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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

## Boettcher is City mayor

By Anthony Viola  
 Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — After 16 years, the City of Grosse Pointe has a new mayor.

Christopher Boettcher won the Nov. 7 election by 210 votes over long-sitting mayor, Dale Scrace.

Boettcher received 1,021 votes, 55 percent of total votes cast. Boettcher, who has served on council eight years, announced he would give up his seat earlier this year. But after the announcement he said he received push-back from some residents. They said he was a voice of reason, willing to demand better answers, he said. So after a few

weeks of contemplation and discussion with his wife, Jennifer, he decided he couldn't let it go and threw his hat into the ring.

Boettcher takes the position from Scrace, who served 28 years — 12 on council and 16 as mayor.

Scrace, who received 811 votes, said he enjoyed his time serving the community.

"I would like to tell the community that I have relished my 28 years serving the City of Grosse Pointe and the residents," Scrace said. "Although I was not successful, I don't plan on vanishing and I hope to

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## Theros elected mayor

By Melissa Walsh  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — In the first

contested Farms mayoral race since 2003, the uncertified tally released by the Wayne County City Clerk's Office Tuesday night showed Louis Theros with 67

percent of the total 2,978 votes, defeating Joe Ricci's 33 percent, or 977 votes.

"I want to thank the voters in Grosse Pointe Farms who put their trust in me and for allowing me to continue to serve on city council," Theros said.

Theros' mayoral term

will follow seven terms by James C. Farquhar Jr., who became the Farms' first popularly elected mayor in 2003.

"I hope to serve the community as well as (Jim) did," Theros said.

The race between Theros and Ricci was the first "people's" election since the city revised its

charter prescribing direct election of mayor by Farms residents.

Ricci — founder of Joe Ricci Automotive — is in the middle of his four-year term on city council, which expires in 2019.

With nearly 3,000 total votes cast, Ricci said he's

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## Election results from around the Pointes

By Anthony Viola  
 Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Residents of

Grosse Pointe Park, Shores and Woods went to their respective voting booths Tuesday, Nov. 7, to cast their ballots in uncontested elections. All numbers are unofficial as of press time Tuesday night.

In the Park, Robert Denner received 1,295 votes for mayor. Ninety-seven voted for a write-in candidate. For Park council, Lauri Read received the most votes at 1,309. James Robson received

1,209 votes and Daniel Grano received 1,184. Sixty-four people voted for a write-in. For Park municipal court judge, Carl Jarboe received 1,347 votes and 41 voted write-in.

In the Shores, Bruce Bisballe received 309 votes, Matthew Seely received 307 and 297 people voted for Robert Barrette. Judge Matthew Rumora retained his position, receiving 360 votes.

For the uncontested Grosse Pointe Farms City Council elections, Peter

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## Making it count

Above, Alexis DeLuca and Hillary Schmitt brought their kids to the polls Nov. 7, to teach the importance of voting. Seated are Oscar DeLuca, third-grader at Richard Elementary School; Andy Schmitt, fourth-grader at Maire Elementary School and Henry Schmitt, kindergartner at Maire. Precinct 1 and 2 are at Maire, the only voting location in the City of Grosse Pointe. Right, voters cast their ballots at Maire on Nov. 7.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Infrared camera helps nab criminal

By Anthony Viola  
 Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Noptic, a simple-looking device

mounted on City police vehicles, made all the difference early morning Friday, Nov. 3. The infrared camera aided officers in locating and arresting a suspect who decided to flee through backyards in

the 800 blocks of Washington and Lincoln approximately 3 a.m.

Because a rash of recent larceny from autos has struck the city, officers have been conducting surveillance overnight in an attempt to thwart the criminal activity. A big part of that surveillance is the Noptic camera. It picks up heat signatures, allowing officers to essen-

tially see through objects that would otherwise conceal someone.

Last Friday, an officer surveilling the north side of the city using Noptic noticed two people walking down the 800 block of Washington. When the officer turned onto the street, both people fled. Acting quickly, the officer called for backup and a perimeter was set with

Farms and Park officers assisting. After a foot chase, one suspect jumped a fence only to be greeted by two officers waiting on the other side. The other suspect got away.

However, both would have gotten away if not for the infrared camera, said Director of Public

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## Park, City kick off holiday season

By Anthony Viola  
 Staff Writer

Halloween, the unofficial kickoff of the holiday season, has come to pass. That can only mean the season of lights is here. To celebrate, the Park and City are planning a plethora of events. Both

cities are throwing tree-lighting events next week: the City at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, in the Village and the Park, 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Windmill Pointe Park.

In the Village, the City

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**Lauri Read**

Home: Grosse Pointe Park  
 25 year resident becomes newest member of the Grosse Pointe Park City Council



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## New digs for Family Center

Tuesday, Oct. 24, The Family Center, in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and the Grosse Pointe News, hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new administrative office at The War Memorial. Pictured from left are Ron Strickler, Mary Petersen, Cathy Leverenz, Kathryn Oldham, Diane Strickler, Sean Cleland, Deborah Liedel, Ted Everingham, Charles Burke, Pamela Flom, Mary Loridon, Sheila Tomkowiak, Beth Vernon, John Minnis, Beth Walsh-Sahutske, Linda Reid, Gaby Boddy, Suzanne Antonelli, Milissa Pierce, Gina Carrier and Jenny Boettcher.

# Champs cleared to remain open

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Popular Grosse Pointe Woods eatery, Champs Rotisserie & Seafood, was completely cleared by the Wayne County Health Department of any hepatitis A danger — two and one-half hours before sending out a news flash informing the media and public of the report.

Thursday, Nov. 2, Champs owner Daniel Curis called the health department after learning a former employee was treated for the disease. He also went to work deep-cleaning the facility, bleaching “anything anyone would put their hands on,” Curis said.

The employee was a “clean-up guy,” Curis said, “not a server or cook.”

After the health department verified with the healthcare provider the ex-employee was diagnosed with hepatitis A, department representatives met Curis at the restaurant from morning to approximately 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, to investigate the matter.

The health department cleared Champs at 3 p.m. to open that afternoon for the restaurant’s normal

operating hours, 4 to 10 p.m.

Champs didn’t violate any codes, according to the health department, and was never asked to shut down.

Around 5:30 p.m., the health department sent out a press release announcing “possible hepatitis A exposure” for those dining at the restaurant between Oct. 10 and 30, with general information for identifying symptoms and preventing spread of the disease. The statement was issued “as a precaution,” Curis said.

“As a safety factor, I’m getting my employees at both restaurants vaccinated on Monday,” Curis said.

The health department advises residents potentially exposed to hepatitis A to watch for symptoms, which could appear any time from 15 to 50 days from the time of exposure.

A person who has contracted hepatitis A will be infectious two weeks before symptoms appear and two weeks following their disappearance. Symptoms can be active two weeks.

To find a local health-care provider with available hepatitis A vaccines, visit [vaccinefinder.org](http://vaccinefinder.org).

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A model carries an Oliver Thomas graffiti small wing tote at a Boston fashion week event.



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## Voila hosts new line of the 'everyday carry'

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — A new line of “bags for busy people” is coming to town. Voila Boutique, 18226 Mack, hosts a trunk show 5 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov.

14, featuring an “everyday carry” line of totes, duffle bags, purses and cases by the newly launched brand, Oliver Thomas.

The product line developed for busy women on the go emerged from the vision of fashion designer Sue Fuller of Birmingham, who sought to develop affordable designer bags that “carry stuff, not self-worth.” Fuller calls herself the brand’s cofounder, her founding partner her pet dog, the brand’s namesake and “CIO” — chief inspiration officer. Priced from \$19 to \$109 — from cosmetic cases to duffles — Fuller sought to make the products affordable for the full range of her target market of busy women.

“Women shouldn’t have to choose between style and going on a vacation,” she said.

Voila Boutique’s Grosse Pointe Woods store, Lori Karbal in Birmingham and Scout in Royal Oak will carry Oliver Thomas bags locally.

View the Oliver Thomas product line at [theoliverthomas.com](http://theoliverthomas.com).

For more information about Voila Boutique, visit [voiladesigns.biz](http://voiladesigns.biz).

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# Art party

The War Memorial recently hosted its first Art & Antiques event, carrying on a longstanding tradition started by Christ Church Grosse Pointe. Right, Phyllis Carlson Stevenson of Manchester Center, Vt., sold original art, folk art and sterling silver.



Above, the Victoriana booth from Rocky Point, N.C., featured this beaded purse from the 1920s. Right, Fern Larking Kao specializes in ladies' accessories and vintage jewelry.



From left, Donna Hoban, Cheryl Wesen and Jeanne Lewandowski look at items in a room of 18th and 19th century French and formal English furniture from Whitehall antiques of Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dana Kelly Oriental Rugs from Lexington, Ky., sells rugs from the 1880s to 1950s and even offers small rugs for pet food dishes in the shape of cats, bones and fish.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

# Gerald Day bound over for trial

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora bound the April 23 Farms home-invasion cases over for trial in Third District Court following Monday's preliminary examination hearing for charges of two counts of first-degree home invasion, fourth offense, against Gerald Duane Day Jr., 28, of Detroit. An "arraignment of the information" hearing is set for 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, before Judge Kevin J. Cox. Reviews of other charges

against Day for crimes committed in Grosse Pointe Woods April 15 and the City of Grosse Pointe April 22 also will be held before Judge Cox Nov. 13.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Melissa Palepu submitted evidence supporting probable cause linking Day to home invasions occurring in succession during the early morning hours of April 23 — in the 300 block of Lothrop and 400 block of Madison. The initial report of these crimes was called in about 4:40 a.m. Following a manhunt, Public Safety Officer Thomas Dionne

arrested Day at 10:44 a.m. in the backyard of another home on Madison as Day attempted to break into a car. In testimony, Dionne described the events of the manhunt, the perimeter established to contain Day during pursuit by Grosse Pointe police and evidence collected, including gloves found on the garage roof of the yard in which he was arrested.

Farms Detective Ryan Ford, the officer in charge of investigating the April 23 home invasions, testified to photos he took supporting probable entry into the home and

of footprints supporting the suspect's path across the backyard. Images of dirt footprints and shoe impressions made by moisture on concrete were submitted from the locations of the home invasions and arrest.

Other evidence included a gas can public safety officers allegedly saw Day drop while running and picture wire found on the sidewalk in the 400 block of Manor. Police also recovered a firearm at a second home in the 400 block of Lothrop matching the description given by the

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Safety Stephen Poloni.

He said the officer probably would not have seen them in the first place except for the device.

A credit card from a victim later was found in a backyard confirming the two men were stealing items from cars.

The City is the only Pointe to use Noptic. It purchased two cameras for \$4,000 each in May with a donation from an anonymous resident.

Poloni said he is grateful for the donation. He said the camera has more

uses than just finding people in bushes.

"For example, a drunk driver who parks his vehicle and says, 'I wasn't driving,'" Poloni said. "It actually shows the heat from the hood of the car. If we are going down a street, we can see cars where engine heat is still coming off. If the tires or the brakes are hot, you can see the brakes light up, so we know that car was just used. It's just a really useful tool for different types of things."

In light of recent larcenies from autos, Poloni wants to remind residents to take all valuables out of their cars and make sure vehicles are locked.



Sgt. Joe Adams shows what police officers see when using Noptic. A man can be seen walking down the street, his body heat picked up by the camera.

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of Grosse Pointe Foundation's decorated tree is lit at 6 p.m. The sound of holiday classics permeates the air as the Grosse Pointe South Choir carols. Complimentary hot chocolate is available courtesy of the Grosse Pointe Boat Club. Free coney dogs also are served thanks to Mike Muir and Harvard Grill.

The City parks and recreation department also offer warming fires and s'mores for chilly children and parents.

The next night at Windmill Pointe Park, Santa Claus stops by with Mayor Robert Denner to

light the Christmas tree.

The Park Gift Market, filled with vendors selling their holiday wares, is open to the public in the Golden Family Gymnasium 3 to 7 p.m. In the McKeever Lounge, the Park Cafe sells soup, sandwiches, coney dogs, apple cider and hot chocolate.

Two performances from local school choirs also are featured before the tree lighting. At 5 p.m. the Defer Elementary School choir takes the stage, followed immediately by the Pierce Middle School choir at 5:30 p.m.

Santa and Denner arrive at 6 p.m. to light the tree and the reindeer stick around afterward for children to visit.



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# The Week Ahead

## THURSDAY, NOV. 9

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Awards ceremony, 7:30 p.m. at the Tompkins Center, Windmill Pointe Park.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack.

## MONDAY, NOV. 13

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe Council Meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council special meeting, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 14

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, city hall, 90 Kerby.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Harbor Committee meeting, 7 p.m. in the Pier Park Activities Room, 350 Lakeshore.

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## 4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

## Newest Park council member brings tenacity and foresight

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

A year ago, Lauri Read would have balked at the notion of running for Grosse Pointe Park City Council. In fact, when Laurie Arora told Read she wasn't running again, Read's first thought was, "Who would be good?"

Instead, with a push from her 18-year-old son, Daniel Kuhnlein, Read decided to put her own name into the running. With three seats open and only three candidates running, Read now is poised to become the newest member of the board.

This may be the first elected office the mother of three has held, but she is no stranger to the process of local government.

"I have always followed, not only city council, but school board," she said. "I'll go to meetings or watch the meetings online or read the minutes. Whenever I had an issue, I would either reach out to council members or go to council meetings, so I am comfortable and familiar with the process."

Read said a draw to sitting on council was the immediacy of local government.

"What really matters for most people," Read said, "and to borrow a phrase from Tip O'Neill, is politics is local and



Lauri Read casts her ballot as her son, Daniel Kuhnlein, stands by. Kuhnlein, who just turned 18, voted for the first time.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

what happens in your own backyard is what affects you the most on a day-to-day basis."

She said the nonpartisan aspect of city council also was a draw.

"It's not about party politics. It's not about an identity or an agenda," she said. "It's about your neighbors."

Read's roots are in northern Kentucky where she grew up, but she has been a resident of the Park the last 25 years. She's raised three children with her husband, Don Kuhnlein, in

the city. The two oldest, Daniel and Katharine Kuhnlein, are away at college, one at Michigan State University and the other at Read's alma mater, the University of Kentucky. The youngest Kuhnlein, Jane, is a student at Pierce Middle School. Read said she is an avid runner, sports fan and patron of the arts.

"I love the arts in all forms, including patronizing our many wonderful local institutions: the DIA, the DSO, Michigan Opera Theatre,

Broadway in Detroit and the fine amateur productions at Grosse Pointe Theatre and our Grosse Pointe schools," she said. "In addition to the stage productions, I have been blown away by the student art show, Art Fest, at Grosse Pointe South; we have some amazing talent in this community."

After receiving her bachelor's degree from UK, where she met her future husband, she went to law school at Washington University in St. Louis. She received her juris doctor degree in

pledge to prioritize services to residents over facility and aesthetic improvements. He said as mayor he would put to good use his experience in the council's auditing and finance activities. He also vowed to pursue a plan to correct issues related to storm water runoff, invest more in the Mack Avenue business district and nearby neighborhoods and increase cooperative activities with the public

safety activities of neighboring communities. As for how to use the city-owned land at the southeast corner of Mack and Moross, during his campaign Theros told the Grosse Pointe News he envisioned a public/private partnership for the development of a city hall, with city services on the first floor and private business above. Though he will continue his role working in the private sector as

MGM Grand — VP of Legal, Theros promised accessibility and approachability in the community. Theros and wife, Patti, have two sons. The elder, Jonathon, attends the University of Michigan, Theros' alma mater, and the younger, Evan, is a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School. "I look forward to hitting the ground running at the next city council meeting on Nov. 15," Theros said.

think those are some qualities I learned from him." Read's mother instilled in her the roll-up-your-sleeves-and-get-to-work mindset. A surgical nurse most of her career, Read's mother, she said, is the toughest person she knows. While Read said she is least like her mother, the ambitious attitude rubbed off on her.

"She is just one of those doers," Read said. "She rolls up her sleeves, gets in there, gets her hands dirty and gets it done. So, while I say I'm nothing like her, the example she set for me was if you want to do something, something needs to be done. Just do it."

For the future, Read would like the Park to be the go-to city for young families. She said there have been a lot of good developments going on in the Park and she would like to continue seeing that positive change.

"You have to always pay attention to the changing culture," she said, "because times do change. It's keeping a finger on the pulse. It's how is the culture changing? It's paying attention to the long-term societal changes and what do we need to do in the city to attract residents as those changes are incorporated into everyday life."

Also, she said she won't be seen on social media complaining about issues. Instead, she'll be seen jumping into action.

"I am not one to complain. I am one to solve," she said. "I am going to find out who we need to call to address a problem or how it can be solved."

Her foresight and can-do attitude not only come from her law background, but from her parents.

"I have a similar personality to my dad," she said. "He's a very thoughtful person. He's highly intellectual. He's persistent, tenacious. I

do what the folks in the city want us to do," Boettcher said. Boettcher thanked residents for being straightforward with their concerns. "Thank you to all of the residents of the City of Grosse Pointe and I look forward to doing the best I can to serve you," he said. In the council race to fill three seats, incumbent Sheila Tomkowiak received the most votes with 1,091, or 59 percent of the vote. Daniel

Williams received 1,077 votes and incumbent Chris Walsh came in a close third with 1,071. David Fries received 828 votes.

Tomkowiak, a 30-year resident of the City, was appointed to council October 2016, to fill the last year of a vacated seat. Tomkowiak is principal and creative director at Grayton Integrated Publishing and an adjunct instructor in Wayne State University's journalism department.

Walsh has served on council 12 years. The 18-year resident of the City is senior vice president of Morgan Stanley in Grosse Pointe Farms. Williams is a four-year resident of the City. He is an attorney based in Grosse Pointe.

Thirty-nine percent of registered voters, or 1,848, cast their ballots Tuesday, with close to 500 voting absentee.

Boettcher, Tomkowiak, Walsh and Williams will be sworn in at the next council meeting Monday, Nov. 13.

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glad to see how this election brought the issues to the table and got people involved. Running for

mayor, he said "was a great experience."

"I met a ton of residents I might not have met. And I'm excited to get back to work on the issues and going forward," he said.

Theros — a trial lawyer specializing in employment/labor law and collective bargaining — has served on Farms city council since 2001. During his four terms on council, Theros chaired the Audit and Budget and Ordinance committees and served as a member of the Personnel Committee and General Employee and Public Safety Employee Pension Commission.

Theros' mayoral election platform included a

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W. Waldmeir received 2,122 votes; James C. Farquhar Jr., 2,095 votes and John J. Gillooly, 2,012 votes with 44 write-in votes.

In the Woods, Mayor Robert E. Novitke received 672 votes and 29 people voted write-in.

For Woods council, Vickie A. Granger received 640 votes; George McMullen, 556 votes and Todd A. McConaghy, 554 votes.

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be an active part of the community moving forward."

Boettcher said it is time to get to work for residents.

"(This victory) means we can move ahead with the city and get some of these projects done and

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## City of Grosse Pointe

## A leisure jog

A suspect was caught by officers approximately 3 a.m. Friday, Nov. 3, after a foot chase through backyards in the blocks of Washington and Lincoln between Chalfonte and Goethe. An officer conducting surveillance spotted two men walking down Washington who fled when the officer turned onto the street. After setting up a perimeter, one suspect jumped a fence into a yard with two waiting officers. He was arrested, but the other suspect eluded police. The next day officers recovered a credit card in one of the backyards belonging to a victim of larceny from auto the previous night.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## OWI

Officers observed a vehicle appearing to travel above the posted speed limit 2:20 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Radar confirmed the vehicle to be traveling approximately 52 miles per hour. When questioning the driver, the officer noticed an odor of intoxicants and administered a field sobriety test. The driver failed and their preliminary breath test resulted in .158 percent blood alcohol content. The driver was arrested for OWI, their second offense.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Bike stolen

A gray Roadmaster mountain bike was stolen from the bike racks at Pierce Middle School sometime during the

## Public Safety Reports

school day Monday, Oct. 30.

## Sweet tooth

A 15-year-old girl is suspected of taking a large bowl of candy from a porch in the 1100 block of Buckingham 7:40 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. The resident set out the bowl for trick-or-treaters. The suspect took the entire bowl and fled on foot.

## Fraudulent use of credit card

A 20-year-old Detroit man was arrested noon Wednesday, Nov. 1, in the 1300 block of Audubon. The subject was wanted in connection to recent larceny from autos occurring over the last two weeks. The subject was identified after using credit cards stolen from victims.

## Criminal wants makeover

Two packages were stolen from a porch in the 1300 block of Wayburn between 5 and 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2. The packages were from Kohl's and Ulta.

## Flee and elude

A 48-year-old Madison Heights man was arrested 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at Cadieux and Jefferson after fleeing officers through multiple jurisdictions. The subject was apprehended and found to be intoxicated.

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Parole absconder arrested

When a patrolling public safety officer made a traffic stop for a non-working headlamp at

Moross and Moross Place at 8:18 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, a search identified the driver's passenger as a 42-year-old Detroit woman who violated her parole for a conviction of second-degree criminal sexual conduct. Police arrested the woman without incident and held her without bond until pick up by the Michigan Department of Corrections. The driver was released.

## Disorderly trick-or-treating

At 7:33 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, public safety officers responded to a report from a homeowner in the 300 block of Ridgmont of a male, 18 to 20 years old, "threatening to shoot up a house on Ridgmont."

The homeowner and his stepdaughter told officers a man wearing blue jeans and a gray hoodie over a flesh-colored mask with horns was crouching at the bottom of their porch and scared a younger daughter as she was passing out Halloween candy.

The man then pulled out a gun and said, "I am strapped. I am coming back." He was with two other young men wearing blue light-up masks.

A police search of the area spotted the subjects walking north on Kerby from Beaupre.

When police shined a spotlight on them, the man in the flesh-colored mask, an 18-year-old from Detroit, dropped what appeared to be a black pistol and was handcuffed by police.

The other two young men also were detained.

The gun was identified as a plastic replica handgun with an orange tip. Another toy gun was found in the suspect's right pants pocket.

The homeowner and stepdaughter identified him as the man who had scared the younger daughter and made the threats.

No other warrants were

pending against him. He was charged with disorderly conduct and released to his mother.

Officers collected statements from witnesses and held the replica firearm as evidence.

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Wheels stolen

Thieves stole the wheels off two vehicles parked in driveways on Allard Street overnight between approximately 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, and 7:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 30.

◆ At 7:46 a.m., a man in the 1800 block of Allard reported finding his 2017 Dodge Challenger with the wheels removed and suspended on landscaping bricks. The perpetrator(s) also broke the vehicle's moonroof to enter the vehicle. Prescription medication the man left inside was missing.

◆ At 8:04 a.m., a man in the 2000 block of Allard reported finding his 2017 Ford Explorer with the wheels missing.

A neighbor, who leaves for work at 3 a.m., reported seeing a green full-sized conversion van parked with its lights on near the area of the overnight thefts.

## Mindless driving

In response to a com-

plaint of reckless driving by a man in a dark-colored Corvette, police were dispatched to the area of Mack and Vernier at 11:34 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2.

When officers identified and pulled over the dark green Corvette, they found the driver to be "confused and some of his movements were slow and lethargic." His eyes appeared "sleepy."

After stepping out of the vehicle, "his balance was swaying." A preliminary Breathalyzer test showed .00.

With two prior convictions of operating with the presence of drugs, officers detained the man and transported him to Cottage Hospital for a blood draw.

## Grab and go

At 12:02 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, public safety officers arrested a 49-year-old resident for stealing items from the Mobil gas station at Mack and Vernier.

Public safety dispatch received a report of "a retail fraud incident in progress" from the station manager.

According to surveillance video, the man entered the gas station and browsed store items before grabbing "an unknown amount of candy" and concealing it in his right coat pocket while approaching the cash register with a beverage he took from the cooler.

The man purchased

the beverage and exited. Police found three packs of gum and two cell phone chargers on the man.

A search of his vehicle uncovered "50 or more bottles of cologne and perfume."

## Stolen bike with groceries

At 10:08 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, a 19-year-old St. Clair Shores man reported his unlocked bicycle was stolen from the bike rack at the Woods branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Also missing were bags of groceries tied to the bicycle's handlebars.

A librarian told officers video surveillance captured a white male wearing a brown hat, gray coat, blue jeans and white shoes taking the bike.

## Disorderly business owner

Public safety officers responded to a report made 9:56 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, by an 18-year-old employee of a pizza business in the 20000 block of Mack of the 65-year-old owner of the business next door assaulting him verbally and spitting at him.

The woman entered the pizza business and yelled at employees about parking spaces, "using profanity and waving arms," according to employees who witnessed the incident.

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

## BOUND:

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victim of the April 15 first-degree criminal sexual conduct case in the Woods.

Officers from the City and Woods presented other evidence linking Day, including footprints Michigan State Police cast from the backyard of the home invasion on Washington matching the tread of the shoes Day was wearing when arrested April 23; cell phone records obtained in the investigation of the Woods case; and items collected with a search warrant from Day's Detroit home on Moross, which were consistent with witness accounts of what the suspect was wearing and items he used during the crimes.

City of Grosse Pointe Lt. John Alcorn, who interviewed Day after he was arrested, testified that Day signed Miranda documentation with his left hand. The victim in the City case reported Day held the firearm with his left hand, he said.

Day pleaded not guilty to all charges.

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## OUR VIEW

## Vote not too soon

In the days leading up to the Nov. 7 General Election, the common refrain we heard was, "Can't wait until it's over." Now it's over.

We held the front page and jump page Tuesday night for the results. We will reserve "Our View" on the election results for next week's issue after we have had time to give it due thought. At the point of this writing, we do not know who will be the next mayor in the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms or who will fill the three open council seats in the City.

What is interesting about this election is it turned out to be a referendum on the proposed hotel in The Village and a "commercial theater" at The War Memorial.

In the Farms, both mayoral candidates, Joe Ricci and Louis Theros, opposed The War Memorial's plans for a more intensive theater operation at the cultural/veterans center. In the City, mayoral challenger Chris Boettcher came out against a hotel in The Village, at least on Parking Lot No. 2. He also opposed moving the City's Department of Public Works to property across Mack Avenue in Detroit.

Incumbent Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace, while not endorsing the hotel, did favor continuing the exploratory process with the "preferred developer" in determining whether a hotel and parking garage were even feasible on Lot No. 2. He also favored moving the DPW yard to Detroit, which has already approved the site plan — a surprisingly quick turnaround.

Much misinformation and gross exaggerations surrounded both the hotel and the theater plans. Fortunately, Pedersen Development Co., the preferred developer, furnished an excellent letter to the editor spelling out the facts, which we published as a "Guest View" in last week's newspaper prior to the election. We think that helped clear up a lot of the misunderstandings and deliberate obfuscations.

Little discussion came out on the theater and The War Memorial wisely stayed out of the fray during the run-up to the election. Hopefully, with the election behind us, cooler heads will be able to give both proposals the unemotional, fact-based consideration they deserve.

As with any election nowadays, we were dismayed by the gratuitous mudslinging, exaggerations, misstatements and outright prevarications during this election. And we're not necessarily referring to the candidates. Opponents of the hotel, for example, were disingenuous with their comments and concerns. They went so far as to insinuate that Maire school children would be in danger if a hotel came to The Village. That's a stretch and an insult to our public safety and school officials, not to mention visitors to the Village in general.

We also were dismayed to see Grosse Pointe council incumbent Sheila Tomkowiak trashed for something she had nothing to do with. The individual who made the attack apparently came across a 7-year-old website reference, added 2 and 2 and came up with 5 — and this from a professional who should know better.

And, finally, a hat-tip to Nancy Nall Derringer at GrossePointeToday.com, for posting the Pedersen Development Co. letter as published in the Grosse Pointe News. We think that was a classy thing to do and a great help to readers and voters who do take the time to learn the facts before jumping to conclusions.

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Grosse Pointe Woods resident Thomas Kliber, a member of the Grosse Pointe Camera Club, snapped this shot across the cove at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Sunday, Nov. 5.

PHOTO BY THOMAS KLIBER

GUEST OPINION By Jeffrey D. Brasie M.A.

## As we approach Veterans Day

As a veteran, I have been honored to serve, interact with other great military members and meet incredible and admirable veterans. Here are some of my memories:

■ Joan and Katherine were both World War II Naval cryptography officers. One was stationed in Washington, D.C., the other in Oakland, Calif. They were key figures in cracking the German and Italian codes.

■ There was John, a World War II bomber navigator who flew more than 35 European missions. His last flight was brought down by German ground fires. In late 1944, he ended up in a POW camp. John shared with me stories of distracting the German guards to capture a security dog for dinner. Later as American, French, English and Canadian prison camps were combined, he had a reunion with three of his college friends, who also were captured.

■ Jim was a Korean War USAF bombardier. His subsequent career was being a U.S. Treasury agent. Jim and I became close friends as I was CEO of a 350-resident retirement community. Early on, when we saw each other, we traded a hand salute. Jim eventually acquired Alzheimer's disease. In his final week, I went to visit him along with his wife and the family's minister. He was in a low bed in his room. I bent down to

tell him how much I loved him and appreciated he was in my life. His body was thin and frail. All of a sudden Jim propped up in bed and turned to me rendering a final hand salute.

■ Gerry and I worked together at Bon Secours Hospital. During the Vietnam War he was a Special Forces officer. His stories of interacting with the South Vietnamese and other international forces brought grins to my face but also terror of what he experienced.

■ In the early 1970s, I was assigned to the Secretary of the Navy's Public Affairs staff. With the Vietnam War still occurring and the Thanksgiving holiday looming, my commanding officer inquired if I would travel to Dover Air Force Base to serve families as the remains of fallen Navy and Marine Corps members arrived. As the Hercules C5 arrived, it was humbling to see the stainless steel, flag-draped caskets come off the ramp escorted by an honor guard.

As we prepare for Nov. 11, please thank and honor Michigan's over 680,000 veterans, as well as those across the nation and territories.

Jeffrey D. Brasie M.A.  
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## 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.

Why delay on  
library contract?

To the Editor:

The staff of the Grosse Pointe Public Library has been working without a contract since July 1. We began bargaining in May with the goal of reaching a fair contract. Unfortunately, our efforts have been unsuccessful. The library administration has not met with us since July 25, despite our repeated requests to do so. We requested formal Fact Finding through the Michigan Employment Relations Commission. Two hearings were held on Oct. 4 and Oct. 18. Our goal was to present the facts and obtain an opinion from a neutral third party about the unresolved issues.

The recent Fact Finding hearing established that the wage and benefit package proposed by the library staff is \$4,000 LESS than the administration's proposed package.

Fact Finding also established that the administration's proposed insurance plan results in reduced coverage of medical and prescription drug plans. Furthermore, this same plan would eliminate coverage of several medical services and prescriptions for our librarians, support staff and our families. We will have the complete Fact Finding report within the next few weeks.

Why is the administration refusing to bargain, refusing to reach a contract with us, and wasting TAXPAYER MONEY to engage in a battle with library staff when the administration's proposal provides no cost savings to the library? The library staff would like nothing more than to settle the contract and focus our energy on providing excellent service to the Grosse Pointe community.

JOHN CLEXTON  
Librarian, Ewald Branch

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Support Staff, Electronic  
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Support Staff President

Librarians'  
comprehensive  
health care at risk

To the editor:

I don't think many residents know that the employees of the Grosse Pointe Pubic Library have been without a contract since July. Whether you use the library or not, this should be of concern to you — exceptional libraries, like exceptional school systems, are the cornerstones of exceptional communities. Most people who choose to work at libraries tend to be especially dedicated and loyal. As a result, it's easy for an administration to take its employees for granted. As a result, salaries tend to be low, and now, from what I understand, comprehensive health care benefits are being taken away. The thing about loyal, well-educated employees who are not paid well is that they cannot afford to pay for health care.

This is where we, as members of an exceptional community, need to ask ourselves, what kind of community do we want? One that treats its most valued resource, its

people, as if they are not worth a decent wage with decent benefits, or as the dedicated, educated supportive staffers they are?

As a former support staff member of GPPL, I can attest to their dedication. Whenever administration, back in my day or now, asks for help, staff is at the ready. Most recently they were instrumental in the development of a Strategic Plan that the GPPL Board adopted.

The least administration could do is work with the bargaining team. And the least our local newspapers could do is report on what's happening: What are the issues? What are the barriers to settling a contract?

NANCY SOLAK  
Grosse Pointe Farms

Victors,  
not victims

To the Editor:

Most often it is not circumstances but attitudes that define people. We can raise our children to be victors or victims. Wouldn't it be wonderful if instead of teaching children to dwell on the idea that the system is rigged against them, we instead focused on the concept of becoming victors and succeeding in life?

KELLY BOLL  
Grosse Pointe Park

I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

# Some day my prince will come

I was 19, sitting alone in my college dorm room one Sunday evening in March. Earlier that day I returned to campus from spring break and classes resumed the following morning. I had that feeling I can't quite describe. It wasn't homesickness; it wasn't longing. It was something in between.

Suddenly there was a knock on the door.

I wish Prince Charming would walk through that door, I thought. And in walked my future husband.

I know that sounds like revisionist history. How do I remember a random thought that went through my head so many years



ago? I don't know; I just do.

I remember he was wearing jeans and a red zippered sweatshirt with a hood. It was a little small and later he told me someone had stolen his jean jacket from the back of a chair in the student union, leaving the sweatshirt in its place. He really liked that jean jacket, he said; it took him a long time to acquire that perfect fade (this was the early 1980s, before the pre-faded look came into style).

He had stopped by because he was returning a tape deck my roommate lent him for the lacrosse team's road trip over the break. We got to talking and we haven't stopped since.

And yes, he is my Prince Charming. He was my Prince Charming when he took me on our first date for ice cream. He was my Prince Charming when he hand wrote lyrics to a Led Zeppelin song and slipped them under my door. He was my Prince Charming when he showed up in my room at the infirmary on his way to practice after I landed there overnight with an ear infection, looking as happy to see me then as he does now,

32 years of marriage and three grown children later.

And he is still my Prince Charming. He is my Prince Charming who cooks me dinner every night — and does the dishes, too. He is my Prince Charming who makes me laugh. He is my Prince Charming who helps me make the bed every morning, clears the snow off my windshield and promised me not only a rose garden, but a vegetable garden, too. He is my Prince Charming who plays guitar and writes me songs. He is my Prince Charming who never complains when I spend a Friday night with my book club; he is happy to keep

the dog company, cook ribs because he knows I don't like them and listen to his recently resurrected vinyl collection at way too high a volume for our neighbors' comfort.

He is my Prince Charming who didn't chastise me for absentmindedly driving his car to work one day, making him late because everything he needed was in that car, or losing my phone during a long walk with a friend. In fact, he helped me retrace my footsteps — did I mention it was a long walk? — all the while resisting saying out loud what was surely in his head — questions like, What were you thinking? And, Do you have

any idea what a new phone will cost? We found the phone and now I recall that stressful afternoon as a convivial walk on a fall day.

Don't get me wrong — he isn't perfect. He makes an awful lot of noise when he can't find something he needs in the utensil drawer. He's quick to accuse me — or one of the kids — of taking or moving or misplacing something and he's right only 90 percent of the time. He can be a bit of a nervous Nelly. But that's part of his charm, I suppose, and exactly what I didn't know I was looking for that long ago evening while I waited for my prince to come.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1942

75 years ago this week

◆ **KIDS PROVE CHAMPION COLLECTORS OF SCRAP:** Challenged with collecting scrap metal for the war effort, elementary school children in the Grosse Pointe Public School System gathered more than 15 tons. Trombly students alone collected five tons.

◆ **YOUNGSTERS CONSUMED 7,000 DOUGHNUTS AT HALLOWEEN PAR-**

**TIES:** With a minimum amount of mischief reported, Grosse Pointe's third annual Halloween parties went off with a bang to the downbeats of LeRoy Smith's and Gene Owen's orchestras. Participants consumed more than 7,000 doughnuts and drank 80 gallons of ginger ale.

### 1967

50 years ago this week

◆ **HOLDUP IN SHORES LEADS TO BREAKUP OF ROBBERY**

**RING:** The arrest of two men by FBI agents and offices of the Detroit Hold-Up Squad climaxed weeks of intensive investigation by two Shores detectives and resulted in the breaking up of an interstate armed robbery ring and the clearing of at least 23 hold-ups in the Detroit area, including the one in the Shores and one in the Park.

### 1992

25 years ago this week

◆ **CITY CONSIDERS**

**TWO AMBULANCE PLANS:** The City of Grosse Pointe was just about set to go with Grosse Pointe Park's plan for improved ambulance service when it received a last-minute, cheaper proposal from Grosse Pointe Farms.

### 2007

10 years ago this week

◆ **FOUNDATION'S NEWEST PROJECT IS ALL WET:** The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation announced its plan to

build a zero depth pool for toddlers at Windmill Pointe Park. It will replace the park's existing baby pool.

Construction should be completed by Memorial Day.

◆ **CITY COUNCIL RACE ENDS IN TIE; POWER LOST AT POLLS:** If there was an operative word to describe the City of Grosse Pointe election day and results, it would be unpredictable.

First, Maire Elementary School lost power at 1:25 p.m. requiring two of the city's three precincts to run on auxiliary power.

Then, in a more shocking development, there was a tie between two challengers to the city council.

◆ **WOODS CHALLENGERS WIN:** Two newcomers took the top spots in the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council election, while one incumbent held her post.

Challengers Art Bryant and Joe Sucher defeated incumbents Darryl Spicher and Dona DeSantis Reynolds, while incumbent Lisa Pinkos-Howle retained her seat, coming in third in the five-person race.

—Karen Fontanive

## Open enrollment time for healthcare coverage

There's a lot of confusion right now about health insurance. The Affordable Care Act is still the law — and people began signing up for health coverage Nov. 1.

Approximately 1 million Michigan residents are insured through the ACA, and some changes this year will make it harder for people to sign up for 2018 plans.

Here are five things everyone should know — and share — about open enrollment.

1) The ACA is still here for us. The Marketplace at HealthCare.gov will be open for enrollment Nov. 1 to Dec. 15. People can compare plans now.

2) Financial help is available to lower your monthly costs. Eight out of 10 people got help to pay for coverage in 2017, and that help is still available (despite confusing news reports).

3) Don't wait to enroll. The sign-up period is short this year — just 45 days. If you wait until the last week to enroll, you may run into technical problems and miss your only chance to get covered for 2018. The Marketplace will be closed most Sunday mornings.

4) Compare plans to get the best deal. Every year, the plans available through the Marketplace change, and your personal situation may have changed, too.

5) In-person help is available. If you want help comparing plans and making the best choice, use local help.healthcare.gov or enrollmichigan.org to

find enrollment assistance nearby.

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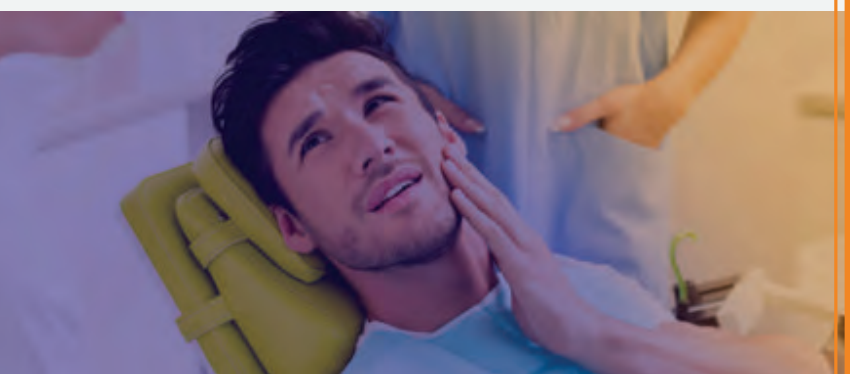
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# District hosts annual luncheon

Leadership gathering celebrates schools and community

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

The Community Luncheon is a Who's Who of Grosse Pointe. Each year, industry leaders — from health care, real estate, media, public safety, education, government, churches and other nonprofit organizations — gather at a local elementary school to socialize, network and celebrate education.

At the eighth annual event Nov. 6, hosted by the Grosse Pointe Community Health Coalition, Grosse Pointe Public School System, Grosse Pointe News and Richard Elementary School and held in Richard's gym, students were front and center as greeters and tour guides, with fourth graders performing a medley of songs under the direction of vocal music teacher Kemmer Weinhaus. Teachers and PTO volunteers served as hosts.

Richard Principal Mary MacDonald-Barrett recognized Alicia Carlisle, GPPSS SERVE director, Rebecca Fannon, GPPSS community affairs manager and Helen Srebernak, PTO Council president, for their help.

"It was like planning a wedding without a band and without a happy couple, but it all worked out," said MacDonald-Barrett. She acknowledged the diverse range of commu-



Public Safety Officer Steve Puckett picks up his name tag from the Richard Welcome Committee, from left, Elle Davey, Bella Rondini, Charlotte Messacar, Kate Everham, Connie Bedsworth and Molly Reynolds. Right, speakers Superintendent Gary Niehaus, top, and Lt. Gov. Brian Calley.

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Above, from left, Stuart Alderman, executive director of Neighborhood Club; Lt. Gov. Brian Calley; John Maliszewski, Grosse Pointe Rotary; and Stephen Poloni, Grosse Pointe City and Grosse Pointe Park director of public safety. Top, Richard Principal Mary MacDonald-Barrett greets Margaret Weertz, Board of Education vice president.

nity members in the room. "It's just a wonderful, supportive group," she said.

She also touched on the history and traditions of the school, named after Pere Gabriel Richard, a Frenchman by birth and founder of the University of Michigan and Detroit's earliest schools.

*'Building a more inclusive future is what it's all about.'*

BRIAN CALLEY  
Michigan Lieutenant Governor

"We probably have fourth-generation students attending here," she said. "We also welcome many first-generation people here. Our community is growing and expanding .... We have a fabulous school system and we are proud to be part of it at Richard and it's because of people who support us as you do."

Special recognition was given to Donna Hoban, vice president and chief medical officer at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, who is stepping down from her administrative role to focus on her private practice; and Officer Steve Puckett, retiring after 33 years with the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department, where he was a welcome presence in the school community, including as Safety Town liaison.

"We would like to thank you, Steve, for all of your service. We can't begin to repay you and we hope you know how much we appreciate it," said Carlisle.

"Any time you needed anything, he was there at the drop of a hat, from whole school evacuations to working through specific problems with students," said Fannon. "He's a good guy and we're sad to lose him."

Other speakers were John Minnis, publisher of

Grosse Pointe News and Grosse Pointe Magazine, GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus and special guest Lt. Gov. Brian Calley.

"I have been to several of these community luncheons, including the inaugural one at Poupard," said Minnis. "I always leave these feeling better than when I arrived and I feel better about our schools."

Minnis also touched on the facilities planning process taking place within the school district.

"With the blue ribbon facilities committee meeting now evaluating all of our schools, all of our buildings and all of our facilities, it's really important that we get the opportunity to actually come in and visit these buildings and learn about their culture and their history and mini-communities inside the larger community," he said.

Niehaus announced ongoing collaboration with city managers and mayors, under an inter-governmental contract with Rocket Fiber in Detroit, to put 14 miles of internet high-speed fiber into Grosse Pointe to connect all schools, municipal buildings and offices in the community.

"We would be the first

suburb outside of Detroit to have the opportunity to have high-speed fiber," Niehaus said. "We believe that will help us on an economic development level, we think it will help us on a security and safety level and we know it will help us inside our schools." A formal presentation of the plan will take place at the Board of Education meeting Monday, Nov. 13, with city council meeting presentations to follow.

Calley offered a personal perspective as a father of a child with autism and spoke about his own struggles growing up — struggles he said didn't make it into his biography.

People with disabilities overcome their own struggles with innovation, creativity and perseverance, he said. "Aren't those qualities you would look for in your work force? But when people look at people with dis-

abilities, you think about what they can't do rather than what they can.

"If you were labeled according to your struggles, you wouldn't be given a fair shot," he continued. "For every story about a person who shattered expectations, there are probably 1,000 stories about people who never got a chance."

He also talked about the difference positive behavioral intervention and supports make for children with developmental challenges, citing a school district that implemented PBIS and reduced suspensions schoolwide by teaching and consistently reinforcing expected behavior.

The other key to success in special education is inclusion, he said.

"Building a more inclusive future is what it's all about. If we want a more inclusive workplace and community, the place to start is in our schools."

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## Teacher of THE WEEK

### Karen Gallagher



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**School:** Poupard Elementary School  
**Years at Poupard:** 20  
**Grade/Subject:** Grade 5  
**Nominated by:** Hussain Ali, principal  
**Principal's quote:**

"Karen Gallagher is a skilled teacher who is consistently learning and adapting her own trade. Karen serves as a building leader on multiple high-leverage committees at Poupard. At times, working in education can be extremely demanding; Karen has the ability to sense those times and make jokes to maintain high morale amongst our staff."

**What do you enjoy most about teaching?**

I love when former Poupard students come back to visit. Sometimes it's during the first few years of middle school, telling us about grades, classes and friends. We also have many high school students return excited to share their accomplishments and plans for the future. Last year we had a group of students return in their caps and gowns. They visited classrooms as we took pictures. Teaching

for me is about building these relationships and making these connections with children. During our fifth-grade promotion ceremony we tell our students they will always be part of the Poupard family and we want them to come home to visit once in a while.

**Describe a teaching accomplishment you're proud of or a "teachable moment" you experienced.**

Anyone in teaching knows how difficult the first few years can be. You have a million great ideas, perfectly planned, then reality sets in and you realize how quickly you need to think on your feet. My career began mid-year in an inner city school and I was the third teacher the students had. Needless to say, I had my work cut out for me. Despite many ups and downs, it was the best learning experience I could have had. By the end of the year I remember looking around my classroom, watching my students work and thinking, OK, I can do this! Now, with a few more years in the classroom, I still have the understanding that not

everything is going to go as planned. That's what happens when you work with children.

**Name a book or person that has inspired you or your teaching.**

I have been lucky enough to work with some amazing principals. One of my principals gave me some great advice, simple but so true. Be the kind of teacher you want your own children to have. This is something I think about often.

**Favorite quote:**  
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— Randy Pausch, "The Last Lecture"

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# Facilities committee member seeks information

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Tara Burdick agreed to serve on the Grosse Pointe Public School System blue ribbon facilities committee because she values education and worries about the impact of future budget cuts on the district. She brings to the role a background expertise in organizational restructuring, including facilities management, from her years at Booz Allen & Hamilton and, more recently, at Amphora Consulting, a strategic consulting firm. While Burdick acknowledged neighborhood schools and walkability was a high priority among Grosse Pointers, her focus was less on the location of the buildings and more on

the “five things that go into a child’s education” — a robust, challenging curriculum, the arts at all levels, a strong middle and high school athletic program, the extracurricular offerings and a quality staff. “Those five things are what matter,” she said. “It’s easy for me to say because I’m not from here and my grandmother didn’t go to this elementary school (with generations all (attending) the same elementary school. It’s not the bricks and the mortar and the chairs and the desks that make our curriculum and our school district so awesome. They’re beautiful buildings, but it’s the other things that really matter.” While acknowledging the difficulty of the task

at hand, Burdick said in the district’s favor is the strong make-up of the 50-member committee. “For the most part we’ve got the right people involved,” she said. “We’ve got some administrators from the district, we’ve got the president of the union, Mike Rennell, which I’m glad; he needs to be there. I think we’ve got most of the buildings represented, we’ve got real estate people, financial people, consultants .... So we’ve got the right people in the room.” Burdick said the committee had reached consensus in a variety of areas, including the fact enrollment and revenue have declined and appropriate action must be taken.

“I think people for the most part strongly believe we have to do something and we have to make some kind of decision,” she said. Responses on closing buildings based on a live survey conducted at the meeting Nov. 12, were varied depending on whether it was Barnes Early Childhood Center, an elementary, middle or high school building or the administration building at 389 St. Clair. “There is a strong support of closing the administration building because it doesn’t affect the kids,” Burdick said. “Everyone is going to jump on that first. But I want to know, what is the

savings of closing the building and what is the property value? To me, at the end of the day, it’s about the biggest bang for your buck.” What Burdick seeks at this stage of the process is more information — financial information as well as responses from the community on priorities and where they are willing to make concessions. “I’m an information seeker,” she said. “What do people think? What do they have the stomach for? What are their priorities? What do they value? Is it more important to have an elementary school you can walk to with your kids, or are you willing to drive so you can keep instrumental music and art and Spanish?” Burdick and committee member Julie Moe conducted an online survey among members of the Mom’s Swap Facebook group. Burdick cut off the survey after 100 responses and received 97 qualified responses from Grosse Pointe residents, 77 who had or would have children attending schools in the district. She shared the results with Superintendent Gary Niehaus, who confirmed they aligned with the results of the blue ribbon committee survey, which have not yet been made public. Burdick said she and Moe conducted the survey for their own reference and preferred not to pub-

licize the results so as not to skew future surveys. “In my opinion, I felt I have a responsibility to know what people think,” she said. “For example, I would be opposed personally to putting sixth grade back in elementary schools. My kids and my life that I live, I would hate that. Interestingly enough, that was something that came up in the blue ribbon committee — and people liked it. And I was like OK, if people liked it, I’d be supportive and make it work for my kid. My goal was to understand what people want.” While Burdick said she herself is not concerned about class size, she recognizes others are. In fact, for some, class size may be non-negotiable. “It is going to be challenging. The question I would ask is, fine, if you want only 20 people in a class, are you willing to foot the bill to keep that? What are people’s tradeoffs? What are you willing to give up to get this?” “At the end of the day, I do think we have a great community here and I guess I’m optimistic that there will be support and understanding that we’re trying to save the good stuff in the district,” she continued. “We’ll try to save all the beautiful buildings and keep people right near their house, but we might have to give something up and to me, if that’s what we have to give up, that’s the lesser of all evils.”

## Week Ahead

### SATURDAY, NOV. 11

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School’s bands and orchestras present this year’s Pops & Pastries program, “Hooray for Hollywood!” in North’s gymnasium, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Homemade pastries will be available for guests to enjoy while listening to the music of Hollywood. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$4 for students and senior citizens, and are available at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20381 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, or at the door. Children 10 and under are free.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 12

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public School System hosts an open house 1 to 3 p.m. Every school will be open with student-guided tours and hospitality support from the PTO. Current fifth-graders and eighth-graders are welcome to tour the middle or high school of their futures with their families. Contact Rebecca Fannon at fannonr@gpschools.org for more information.

### THUR.-SAT., NOV. 16-18

◆ Grosse Pointe South Pointe Players Thespian Troupe No. 49, under the direction of Meaghan Dunham, presents “You Can’t Take it With You,” a comedy in three acts by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, 7:30 p.m. in South’s auditorium, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$8 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for adults and are available in advance at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, or at the door.



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## Honoring vets

Carol Cross’s fifth-grade social studies class at Defer Elementary School made cards to honor veterans. The cards will be presented during the Grosse Pointe War Memorial celebration. Pictured, from left, are Mya Jansen, Maddy Benard, Rafael Delgado and William McLean.

# Bill proposes redistributing money from public education

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Legislation that diverts a significant portion of regional enhancement millage money from traditional public schools to public academies, or charter schools, was passed by the House Education Reform Committee and has strong support in the Michigan House of Representatives, where a vote is pending. Senate Bill 574, introduced by Sen. Dave Hildenbrand, R-Lowell, and backed by the charter school lobby and choice advocates, also applies to virtual schools, which critics of the bill say don’t incur costs traditional public schools do. The Michigan Association of School Boards opposes the bill. In an Oct. 26 memorandum to members of the House Committee on Education Reform, Jennifer Smith, director of government relations, urged legislators to be clear the bill is not retroactive. She also expressed concern about future activity and requested non-traditional public schools be held to the same standards of accountability and transparency as traditional public schools. “If a PSA closes, there needs to be a clear process for what to do with the assets purchased with the millage revenue. These assets should be treated differently as they are purchased with local tax payer dollars, not state-appropriated funds,” Smith wrote. While the 45 Democrats in the House are unified against the bill, only one Republican on record has opposed it. Gaining the additional nine votes nec-

essary to defeat the bill is an uphill battle, according to Grosse Pointe Woods resident Christopher Profeta. Profeta has contacted 15 Republican House representatives serving constituents in school districts that receive enhancement millage money to urge them to vote “no.” The few who responded said they are still considering the bill. “For me, as a product of public schools and a public school parent and advocate, it’s an issue of fairness,” said Profeta, who serves on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education. “Public schools have additional costs that aren’t associated with charter and online schools .... It’s not fair to me to take money from schools that have those costs and give them to schools that don’t have those costs.”

Such costs include required employee pension funding, special education and, in the case of virtual schools, transportation and building maintenance. Moreover, unlike traditional public schools, charter and virtual schools are not held to the same standards of accountability as traditional public schools, Profeta said, such as approval of the ballot in public meetings and transparent accounting on appropriate use of funds. “It’s the accountability part of it that I think is most important,” he said. While Wayne County passed a regional enhancement millage last year, the legislation would apply to new or renewed millages only. If the Wayne County enhancement millage is renewed in four years, GPPSS faces a loss of

\$90 per student, or approximately \$700,000 each year of the millage. The original bill — since revised — attempted to redistribute money from existing millages. “That’s not an insignificant amount of money,” Profeta said. Candidate for State Representative District 1 Tenisha Yancey said she opposes the bill, but, assuming she wins in Tuesday’s election, won’t be allowed to vote on the House floor for 10 days following the election. Hers is one of two open seats.

As of press time, Hildenbrand didn’t respond to a request for comment.

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## Steadfast in crossing kids safely

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Several Woods school crossing guards have been crossing kids safely across the community's busy roads nearly two decades, showing devotion to the role and fondness for the kids they keep safe.

Charlotte "Charlie" Monaghan, who has crossed kids at Our Lady Star of the Sea and Ferry Elementary schools since August 1999, is known as Ms. Charlie among the kids. Each school day, she greets them by name and engages them in brief, cheerful dialogue.

When Monaghan's two sons and the children to whom she provided day-care outgrew the need for childcare, she responded to an ad she saw in the Grosse Pointe News seeking crossing guards. Falling into this new role, she continued her work keeping kids safe and has been doing so more than 18 years.

Retired from a 40-year skilled-trades career at Chrysler at age 62, William "Bill" Westwood began crossing kids on the southeast corner of Mack and Vernier in August 2000. Westwood explained his daughter, who works for the Grosse Pointe Public School System, understood he "didn't feel much like sitting around the house" and suggested he apply to fill a crossing-guard vacancy.

Westwood admitted while he hadn't anticipated being in this role 18 years, he enjoys it.

"It gets me out of the house a couple of times a day for a couple of hours," he said. "It beats sitting and watching TV."



PHOTOS BY MELISSA WALSH  
**Ted Colborn crosses students across Mack.**



**Charlie Monaghan crosses students near Ferry Elementary School.**



**Bill Westwood crosses students across Vernier.**

As for his clientele, Westwood added, "Most of the kids are pretty decent. You'd be surprised at the number of thank you's I get each day."

Theodore "Ted" Colborn began crossing kids on the southwest corner of Mack and Vernier in September 2001, following a long career in international export/import management.

"Informally, Bill (Westwood) is the CEO of our team at the corner (of Mack and Vernier)," Colborn said. "Bill quarterback the whole thing."

All three crossing guards said as they're out in the community, kids they've crossed and their parents often approach them. Monaghan said a former crossing-guard safety — now in his mid-20s — recognized her at Brownies on the Lake and wanted to buy her a beer. Westwood said kids he crossed while they

were students at Mason now are college-age and periodically some of them recognize and greet him. Colborn said the kids he has crossed recognize him "all over town."

Crossing kids from Mason, Parcels and Grosse Pointe North High School each morning and afternoon, Westwood and Colborn have been at the corners of Mack and Vernier for the duration of their crossing-guard service, 18 and 17 years, respectively. Together they are crossing their "fourth generation of kids," according to Colborn, "if you consider a generation as elementary school, middle school, high school and then up."

"I like the kids so much," he said. "There are all kinds of kids and they mix together very well."

Colborn said the greatest thrill as a crossing guard was the privilege of crossing his own chil-

dren.

Since many kids these days with working parents get up and get themselves ready for school, Colborn said he makes a point of saying, "good morning, as cheerfully as I can, to everybody."

As for the harsh weather crossing guards must endure, Monaghan said she loves working outdoors. She doesn't mind the snow, she added, but doesn't like to get rained on.

When asked how to manage working in harsh

weather, Westwood said, "Bundle up."

Grosse Pointe is known for rarely calling a snow day, Westwood said. "I remember one time listening on the radio before I came to work and they said, 'All the schools in the Detroit area are closed except the Grosse Pointe School System.'"

Colborn commended the Woods Public Safety Department in the procurement of the yellow rain slickers issued to the crossing guards.

"It's one of the finest

garments I've ever had," he said of his 17-year-old slicker. "All of the plastic snaps still work. We're well protected in the rain."

"I do mind the ice and the wind," he added. "The kids don't seem to mind it that much and they don't dress warm enough."

Other dedicated crossing guards serving Woods school children more than 10 years are Marjorie Warhurst, since August 2001, and Kathleen Guertin, since September 2005.

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istered approximately 70 percent of the defense budget. Korb has authored, co-authored, edited or contributed to more than 20 books and written more than 100 articles on national security issues. His books include "The Joint Chiefs of Staff: The First Twenty-five Years," "The Fall and Rise of the Pentagon," "American National Security: Policy and Process, Future Visions for U.S.



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La Societe des Jardinieres meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at the home of member Helena Thurber, with Tina Olofsson serving as co-hostess. Dinner is provided by the hostesses, with a presentation to follow, entitled "Edible Flowers in the Kitchen."

## Herb Society

The Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Nancy Weigandt, founder of Detroit Abloom, speaks about growing lavender. Guests are welcome.

The annual Herbs & Holly Boutique presented by the Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack. The marketplace features handcrafted wreaths, lavender products, herbal holiday decorations and culinary creations. Funds are used for the herb gardens at The War Memorial and Services for Older Citizens. Admission is free.

## BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

## Assumption

The 15th annual Festival of Tables, "Putting on the Glitz," takes place Saturday, Nov. 11, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. The first viewing, with boutique and auction, is 1 to 4 p.m. The second viewing, with dinner and a fashion show, is 4:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the St. John Providence Health Care System Breast Care Program. For tickets, call (313) 886-1650 or (313) 886-4200.

## Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center presents "Back to Eden, Landscaping with Native Plants," 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Frank Porter leads this Berry Memorial Lecture. Cost is \$15. Call (313) 499-0743.

The Garden Center presents a Native Plant Design Workshop with Frank Porter 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$35 and includes a book. Call (313) 499-0743.

## Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, 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.

## Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Lunch is \$15. A

speaker will give a presentation. Jackets are suggested. All men 55 and older are welcome. Call (313) 550-9661.

## Overeaters Anonymous

An Overeaters Anonymous group meets 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Bethel Lutheran Church, 26400 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores. Use the rear door to get to the basement classroom. Newcomers are welcome at OA, a 12-step recovery program for people who have problems with food or weight. Visit [oagreaterdetroit.org](http://oagreaterdetroit.org) or call Mary B. at (313) 410-5283.

## Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, Lakeshore YMCA, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, St. Joan of Arc Catholic School, 22415 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

## Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents Business After Hours at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Guiseppe's Oils and Vinegars, 16841 Kercheval Place, second floor, City of Grosse Pointe.

## Tuesday Musicale

Tuesday Musicale hosts a business meeting at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, followed by a duo piano concert, "The Hailun Piano," at 11:15 a.m. at The Piano Place, 1307 E. Maple, Troy. Visit [tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org](http://tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org).

## Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary hosts its next meeting 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Chip Rohde of the Rivertown Detroit Association will discuss different projects and initiatives in the Rivertown area of Detroit.

## ADHD

Author Alan Schwarz discusses his book, "ADHD Nation," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The free event includes a panel discussion and Schwarz will sign copies of his book. Register by emailing [adhdnationgp@gmail.com](mailto:adhdnationgp@gmail.com).

## Family Center

The Family Center presents "Digital Distractions: How to find a balanced relationship with technology," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Register at [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org) or by calling (313) 447-1374.

## Alliance Française

The Alliance Française

de Grosse Pointe, a French cultural group, celebrates the wine of the new harvest 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, in the Hellenic Room of Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. The event includes music, food and wine. Admission is \$38 per person for AFGP members, \$43 for non-members. To reserve, send a check payable to "Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe" to 23009 Maxine, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Include phone number on the check. Reservation deadline is Sunday, Nov. 12. Questions may be sent to Christiane at [cstein44@comcast.net](mailto:cstein44@comcast.net).

## GPA

The Grosse Pointe Artists' Association presents the following programs at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms:

◆ 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 16, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14, "Pastels with Dan Methric."

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, and Sunday, Nov. 19, "Two-day Color Workshop with Vianna Szabo."

◆ Deadline for entries to "When the Sun Goes Down" is Monday, Nov. 27, with intake 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11. Juror is Birgit Hutteman-Holz. The show runs Wednesday, Dec. 13, to Sunday, Jan. 14, at The War Memorial. A reception and awards ceremony is 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17.

◆ The 11th annual "Our Rivers, Our Lakes" show is displayed 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through Friday, Dec. 8, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For information, call (313) 881-3454.

## Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Ezekiel Harris, executive director of Mack Avenue Christian Church, speaks. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

## Wild Birds

Wild Birds Unlimited, Grosse Pointe Woods hosts bird walks this fall at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Led by Wild Birds owner Rosann Kovalcik, the next walk is scheduled 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. Cost is \$5. Purchase tickets online at [fordhouse.org/events](http://fordhouse.org/events).

## Audubon

The Grosse Pointe Audubon Society hosts its next meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, in the annex of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Social hour begins at 7 p.m. The past four decades, the Anchor Bay Christmas Bird Count circle has become famous for its rarities and the huge numbers of species and individuals. Join avid birder and Anchor Bay count compiler Mike Florian as he shares his look at the data from the annual count. The meeting and refreshments are free and open to the public.

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# The Family Center

ASK THE EXPERTS articles

## ASK THE EXPERTS

By Dr. Lori Warner

# Phubbing is harmful to relationships

**Q: My husband told me I'm "phubbing" him. What does he mean?**

**A:** The term phubber combines "phone" and "snubber."

But are you a phubber? Let's find out. Here are a few of the indicators. Do you:

◆ Check your phone during meals with others?

◆ Check your phone during a lull in the conversation?

◆ Glance often at your phone while talking to someone?

◆ Place your cell phone where you can see it when with others?

We may engage in some of these behaviors from time to time, but when it becomes more frequent, we may have developed a bad habit that will harm our relationships.

There is also something called the "iPhone Effect" — defined in the Urban Dictionary as "shortly after one person in the group brings out their iPhone, the rest follow suit, ultimately ending all conversation and eye contact."

Technology is amazing and useful, but we need to remember it is a tool. Use technology; don't let it use you. Constantly checking our phones rather than interacting with one another takes time from the real world and meaningful interactions and puts it out in cyberspace. This is not an all-or-nothing situation; there is a time and a place for using phones, computers, television, video games and computers.

## SAVE the DATE

Digital Distractions: How to Find a Balanced Relationship with Technology

7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register early for this free program online at familycenterweb.org or by calling (313) 447-1374.

But because these activities are so rewarding, we easily can overuse them.

Find out more about these relationship busters and how to undo the damage at an upcoming Ask the Experts Talk.

*Warner is a clinical psychologist, board certified behavior analyst, assistant director of the Center for Human Development at Beaumont Children's Hospital, director of the Ted Lindsay Foundation HOPE Center and associate professor for Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. She may be reached at (248) 691-4774 or visit [beaumontchildrenshospital.com/hope](http://beaumontchildrenshospital.com/hope). Beaumont Hospital is a member of the Family Center's Association of Professionals.*

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# 15th annual HOLLYFEST is Nov. 30

Signature event benefits The Family Center

By Jody McVeigh

Editor

Since its inception 17 years ago, The Family Center has helped countless men, women and children by providing resources, professional connections and specialized programs to the community. From mental health and suicide awareness to raising children, help with aging parents, divorce, college selection, alcohol and substance abuse, the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods have greatly benefited from Family Center efforts.

To help support those efforts, The Family Center hosts its 15th annual HOLLYFEST Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

This year's event is co-chaired by Family Center volunteer Jerry Antonelli and Mary Petersen, a Family Center Association of Professionals member. Ask the Experts columnist and secretary on the board of directors.

Petersen, who joined the Association of Professionals in 2014, said she immediately was impressed with the orga-

nization. Soon after, she began writing columns and offering lectures relevant to the community.

"The Family Center is no longer just a resource for school-age children and families, but now targets community members across the life span from birth through end of life," Petersen said. "We offer the benefits of education on multiple topics from multiple professionals, as well as referrals to those professionals. The professionals benefit as well by gaining exposure within our community, in addition to great fun and friendship in the process."

Petersen said she, Antonelli and Family Center Assistant to the Director Beth Vernon worked closely putting together this year's event, soliciting sponsorships, as well as service and product donations for the event's silent auction.

"This helps us fund the HOLLYFEST event itself as well as provide much-needed funds to sustain our day-to-day functioning of The Family Center throughout the rest of the year," she said. "And as most of us are 'foodies' who enjoy entertaining and time with friends,

we also have great fun organizing the menu and music and other festive details of this event where we can participate in supporting such a good cause, while sporting our holiday best and most certainly bumping into other friends as well."

Lynn Schneider, who with her husband, Dr. John Schneider, serve as honorary chairmen of HOLLYFEST, has been involved with the organization almost as long as it's been around.

"I believe in (Executive Director) Debbie (Liedel) and what they were doing with The Family Center," she said. "I wish I had something like this when I was raising my kids. With suicide and drugs and all the problems children, young adults and parents are facing, this is a tremendous resource and support for families .... The Family Center has come such a long way since Diane Strickler founded it. It's exciting to have an idea and turn it into reality."

Schneider said she and her husband were surprised and humbled when asked to be honorary chairmen, but she's



happy to provide support to the organization and its signature event.

"I hope people enjoy the event, support it and hopefully family and friends come and have a good time," she said. "It's a terrific event that raises money for The Family Center, so they can continue their programs."

HOLLYFEST starts at 6:30 p.m. and features cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent auction and entertainment. Tickets are \$150 each and available online. Registration is required by Friday, Nov. 10.

A VIP reception for all \$250-plus sponsors takes place 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For more event and ticket information, visit [hollyfest.familycenterweb.org](http://hollyfest.familycenterweb.org) or call (313) 447-1374.

## Stahls hosts veterans events

Stahls Automotive Museum, 56516 North Bay, Chesterfield, welcomes veterans, current service members and anyone who wants to recognize those who have served the country to an open house 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11.

The event includes historic military footage featuring a section of Bob Hope's USO Tour, as well as the museum's collection of Brass Age, Depression Era, pre-war and post-war vehicles. Vehicles range from General Motors, Ford and Chrysler to Tucker, Duesenberg, Pierce Arrow and more. New additions include a 1917 Hanes, 1934 Studebaker

President Regal Roadster and 1939 Ford Midget Racer built for William Clay Ford Sr.

Additionally, patrons are invited to check out the music room, filled with some of the most interesting music players ever designed, including Stahl's own Wurlitzer pipe organ.

All donations from the event, which is open to the public, benefit Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, which pairs Michigan veterans with individually trained medical service dogs.

The salute to veterans continues Sunday, Nov. 12, with a charity hockey

game. The puck drops at 12:30 p.m. at St. Clair Shores Civic Arena, 20000 Stephens, when Team Stahls, coached by Mark Wells of the 1980 U.S. Olympic gold medal hockey team, takes on the Red Wings Alumni Association. Tickets are \$10.

Proceeds from this

event also benefit

Guardian Angels. Memorabilia and autograph sessions are included.

Stahls Automotive Museum and Stahls Group are owned by Ted Stahl of Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, visit [stahlsauto.com](http://stahlsauto.com).

## GPPL hosts author visit

The Grosse Pointe Public Library presents an evening with author Michael Zadoorian at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Born and raised in Detroit, Zadoorian is the author of "The Leisure Seeker" and "Second Hand," which was an ABA Booksense 76 selection, a Barnes &

Noble Discover Award finalist and winner of the Great Lakes Colleges Association New Writers Award.

Zadoorian will discuss his writing, as well as his experiences having his book made into a film. "The Leisure Seeker," starring Helen Mirren and Donald Sutherland, hits theaters this holiday season. The program is free, but seating is limited. Register online at [gp.lib.mi.us](http://gp.lib.mi.us) or call (313) 343-2074.



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# OBITUARIES

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

## Barbara Boydell Beyster

Barbara Boydell Beyster, 93, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017, in St. Clair Shores.

A former resident of Grosse Pointe Woods and Fort Myers Beach, Fla., she was born Nov. 5, 1923, in Detroit to Clarence W. Boydell and Kathleen Codd Boydell. Barbara was predeceased by her loving husband of 57 years, James Downie Beyster.

She is survived by her son, H. Edward Beyster (Beverly); daughter, Barbara Bierbusse (James); granddaughters, Sherri Beyster and Rebecca Schaumlöffel (Eric) and great-grandsons, Andrew Alarcon, Eric Schaumlöffel and Jay Schaumlöffel.

She was predeceased by her brother, William C. Boydell.

Barbara graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1942. She was proud of

her Detroit heritage. Her grandfather, George P. Codd, was mayor of Detroit and a U.S. Congressman. Her family owned Boydell Paint Co.

Barbara devoted her life to taking care of her family and being involved in her children's activities. She spent many summers on Harsens Island, where she met her husband. She was a longtime member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Junior League of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Club, Lochmoor Club, Chapel by the Sea and The Forrest Country Club. In 1983, she and her husband moved from Grosse Pointe to Florida. She loved playing tennis and bridge and organizing the clubs and leagues in Grosse Pointe and Fort Myers. Barbara made friends quickly with her beautiful smile and welcoming personality.

She moved back to Michigan to be close to her family and spent the

last years of her life making new friends at ShorePointe Village.

A celebration of life will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 or Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

## Brooks Jarvis

Brooks Jarvis, 92, passed away peacefully at home Monday, Oct. 30, 2017, in St. Clair Shores. Brooks' final days were spent surrounded by her loving family.

Brooks is survived by her dear husband, Robert; children, Paul, Jim (Beverly), John (Nora), Patty (Peter), Mary, Margie (Ray), Danny (Linda), Donna (Carlos) and Chrissy (Rob). She was predeceased by her youngest son, David.

Brooks was born March 14, 1925, in Osceola, Ark., to Manon and Seba McClure. She graduated from Muskegon Junior



Barbara Boydell Beyster



Brooks Jarvis

College and began a career as an X-ray technician. She met her sweetheart, Robert, at college two days after he returned from the war. They married in 1946 in Muskegon.

Robert was absolutely smitten the first time he met Brooks. He asked her for a date and took her to a dance at the Tannery at Whitehall on Saturday night. That was the beginning of their love story. They were happily married 70 years. Their love was an inspiration to those who knew them.

Robert and Brooks had 10 children and raised them in Grosse Pointe Park. Brooks cherished her many beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Brooks' family remember her as a

kind, gentle and patient mother who always welcomed friends and neighbors at her table. She never met a stranger and was loved by those lucky to know her.

She was an accomplished tennis player and often encouraged others to take up the sport. She treasured all the friends she met through tennis and was passionate about the game. She was an active and dedicated member of several leagues over the years.

Brooks will be deeply missed by many.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton Street, Grosse Pointe Park.

# CHURCH EVENTS

## First English

First English Evangelical Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents "The Wizard of Oz," 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, and Saturday, Nov. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. Admission: \$18 dinner and show; \$10 show only; reduced ticket prices for students. Call (313) 884-5040.

## St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts Pasta for the Poor 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$6 for ages 6 to 12 and free for ages 5 and younger. Call (313) 822-2814.

## Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace" at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, featuring the church's chorale, soloists and orchestra performing the work of Welsh composer Karl Jenkins. Tickets are \$20. Visit christchurchgp.org/concerts.

## GP Woods Presbyterian

The instrumental ensemble at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, performs during worship services Sunday, Nov. 12 and 19. The ensemble includes church members and visiting professional musicians. On Nov. 19, theorist Jeff Noonan will visit.

## PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Justin Dittrich

# The thing we love to avoid is killing us

Col. Nathan R. Jessup from the movie "A Few Good Men" was right when he said, "You can't handle the truth!"

This is particularly true when the truth doesn't fit our own understanding of something. We show we can't handle it when the truth triggers our fight-or-flight mechanism. We are not made for our world to change. That is why being a Christian is hard work. Jesus brought conflict. Being with Jesus, you had to be ready for the honest truth about yourself and the world. We tend to like people who "tell it like it is"

until they start saying things in conflict with our world view. Then this truth often is thought to be mean.

Jesus did not protect anyone's pride or coddle anyone's insecurities. Jesus didn't go around handing out participation trophies and star stickers complimenting every good deed and faithful response. He didn't tend to every desire or even every need of the people. He was not exactly sensitive or even that thoughtful sometimes. Jesus was painfully honest. Jesus brought conflict and we hate conflict. We hate it in ourselves

and in others (hypocrisy). We avoid conflict so much we would rather die than deal with what is really happening. We have overinflated our egos to the point they are fragile. So we avoid conflict and will do almost anything to keep conflict at bay.

Christ brings conflict and life. If we can handle conflict, we will receive life. If we cannot handle conflict, it will suck us dry. The beauty of Jesus' style of "telling it like it is," is it frees us to do what really matters. It frees us from our pride and self-indulgence to consider what really matters. Jesus didn't use

insults and spite to create conflict; he used the truth and hoped people could handle the truth. The people who couldn't handle the truth killed him. Those who could handle the truth held out hope that Christ's death was not the final answer. I thank God death wasn't the final answer and I pray we can be a church that handles the truth, handles it with grace and makes a difference with the truth.

Dittrich is the pastor and head of staff at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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# Starting the conversation

## GPUC opens sexuality curriculum, forum to public

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church is opening its doors to the community, hoping to share with others a successful program its congregation has appreciated for years.

Since the late 1960s, the Unitarian Universalist Association and its congregational churches have implemented a comprehensive sexuality curriculum that “dismantles stereotypes and assumptions, builds self-acceptance and self-esteem, fosters healthy relationships and improves decision making.” “Our Whole Lives,” or OWL, has

been so well received, the Rev. Alex Riegel decided to offer it to everyone.

“I can’t tell you the number of times kids go through the curriculum, then come back years later and say that class changed their life,” Riegel said. “It takes the ignorance and taboo out of sexuality .... Of all the programs we offer, this has the greatest impact on the lives of young people. Why not make it a public class?”

From gender identity and safe sex to gender roles and even dating, the class is taught in a safe, open environment that allows students to ask difficult questions.

“It’s incredibly com-

plex to be a youth in today’s world,” Riegel said. “Kids are sexually active at a younger age, they’re more permissive. The legalities, too, are especially difficult for youth to maneuver .... I think there are a lot of parents out there who would love to give their kids this information.”

Riegel believes of all the challenges youth have to face, their sexual identity and sexual expression get the least amount of attention. OWL aims to change that.

OWL classes open to the public in January; registration began Nov. 1. More information may be found at [gpuuc.org](http://gpuuc.org) by clicking the

Sunday School tab.

In the meantime, Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church offers the program “Empowering Young Women: A Public Conversation about Sexual Safety in an Overly Permissive World,” at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16.

“I have a deep passion about sexual safety in youth. Young men and women are not given the information they need and often are not held accountable,” Riegel said of this “powerful and delicate issue.”

Neurologically, Riegel said, the region of the brain that causes hormones to prompt teens’ sexual behavior develops a decade before the

frontal lobe, which encourages adult thinking.

“You’ve got close to a decade when you’re holding kids accountable as though they have frontal lobe development,” Riegel said. “It’s a complex situation. I want to have a public conversation about keeping kids safe, beginning with young girls, but we also want to keep young boys safe. I want to keep girls safe from unwanted sexual advances and keep boys safe by helping them learn how to honor boundaries young girls are trying to assert but may not be asserting clearly.”

The program features a panel facilitated by a church member. Panelists — Riegel, as well as an evolutionary biologist, social worker, school counselor and psychotherapist — each will speak five minutes

from their perspectives on the topic. Then the floor is opened to conversation.

“It’s an opportunity for attendees to come forward and engage the panelists or give two or three minutes of their point of view on the topic,” Riegel said. “I’m open to whatever comes. If people show up who are resistant, I want to hear what their resistance is.”

“I hope this will turn into a broader, ongoing conversation about safety,” he continued. “We need to do a better job of educating young women on how to be safe .... From the point of view of Unitarian Universalists, we believe fully informed youth are happier youth, more well-rounded youth.”

For more information about Empowering Young Women, visit [gpuuc.org/upcoming-events](http://gpuuc.org/upcoming-events).

## Chorale presents Handel’s ‘Messiah’

The Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra present their 39th annual performances of G.F. Handel’s “Messiah” at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, and Sunday, Dec. 3, at Detroit’s historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church.

This year’s concerts are conducted by Dr. Arianne Abela, a member of the music faculty at Wayne State University and founder of 3 Penny Chorus and Orchestra, which was recently featured in the quarter finals of America’s Got Talent at Radio City Music Hall. She was one of 10 finalists asked to partici-



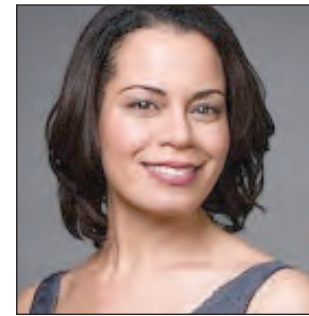
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pate in the Dallas Opera’s inaugural Women’s Conductor Institute and recently was appointed music director of the Canadian-based opera company re:Naissance Opera.

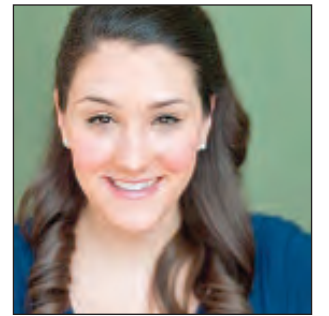
Soloists this season are soprano Michele Kennedy, mezzo-soprano Ashley Dixon, tenor Lonnie Reed and baritone Jonathan Lasch.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased in advance at [fortstreet.org/messiah](http://fortstreet.org/messiah). Student and group rates are available

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6B | HARPER WOODS

# Retiree maps out history of Kelly Road retail

By Debra Kaszubski  
Special Writer

While in high school, Guy Foremski, 71, delivered pies for Vet's Pizzeria in Harper Woods. Throughout the years, Foremski, who still lives in the city, watched the pizzeria change. It was a bar a few times, a restaurant several times more and eventually a small banquet hall.

The building, now vacant, is awaiting its next incarnation. In the meantime, Foremski has watched as the years have changed not only Vet's, but other buildings

lining Kelly Road. He is in the process of detailing that history for a project to be on permanent display in the city when complete.

"My brother-in-law (George Montgomery) and I are longtime residents of the city and a lot of us old-timers are moving out," Foremski said. "We wanted to put down the history so no one would forget the roots of the city."

Montgomery's initial project was a sketch of Kelly Road storefronts. Foremski worked on it with him, focusing especially on the storefronts

in the 1950s through the '70s. Foremski presented the research to the Harper Woods Public Library last year and later was asked to work on the project even further.

"The mayor wants to hang (the completed timeline) in his new Community Development Center on Kelly when it's complete," he said.

Foremski is researching at the library, talking to other Harper Woods residents and spending hours on the internet to come up with his final Kelly Road timeline. He's especially interested in the stretch between Eastland Drive and McCormick Street.

He discovered, among other details, the former Roulo Hardware store doubled as a gun shop in the early 1950s. He also found evidence of what may have been Kelly Road's first tenant; settler Casper Salter may have been one of the area's earliest residents. Foremski believes Salter's home was built on Kelly Road in the 1700s, between Woodland and Woodcrest.

Foremski also found Holbrook's Market, Chatham's Supermarket,



Guy Foremski, left, and Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter review Foremski's Kelly Road project.

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Bigigare's Hardware and evidence and photos from other past Kelly businesses.

"I grew up here and I remember some of the places," he said. "Kelly Road was our main drag, and so a lot of people would

probably remember." This is not Foremski's first historical project. He's a fan of genealogy and has traced his family tree back to the early 1700s.

Foremski is interested in feedback from the

community. Those with memories or photos from Harper Woods along Kelly Road should visit the Facebook pages "I Was a Harper Woods Kid" or "Harper Woods Residents Past and Present" to contribute.



## Special needs police intern helps nab suspected thief

By Debra Kaszubski  
Special Writer

Jeff Powell, 22, has dreamed of working as a police officer his whole life. The Harper Woods Police Department gave Powell, who was diagnosed with autism at age 3, his chance to work as an intern. Now, one less suspected thief is walking the streets.

Powell was seated in the front seat of a Harper Woods cruiser Oct. 26, when he recognized a man he had seen earlier in a photo taken from surveillance video in which the suspect was stealing an Amazon package from the front porch of a Harper Woods home. Powell shouted, "That's him. That's the man."

Detroit resident Isreal Crumptom was arrested and later arraigned on several counts of larceny and domestic violence. His bond was set at \$35,000.

"To see him get to do something of that fashion — I'm proud," his mom, Dian, said. "I have to be realistic that he probably isn't going to be an actual police officer. But to be able to do this, which is police work, is fantastic. I'm so happy for him."

Powell has worked as an intern at the police department three years through the Grosse Pointe Public School System's Continuing Education program. He works at the station every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon performing a variety of duties, from filing to civilian aid.

"I really like the work," he said. Powell said he has had a relationship with the department for years, first get-



COURTESY PHOTO

Harper Woods resident Jeff Powell, 22, helped the Harper Woods Police Department nab a suspected thief during an Oct. 26 ride-along.

ting to know the officers when he was 8. When the chance to work as an intern came up through the school system, Harper Woods welcomed the opportunity to employ Powell.

In addition to his job with the police department, Powell works at Ace Hardware in St. Clair Shores.

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# Review: 'Thor: Ragnarok' is silly, slight Marvel entry

By Chris Williams  
Film Critic

The problem with Marvel's commitment to advancing several storylines over the course of 20 or so films is it's harder to do a successful standalone entry and take narrative risks. You either sacrifice creativity for continuity or risk diminishing the overarching story for the sake of keeping things fresh.

This is the conundrum haunting "Thor: Ragnarok," the caper to Marvel's least-loved trilogy. It's by far the silliest movie in the Marvel pantheon — and remember, this is a cinematic universe that involves two movies about a talking raccoon — yet it features giant narrative shake-ups. It's often fun, but also a piffle, which I assume is not how Marvel would prefer we remember a film whose title refers to the end of the world.

For those who forgot what happened in "Thor: The Dark World," which was a fairly forgettable movie, it ended with Thor's dastardly brother Loki (Tom Hiddleston) faking his death and assuming the Asgardian throne by impersonating Odin (Anthony Hopkins). Thor (Chris Hemsworth) then helped the Avengers tussle with Ultron before embarking on a search for infinity stones and learning of Loki's betrayal. If the preceding two sentences mean nothing to you, you probably won't get much out of this, the 17th film in the intricate Marvel Cinematic Universe. It's a fans-only affair.

"Thor: Ragnarok" quickly dispenses with the previous film's cliffhanger. After a brief fight with a fire demon, Thor returns to Asgard and reveals Loki's treachery, only for the realm to be invaded by Hela,



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the Goddess of Death (Cate Blanchett). After a few Marvel-mandated cameos and a brief heart-to-heart with Odin, Thor lands on a planet ruled by the Grandmaster (Jeff Goldblum), who delights in staging gladiator tournaments. Thor is pitted against old friend Hulk (Mark Ruffalo) and hopes to make his escape back to Asgard to vanquish Hela and save his people.

Don't worry; no one's taking this seriously, which is both the movie's strong suit and its biggest problem.

After the Shakespearean "Thor" and a sequel helmed by a "Game of Thrones" vet, Marvel decided the God of Thunder needed to lighten up a bit, something I'm sure was bolstered by the success of the more comedic "Guardians of the Galaxy" films. So they brought onboard Taika Waititi, director of "What We Do in the Shadows" and "Hunt for the Wilderpeople," to bring some levity to the proceedings.

Waititi's lighter touch makes "Ragnarok" the best standalone movie the character's had. Hemsworth's game for bringing human foibles to the superhero. His portrayal of Thor is more in line with Chris

Pratt's take on Star Lord, a bit pretentious and over-confident, just a quip away from being cut down to size. His banter with Hulk, who can now speak in two-syllable sentences, is delightful, as is his chemistry with Ruffalo when the character reverts to Bruce Banner. Watching the two bicker like the leads of a buddy comedy is fun and the film gains a lot of energy from the pairing.

The cast seems eager to ham it up. Hiddleston brings a petulant, whiny humor to Loki's continued attempts for power. Tessa Thompson is a welcome addition as Valkyrie, a hard-drinking Asgardian warrior Thor meets on his journey. Blanchett has a blast as the gothed-up Hela. Goldblum essentially plays himself, but I can't think of a film where that wouldn't be welcome. Even Hopkins gets to let loose a bit.

It's all very silly. While the requisite Marvel cameos fumble a bit, Waititi has some other surprise guests in store and all of the action is delivered in bright, bold, Kirby-inspired visuals. Lasers shoot across the screen, spaceships zip across the galaxy and Hulk smashes both a wolf and a lava

monster. This is all scored to an '80s-inspired score by Mark Mothersbaugh (yes, of Devo fame) and some great needle drops, including two very appropriate uses of Led Zeppelin's "Immigrant Song."

But while Waititi delivers the laughs, he's less successful at making the drama stick. When the film cuts from Thor and Hulk to check on the situation in Asgard, it drags. Waititi is more interested in the buddy comedy shenanigans and pop escapism, but fails to deliver in giving us a reason to care about any of it. The climax feels perfunctory and the movie wraps up with a shrug.

None of that would be a problem if this was just a middle entry in a series, where an isolated story could play out with little importance. But "Ragnarok" is the third movie in a trilogy and a key lead-up to Marvel's upcoming "Infinity War." Its ending features dramatic shakeups with major implications for Thor's world. But it feels hollow and tossed off; there's no reason to care

about Asgard or its people. Part of that is the fault of the two previous films, which didn't make Asgard into a compelling world. But part of it also is because everything is a joke. Everyone's so focused on making this funny they forget to make it mean anything.

And while I laughed, "Thor: Ragnarok" left me concerned about the direction of the Marvel universe. The studio seems to have noticed the "Guardians of the Galaxy" laugh-a-minute formula worked well and decided to make "Thor" into its next laugh riot — right on the heels, of course, of "Spider-man: Homecoming" being a comedy. Is Marvel going to turn into a chuckle hut? Is it going to sacrifice thrills and character for laughs? If so, I'm afraid come time for "Infinity War," the joke might not be funny.

Williams is a member of the Detroit Film Critics Society. He writes about film, faith and culture at [crossculturecritic.com](http://crossculturecritic.com).

## Open houses discuss proposed Belle Isle garden

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Garden Club of Michigan host public meetings Tuesday, Nov. 14, and Tuesday, Nov. 28, to gather public input on a proposed garden in Detroit's Belle Isle Park. The garden will be designed by internationally renowned garden designer Piet Oudolf.

Attendees will see a short video of Oudolf discussing his vision for the garden and providing insight into the pre-

ferred site location. He also will respond to a few questions submitted by the public ahead of time.

Both open houses take place at the Flynn Pavilion, 4435 Muse, in Belle Isle Park, Detroit. The first is 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14. The second is 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, and will address questions that arise from the first open house. Contact Amanda Hertl at (313) 396-6872 or [hertla@michigan.gov](mailto:hertla@michigan.gov).

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# JLD to host Designers' Show House at Fisher mansion

The Junior League of Detroit recently announced its biennial fundraiser, the Designers' Show House, will occur in Detroit for the first time since its inception in 1976, at the historic Fisher mansion in the city's Boston Edison district. The house recently was purchased by actor Hill Harper.

The Designers' Show House is slated Sept. 13 to Oct. 7, 2018.

"It makes perfect sense for us to host the 2018 Designers' Show House in Detroit," said Mayra Rodriguez, JLD president. "The show house is a showcase for transformation through design and there is no better example of transformation than the city of Detroit itself. We are so grateful to Hill Harper and the Historic Boston-

Edison Association for their generosity and support of this project. We look forward to welcoming thousands of guests to the Designers' Show House in September 2018, to view the home's historic architecture alongside the work of the area's greatest design talents, all while helping us raise money to support the JLD's work in the community."

Built in 1922 by architect George D. Mason, the Charles T. Fisher mansion is the largest home in the historic Boston Edison district. At just less than 18,000 square feet, the estate includes 14 bedrooms, 14 bathrooms, a pub, a private chapel, gymnasium, carriage house and prohibition-era liquor vault.

Some of the region and nation's best interior and

landscape designers will be invited to transform the property, highlighting the latest in design trends and techniques. Once completed, the house will be open for tours, with ticket sales benefiting the JLD. The past 21 Designers' Show Houses all have been hosted in the Grosse Pointes.

Harper is an award-winning actor, best-selling author and philanthropist who starred on the CBS drama "CSI: NY," HLN's "How It Really Happened" and Showtime's award-winning series "Homeland." This fall, Harper begins his role as Dr. Marcus Andrews on the highly-acclaimed show "The Good Doctor" on ABC.

Harper founded the Manifest Your Destiny Foundation, which is ded-

icated to empowering, encouraging and inspiring underserved youth to succeed through mentorship, scholarship and grant programs. Harper also is a job creator through ownership of businesses including The Roasting Plant Coffee in Detroit.

"I'm excited to be able to host the 2018 Designers' Show House in my new home in the great city of Detroit," said Harper. "It is especially gratifying that the proceeds from this event will support the Junior League of Detroit and their longstanding mission of helping families and children in Detroit."

"The Historic Boston Edison Association is thrilled to have Mr. Harper as a new owner in our historic community and even more excited to

have his beautiful home chosen as the 2018 Designers' Show House," said Dianne Bostic Robinson, Historic Boston Edison Association president. "This event will bring thousands of visitors to our community, highlighting our special neighborhood while also boosting our local businesses. We are honored to be the location for the first Designers' Show House within the city limits."

Held every other year since 1976, the Designers' Show House is the JLD's most significant fundraiser. Close to \$4.5 million has been raised for programs and projects in the city of Detroit.

Proceeds from the 2018 Designers' Show House support the JLD's newest health and nutrition ini-

tiative.

Since its inception in 1914, the JLD has created 53 programs that have aided, enriched and supported the Detroit community. Its most recent program — Project EAT — worked to provide and support healthy eating opportunities for Detroit families. In partnership with Humble Design, it provided hundreds of kitchen kits to families in need. Along with a current partnership with local nonprofit The Empowerment Plan, JLD leadership currently is working with community leaders to develop a new initiative, which will address food insecurity among Detroit's most vulnerable citizens.

For updates during the event, visit [jldshowhouse.org](http://jldshowhouse.org) or [facebook.com/juniorleagueofdetroit](http://facebook.com/juniorleagueofdetroit).

# Soroptimist supports 'Days for Girls'

At its October business meeting, Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe supported "Days for Girls" with a \$500 donation for materials and supplies.

"Days for Girls" has a vision that every girl and woman around the world have ready access to feminine hygiene by 2022. Its mission is to create a more free, dignified and educated world through

providing lasting access to feminine hygiene solutions and health education.

The nonprofit organization creates feminine hygiene kits that include panties, pads, soap and information that have reached more than 800,000 women and girls in more than 100 countries. The kits have been distributed by women who accompany each

delivery and then teach recipients how to use the hygiene products. Why is this necessary? In many countries when young girls begin to menstruate, they do not go to school. This monthly missing of school adds up to loss of education and often the girl stops coming to school, resulting in continuing the cycle of poverty and early pregnancy. Soroptimist members

volunteer 9 a.m. to noon the last Saturday of each month at the Eastside "Days for Girls" workshop at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Contact Sandra Mengel at [ssmengel@gmail.com](mailto:ssmengel@gmail.com) if interested in volunteering. Contact Roseanne Horne at [Rosewa33@aol.com](mailto:Rosewa33@aol.com) if interested in Soroptimist.



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From left, Soroptimist Co-president Roseanne Horne, Sandra Mengel and Joan Richardson accept the check from Co-president Ross Braun.

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## Swimming

## NORTH &amp; SOUTH

## South captures title, Villani named MVP

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

For the first time in more than a decade of swim competition, the Macomb Area Conference Red Division Championship Meet was competitive.

For years it was Grosse Pointe South walking away with an easy title.

Host South kept its streak of league championships intact — but barely. South won by only 1.5 points over Utica Eisenhower, 320.5-319.

Grosse Pointe North had its best showing in years, taking third with 191 points, while St. Clair was fourth with 184 and Chippewa Valley was fifth with 174.5.

Each team won at least one event and the meet Most Valuable Player was North's Sam Villani. She won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 57.27 and was second in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 53.10.

The Blue Devils held a slim lead heading into the final event of the day, the 400-yard freestyle relay. To win, they had to

finish at least second and they did as Ava Boutrous, Clarice Fisher, Lily Bates and Sarah McCabe took runner-up to Eisenhower with a time of 3:41.15.

North's group of Olivia Peruzzi, Alyssa Carlino, Ava MacGillis and Villani placed third with a time of 3:46.36 to cement the team's third-place finish.

Grosse Pointe South won the opening event, the 200-yard medley relay, as McCabe, Fisher, Boutrous and Hadley Gordon had a time of 1:50.96 and North's foursome of Villani, MacGillis, Amelia Fly and Peruzzi was second with a time of 1:51.53.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Boutrous and Carlino led the local swimmers by taking third and fourth with times of 1:56.25 and 2:00.41, while South's Avery Westfall took sixth at 2:06.94.

South's Fisher came back to win the 200-yard individual medley by more than three seconds over Madie Wilson of Chippewa Valley. Fisher had a time of 2:10.31 and North's MacGillis was in

the finals and took sixth with a time of 2:17.95.

The Blue Devils had two in the top six in the 50-yard freestyle, with McCabe taking second with a time of 25.23 and Bates was fourth at 25.82. The Norsemen's Peruzzi was fifth with a time of 26.09.

In diving, South's Rachel Rogers and Kate Duncan earned points by placing sixth and seventh with 271.45 and 266.80 points.

For North, Amanda Nguyen, Abby Gretkierewicz and Ada Marotzke placed 10th, 11th and 12th with 251.35, 202.95 and 198.85 points, respectively.

Fisher won another event, taking the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 56.13. Eisenhower had three in the top six to stay close to the Blue Devils in the team standings.

In the 100-yard freestyle, McCabe and Bates took third and fourth, while Peruzzi was fifth, posting times of 54.15, 56.91 and 57.04.

Boutrous finished sec-

ond in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:09.15 and Westfall was sixth at 5:44.84. North's Carlino was fifth with a time of 5:32.71.

It was Eisenhower and South taking the top spots in the 200-yard freestyle relay. South's Gordon, Hannah Blanz, Olla Reisen and Bates took second with a time of 1:46.43.

South was able to get two swimmers in the top six in the backstroke, won by Villani. Adrienne Byarski was fourth with a time of 1:04.45 and Madeline Keane was sixth with a time of 1:06.81.

The Norsemen took a giant step toward finishing third with two finishers in the top six in the 100-yard breaststroke. MacGillis was second with a time of 1:09.02 and Helen Michaelson was sixth with a time of 1:16.49.

Next for the Blue Devils and Norsemen is the Division 2 state championship meet Friday, Nov. 17, and Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Holland Aquatic Center.

## Sailing

## LIGGETT



PHOTO BY KATHY JOHNSON

## Sailing away

Liggett senior sailor Alex Johnson represented the school at the national high school single-handed sailing championship held Oct. 27 to 29 in St. Petersburg, Fla. Johnson qualified in the Laser full rig boat by winning the qualifying regional regatta held at Sheridan Shore Sailing School in Winnetka, Ill., Sept. 23 and 24. Michigan is part of a nine-state region that also includes Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Iowa and Missouri. Johnson is one of 18 sailors vying for the national championship title in the Laser full rig. An additional 18 sailors competed for the national title in the Laser radial. He is the only sailor from Michigan who qualified for the championship in either boat. Pictured above is Johnson with Zac Hernandez, the director of sailing at Sheridan Shore Sailing School.

## Cross country

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Strong finish

Grosse Pointe South junior Devon Krasner, right, finished 55th in last weekend's Division 1 girls' cross-country state championship meet at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. Krasner finished in 18:56.2. Her goal this season was to break the 19-minute mark, which she did. Her time was the 20th fastest in South history.



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## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Delays pose problem

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' cross-country team ended its season last weekend, finishing 24th with 518 points in the Division 1 state championship meet at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

A trio of juniors, William Hofmann, Kuvin Satyadev and Garrett Schreck, led the Norsemen. Hofmann finished 70th with a time of 16:37.1 and Satyadev was 79th at 16:43.2. Schreck placed 88th with a time of 16:49.1.

Seniors Mike Ciaravino and Calvin Riley rounded out the Norsemen scorers by placing 140th and 141st with times of 17:15.3 and 17:15.7 in their final high school race.

Senior Evan Nyquist and junior Ben Seagram also ran and had times of 17:37.9 and 17:41.3.

"It was a crazy day," head coach Diane Montgomery wrote in an email. "The D1 boys race was the last race of the day and it was originally scheduled to run at 3:30 p.m. However, lightning hit the area around 2:30 p.m. and they had to

start delaying the boys D2 race, scheduled to run at 2:50 p.m. originally. The D2 race went off at 3:25 and ours was then rescheduled for 3:55 p.m.

"However, more lightning caused two more delays, first to 4:10 and then finally to 4:40. Our team tends to run a pretty regulated pre-race routine, so these delays were pretty disruptive to the mental preparedness of our runners, as I'm sure many others in the race also suffered from the multiple delays and the course was a wet, muddy mess."

## LIGGETT

## Knights get good results at finals

In its first Division 3 cross country state finals appearance, the University Liggett girls' team of Annelies Ondersma, Sadie Ancona, Margaret Hartigan, Ava Hennes, Sophia Ma, Lauren McKenzie and Karina Minanov ran to a 26th-place finish at Michigan International Speedway.

Ondersma crossed the line in 98th to complete her fourth and final appearance at the state finals.

Her time of 20:48 was her best ever on the MIS course. She is also the first Liggett girl to compete in four consecutive state finals meets as part of a full team qualification.

Along with Ondersma, the Knights will also graduate McKenzie, who ran her second best time of the year, and Minanov, who had an excellent first and only season running cross country.

All three will be back for indoor and outdoor track to put the final stamp on their running careers for the Knights.

Sophomores Ancona, Hartigan and Hennes, and freshman Ma, raced to strong finishes, further proving they will be

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LINDSEY BACHMAN  
University Liggett head coach

ready to lead this team heading into the 2018 season.

Joined by Evie Ugval, Darshana Subramaniam, Alisa McCrary and Katelyn Hayes, these returning ladies will usher in the next new group of freshmen to keep the program running strong in 2018.

In the boys' race, individual qualifiers Michael Ellis and Ashton Pongratz turned in a pair of sub-18 performances to end their seasons.

In his fourth and final appearance in the state finals meet, Ellis finished his cross-country career on a high note by running a personal-best time of 17:30, which is the fastest finish by a Liggett runner at a state finals meet in recent years.

"Additionally, the Knights had one finisher at the state finals meet run under 18 minutes, which was Kevin Allen in

2012, so having two in the same year, and one being a sophomore, is a big step forward for the program," head coach Lindsey Bachman said. "Pongratz's strong showing in his first ever state finals meet is a sure start of great things to come."

Ellis, along with fellow varsity runners Andrew Loner and Tristan Shogren, will be back for the indoor and outdoor track season before graduating and officially passing the torch on to Pongratz and teammates Kelin Flynn, Ian Shogren, Michael Sherman and Javier Villegas, as the pillars of the boys team.

"Both teams show great potential for the coming seasons," Bachman said. "With hard work and motivation, just about anything is possible in a year's time, and Nov. 3, 2018, will reveal how well that time has been used."

## Volleyball

# Trifecta of district champions

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen breeze to title

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

A sluggish start was the only stumbling block host Grosse Pointe North endured last week during its 25-20, 25-11, 25-13 win over Roseville in a Class A district championship match.

"We got off to a slow start, but the girls picked it up and it's great to win a district title," head coach Chelsea Brozo said. "Playing in the MAC Red really gets us prepared for the state play-offs and it showed tonight."

Senior Meredith Kraus led the offense with 12 kills, while senior Abby Kanakry had nine and junior Regan Sliwinski

had seven.

Senior Kirsten Bessette had 30 assists and the duo of Kraus and Kanakry had a combined seven serving aces.

Defensively, Sliwinski had six blocks and the junior duo of Evelyn Zacharias and Camryn Simon, as well as senior Kelly Brewer, led the way in digs and serve receive.

Senior Rachel Malinowski played well and the rest of the district champions receiving medals were senior Anna Post; juniors Jamie Brewer, Rachel Liagre, Sara Schaden, Riley Pucas and Maria Zaki.

In its semifinal match, North overpowered St. Clair Shores Lakeview, winning 25-9, 25-14, 25-19.

The Norsemen breezed to an easy game one victory as the Huskies couldn't stop Kanakry and the home team's serving was outstanding.

Game two was a little closer until senior Kelly Brewer served seven straight points to turn an 8-6 lead into a 15-6 one.

The momentum gain was just what Brozo hoped for.

The Norsemen built a comfortable 17-11 lead in the third game, but the Huskies roared back to tie it at 17, 18 and 19. Brozo called a timeout to settle her group and they responded with a match-ending 6-0 run.

Kanakry led the hitters with 11 kills, followed by Kraus with five, Sliwinski with four and Zaki with three.

Others with kills were Malinowski, Brewer and Simon.

Zacharias led the way defensively and was a wall in the back row and Bessette had more than 20 assists.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 18-23-2 overall.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North players hoist the Class A district championship trophy after beating Roseville.

## Football

## RED BARONS

## Freshman title

The Grosse Pointe Red Barons freshman team won a league championship last weekend, beating the Metro Gators 12-6 at Grosse Pointe South.

They beat the Mount Clemens Barracudas 42-0 in the semifinals.

During the regular season, the Red Barons beat the Barracudas 26-0, Eastside Eagles 20-6, Sterling Heights Redskins 25-7, East Detroit Tiger Cats 46-0, Warren Jets 14-6, Metro Wildcats 33-0 and St. Clair Shores Hornets 16-0.

The team was losing 19-13 to the Gators before play was sus-

pended due to inclement weather. The game was not completed.

In the championship game, five players started both ways and special teams, Adam Czarnik, Robert Ermanni, Ethan Hamilton, Joshua Lemanski and Lex Wilson.

The defense held the Gators to only two first downs in the game with plays by Austin Engel, Wilson, Hamilton and Ethan Bailey. The time of possession was dominated by Ermanni at quarterback, Lemanski and Hamilton at running back, and Czarnik at running back/wide receiver.

Other contributors were Devon Abbott, D.J. Battle, George Caudle, Grant DeVooght, Alex Hammel, Ian Hunter, King Jackson, Peyton LaPointe, Cody Moore, Austin Smiles, Anthony Rockwood, Ricky Rogers, Will Scott, Michael Soosik, Griffin Szatkiewski, Landon Trombley, Brian Waters, Dean Werner and Liam Wilson.

Head coach Ron Engel, along with assistants Brantley Johnson, Andrew Filborn, Robert Ermanni, Mark Czarnik, Chris Lemanski and John Scott, stressed getting better every practice.



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Players, coaches and cheerleaders for the Grosse Pointe Red Barons freshman team are all smiles after winning a league championship.

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## LIGGETT

## Knights storm back to win title

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett visited district title favorite New Haven last weekend.

New Haven brought a 39-5 record into the Class C district championship match, but the Knights and head coach Derek Arena were up to the challenge.

In a slugfest, Liggett won 21-25, 18-25, 25-10, 26-24, 15-7 to advance to the regionals and improve to 29-12-1 overall.

"It was a great evening of volleyball," Arena said. "Falling behind 2-0 can be very tough on a team, but we found a way to settle things down and pull out a great win."

Arena and his players regrouped and dominated game three.

Game four was a test of the nerves, but the Knights prevailed to force a game five.

The Knights had all the momentum and they carried that over to a dominating performance in the fifth game.

Delaney Bandos led the way with 14 service points, five aces and 21 digs, while Teagan Cornell had 13 service points, five aces and 15 digs.

Allison Cobb added 13 service points and on offense it was Olivia Ponte collecting nine service points, 12 kills and three blocks.

Bella Cubba had 12 kills and Tegan Jones had 13 kills, two blocks and 17 digs.

Mary Weiermiller chipped in with 40 assists, four service points and 14 digs.

In the semifinals, Liggett needed less than 60 minutes to defeat Mount Clemens, 25-5, 25-12, 25-13.

Cornell had 23 service points and eight aces, and Weiermiller had 15 service points, six aces and 14 assists.

Cubba played well with six kills and three blocks.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils rally past Cass Tech

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls' volleyball team had its back to the wall during its Class A district championship match against upstart Detroit Cass Tech.

The host Blue Devils, favorites to win the title, trailed 2-1 in games and fell behind 6-0 in game four.

The Blue Devils rose to the occasion behind a total team effort, while the Technicians lost their momentum as South rallied to win the title 25-27, 25-22, 23-25, 25-21, 15-9.

"Every point matters and it really did tonight," coach Krysta Kreyger said. "We went point-by-point and didn't get ahead of ourselves. It was a nice come-from-behind victory."

During the game four come back, junior Gretchen Brockway served the Blue Devils to the lead. She served three points early in the



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South's Charlotte Brecht, left, and Ally MacLeod played an instrumental role in helping the Blue Devils rally to beat Cass Tech.

game to cut the deficit to 8-5 and on her second rotation, Brockway served eight straight points to put the Blue Devils ahead 22-18.

With a 23-18 advantage, senior Chandler Duff served an ace to get to point No. 24 and junior Ally MacLeod's kill put the win in the books and forced a game five.

Duff finished with 18 kills, followed by junior Charlotte Brecht and senior Lauren Toenjes with six apiece. Others with kills were MacLeod and junior Gabby

Peruski.

Brockway had more than 30 assists and junior Cindy Hogan was tough in the back row with digs and serve receive.

Other players earning a district title medal were juniors Savannah Srebernak; and sophomores Cody Conlan, Lilly Hall, Caroline Zrimec, Lauren Nemah, Shannon Kerr, Kate George and Catherine Llope.

South swept Detroit Martin Luther King in three games in the semifinal and is 20-16-4.



