, Warren Mott, Cousino and Warren DeLaSalle.

LIGGETT

Knights field young team

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' soccer team enters the season with a ton of newcomers after losing 12 seniors to graduation.

However, head coach David Dwaihy and long-time assistant coach Andy Knote know how to blend experience and newcomers to form a solid squad.

"Although we had to say goodbye to 12 very talented seniors, we are returning 11 players from last year's team and they will all be expected to log major minutes this year," Dwaihy said.

Leading the way are seniors Anthony George,

goalkeeper; Nick Connell, midfielder; Ferg Roby, defender; and Charlie Fruehauf, forward.

Others Dwaihy said to watch include junior Zach Elliott and sophomore Nolan Ondersma.

Newcomers are Stewart Smith and Sheikh Manneh, both of whom play club soccer at a very high level and stand to earn major minutes right off the bat.

They are in the first year as a member of the Catholic League.

The Knights reside in the Intersectional 1 Division, with Detroit Cristo Rey, Allen Park Cabrini, Riverview Gabriel Richard and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils ready to roll

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys' soccer team prepares for another season under the tutelage of head coach Francesco Cilano and assistant coach Max Canevari.

Last season the Blue Devils had a sub-par campaign, finishing 3-6-3

in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 6-9-3 overall.

The team had a majority of underclassmen, including Griffin Clevenger, Joey Erickson, Jimmy Flom, Matt Moran, Jake Reid, Peter Buhl, Connor Stencel, Conor Garvey, Humza Mohsin, Sean Ellis, Peter Hummer, Anthony Frasier and Teddy Loosvelt.

They should also see more success in the MAC White, which is composed of St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Romeo, Utica, Anchor Bay, L'Anse Creuse North and Grosse Pointe North.

South plays its district tournament at North.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Ladies ready for winning

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' golf team returns everyone who played in the state finals, including senior co-captains Ellie Connors and Mollie DeBrunner.

Senior Cailey Paull and sophomores Kaitlin

Ifkovits and Gray Rahm also return and worked hard on their game in the off-season.

"We hope to continue to improve, have some fun and try to establish the girls' golf program as a continued source of pride to the school and community," said head coach Harrison

Stackpole. "The returning players have been instrumental in encouraging some new faces to join the team this year who show a great deal of promise and enthusiasm."

Returning underclassmen Lanie Maynard, Brooklyn Northcross and Somer Beebe hope to make contributions, too.

Newcomers are sophomores Mia Rancilio and Ava Boley, and freshmen Audrey Becker, Lauren Cooper, Elli Richter, Morgan Skaff and Alston Smith.

"We are optimistic that a few more new players will come out for the team as the summer progresses," Stackpole said.

Assistant coach Devon Compton is helping bring an expertise to the program and hopes through time the girls improve.

The Blue Devils' home course is Burning Tree

Golf Club. They finished second to Port Huron Northern in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last fall, but won the league tournament.

This season, Port Huron Northern, Macomb Dakota and Grosse Pointe North call the MAC Red Division home.

South is the host school for a Division 1 regional tournament at Burning Tree. Opposing teams are Brownstown Woodhaven, Dearborn, Dearborn Fordson, Detroit Cass Tech, Detroit Western International, Farmington Hills Mercy, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Southfield Arts and Technology, Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn.

The finals are Friday, Oct. 20, and Saturday, Oct. 21, at The Meadows at Grand Valley State.

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Field hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Amine takes over the top spot

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After several years of being an assistant coach, Amanda Amine has stepped into the pressure cooker as the head coach of the Grosse Pointe South girls' field hockey team.

She took a year off in 2016, but is back, replacing Monica Dennis, who resigned the post.

"I'm very happy to be back coaching and I definitely have a great group of girls," Amine said. "After assisting in the program for four years, I felt like it was my time to step up and take the head coaching position.

"The support from the parents and players has been awesome and there is for sure a great level of excitement around the

program. We have been having a lot of fun, but working hard.

"We have a very difficult schedule this season, but we are up for the challenge and will be ready to compete at a high level. I am really counting on my 12 seniors to provide a lot of leadership."

Leading the way are seniors Hannah Voytowich, Elise Whitney and Eloise Crane.

Tori Potter, a junior, returns in net for the Blue Devils, looking to improve on last year's .500 record.

Other returning varsity players are Bridgett Blondell, Lilly Carlyle, Megan Maclean, Hannah Miller, Isabelle Adams, Elizabeth Byarski, Alyssa Czech, Lindsay Froelich, Emery Mathews, Jacqui

Mercier, Victoria Potter, Gwyneth Tiderington, Rose Williamson and Kylie Stackpoole.

The Blue Devils remain in Division 1 of the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association.

They compete against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Hartland, Ann Arbor Skyline, Farmington Hills Mercy, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Dexter, Birmingham Marian, Livonia Ladywood, Ann Arbor Huron, Detroit Country Day and Novi.

In cross-over games, they play Chelsea and Academy of the Sacred Heart.

The schedule is brutal, but the veteran leadership should help the Blue Devils navigate the tough slate.



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

South's Elise Whitney, No. 11, is an important part of what hopefully is a winning team this fall.

LIGGETT



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett's Kate Birgbauer, right, is one of the leading scorers for the Knights.

Knights set bar high

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' field hockey team has been one of the top squads in Division 2 of the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association the past few years.

Head coach Jayant Trewn has brought a confident discipline to the program which has paid off with a lot of victories.

The only thing missing is a state title, but that could change this season as the Knights enter 2017 as a definite championship contender.

"I feel confident this time around compared to

this time last year," Trewn said. "We had a lot of newcomers to the program and it took a while for everyone to get on the same page. This year, the girls have improved and are ready to play at a high level."

Returning seniors are Alexandra Diggs, Kaitlin Fox, Kelly Morgan, Cassie Zeng and Naomi Yoshida, who is healthy after missing last year rehabilitating a knee injury.

Junior Kate Birgbauer and freshman Ella Karolak are two high level travel players who will play at the collegiate level.

Junior Maddie Wujek

is the new goalkeeper and she has worked at her craft the entire summer.

Trewn said his Knights, along with Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, Farmington and Wixom Saint Catherine of Siena Academy will battle for the top four spots.

Other squads in Division 2 are Dearborn, Edsel Ford, Regina, Grosse Pointe North, Clarkston, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Greenhills, Oakland, Brighton and Pinckney.

Liggett is a newcomer to the Catholic League, competing against Mercy, Ladywood, Marian, Greenhills and Regina.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen see spike in participation

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Paula Cornwall, entering her third season at the helm of the Grosse Pointe North girls' field hockey team, looked at ease during the first day of practice Monday, Aug. 14.

She has 35 players in the program and an assistant coach, Becky Scholtes, as well as junior varsity coach, Emma Huellmantel, to help with the program.

"We have good numbers and happy players as we head into practice," Cornwall said. "We are looking forward to more success if the girls keep working hard."

The Norsemen finished in the middle of the pack in Division 2 of the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association.

They look to stay in the upper half this season, as well as win another state playoff or more.

Leading the way are returning seniors Lindsey Ramsdell, Sydney Murray, Rachel Hilu, Reagan Bastien, Grace Howard and Carly



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North's Sydney Murray, No. 9, is one of several seniors who hope to make this a winning season.

Lemanski.

The seniors have to step up if the Norsemen are to enjoy more success than 2016.

North remains in Division 2 and faces Clarkston, West Bloomfield, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Dearborn Pinckney, Warren Regina, University Liggett, Wixom Saint Catherine of Siena

Academy, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, Brighton, Riverview Gabriel Richard, Ann Arbor Greenhills and Oakland.

They also face Grosse Pointe South Oct. 12.

"We look forward to the season and playing some good field hockey," Cornwall said. "I feel great about the direction the program is heading."

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Two champions from the meet are, from left, coach Tony Grice, Kiernan Tague, Drew VandePutte and head coach John Fodell.

Gators rise to top

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Several members of the Grosse Pointe Gators' earned a ton of success in the 2017 LCM State Championship meet at Eastern Michigan University this summer.

The team had a total of eight swimmers competing in the meet and they took sixth place overall, earning 390 points.

"Many of the other teams had 60 or 70 swimmers, and the Gators were really able to push themselves and crank out the medals this weekend, as we had a small team compared to many but still placed high among a total of 58 squads," said parent Elizabeth Puleo-Tague.

The Gators had two swimmers become state champions in their respective events.

Grosse Pointe Park's Drew VandePutte, 13, took first in the 200-meter breaststroke, 100-meter breaststroke and 50-meter breaststroke. Ten-year-old Kiernan Tague, of the City of Grosse Pointe, took first

in the 50-meter freestyle and was the overall high point earner for the Gators, grabbing 96 points for the team.

The eight Grosse Pointe Gators swimmers each swam their events in prelims. Only the fastest eight prelims swimmers qualify for finals. The events listed below are only what the eight swimmers placed for finals.

Prelims events were not listed and the eight Gators swimmers' finals events and placings are as follows:

Grosse Pointe Park's Sienna Clark, 11, competed in the 50-meter backstroke, 400-meter individual medley, 200-meter backstroke, 100-meter backstroke and was a member of the second-place 400-meter medley relay.

Grosse Pointe Farms' Mischa Eng, 9, swam in the 100-meter butterfly and 200-meter IM, while the Farms' Phoebe Handwork, 12, was in the 100-meter breaststroke, 50-meter breaststroke, 400-meter medley

relay and 400-meter breaststroke where she placed second.

The Farms' Troy Liu, 10, was runner-up in the 50-meter backstroke and took second in the 100-meter backstroke. He also, was either third, fourth or fifth in the 200-meter IM, 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter butterfly and 100-meter freestyle.

The Farms' Ginger McMahan, 12, was a member of the runner-up 400-meter medley relay, and 12-year-old Sophie Shuetze of the Park won bronze medals in the 100- and 200-meter butterfly, plus a silver as a member of the 400-meter medley relay.

Ten-year-old Kiernan Tague of the City won the 50-meter freestyle, plus competed in the 50-meter backstroke, 200-meter freestyle, 400-meter freestyle, 100-meter freestyle and 100-meter backstroke.

Drew VandePutte, 13, of the Park, won the 200-meter breaststroke, 100-meter breaststroke and 50-meter breaststroke, plus took third in the 200-meter IM.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils solid heading into '17

By Bob St. John
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Another season of Grosse Pointe South girls' swimming and diving is here and that means head coach Eric Gunderson has the team in position to win.

The Blue Devils won the Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet and league meet titles last year after taking second to Utica Eisenhower in the regular season slate in 2015.

They finished 4-0 in the division and won the league meet by nearly 100 points over Eisenhower.

Can they repeat the feat? Gunderson will put them in a good position to do so.

Last year at the

Division 2 state meet, the Blue Devils finished fifth with 140 points.

Three underclassmen, Renee Liu, Clarice Fisher and Sarah McCabe, competed on the 200-yard medley relay and earned all-state.

Fisher also was all-state in the 200-yard individual medley and she, along with Liu and McCabe, made all-state as members of the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Liu made all-state in the 100-yard backstroke and Sarah Cauvel also competed in the event at the state finals, while Caroline Frederickson, Cauvel and McCabe were on the 200-yard freestyle relay squad which competed in the state finals.

Fisher made all-state

again, this time in the 100-yard butterfly and Liu also was in the event.

McCabe and Cauvel swam in the 50-yard freestyle in the state finals and Rachel Rogers was in the diving event.

In addition, Ava Boutrous made the finals and competed in the 200- and 500-yard freestyles.

If these top-notch swimmers and diver return, the Blue Devils are in great shape heading into the 2017 campaign.

Eisenhower will field a strong team in the MAC Red Division, while Chippewa Valley, St. Clair and Grosse Pointe North also compete.

Gunderson once again loaded his schedule with tough competition to prepare his girls.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Singelyn takes over as head coach

By Bob St. John
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New head coach Jim Singelyn takes over the Grosse Pointe North girls' swimming and diving top spot.

He was a top swimmer in high school at DeLaSalle and then in college at the University of Kansas and Eastern Michigan University.

He coached several programs the past 20 years and currently is the head coach of DeLaSalle. He turned that program around and now it is the best in Macomb County and a top 10 team in the state.

He inherits a program which has a rich tradition, but one which has a new coach for the fourth straight year. The

Norsemen finished in the bottom half of the MAC Red Division dual meet schedule and league meet.

"We just need to bring it (the talent) out of the girls at the pool," Singelyn said.

"Right now, the goal is to make swimming fun again to the point where the ladies want to come to practice. "Once this happens and the girls enjoy their teammates and the process we will move up the ladder rather quickly. The talent is there, the ladies need to believe in themselves and each other."

Singelyn's goals are to move up at the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championships, as well as qualify more of the team to the Division 2

state championship meet.

Leading the Norsemen is all-state Sam Villani and Julianna Cavaliere in the backstroke.

Also watch for Olivia Peruzzi, Maggie Mattes and Helen Michaelson in the breaststroke; Amelia Fly and Katie Flynn in the butterfly; Villani, Peruzzi, Mattes and Sophia Vitale in the spring freestyle; Alyssa Carlino and Flynn in the 200- and 500-free-style; and any combo of Villani, Peruzzi, Carlino and Fly in the 200-individual medley.

Singelyn has a strong class of freshmen, including Vitale, Victoria Tredor, Caroline Stafford and Abby Menth.

The Norsemen have a full schedule this fall, including an invitational Aug. 29.

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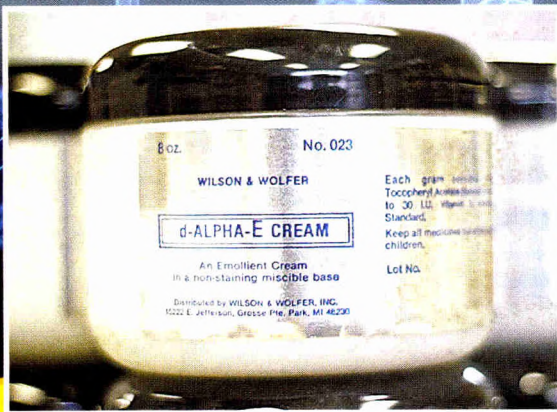


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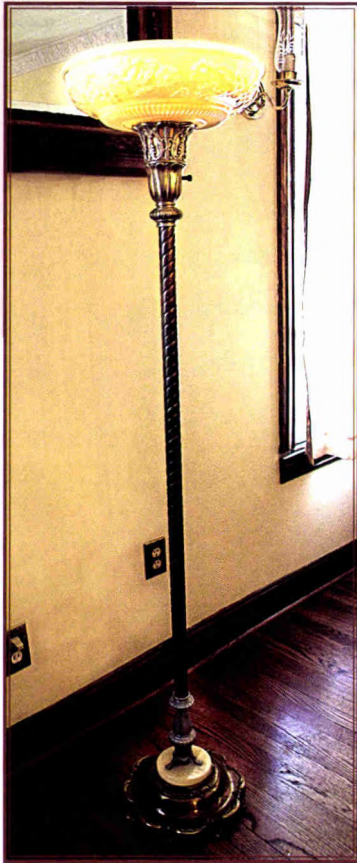
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