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Still alive

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

As of Tuesday, the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores team was still a contender in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

The Woods-Shores team has captured the hearts of fans throughout not just the five Pointes, but the state as they won two of three games in the Little League World Series.

They began the tournament with a come-from-behind 5-4 win over Idaho. They trailed 4-0, but scored one run in the bottom of the fifth inning and capped the comeback with four runs in the final half of the sixth to nab the victory.

In the winner's bracket, they lost 8-3 to Hawaii, but came back the following afternoon to once again rally from a 4-0 deficit to beat Iowa 5-4.

This time, they scored one run in the fourth inning to cut the deficit to 4-1, tied it with a three-run fifth inning and won the game as the first three batters reached to load the bases before Reggie Sharpe's single brought home the winning run.

The winning pitcher of both World Series games was Preston Barr, who came in to pitch relief both times.

Playing a big part in the comeback victories was a defensive gem from Jarren Purify. Both of his plays came on balls hit down the line and were with two outs.

This is the third time Woods-Shores has rallied

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Charlie Donnelly pretended to drive a race car during last year's event.

Racing for Kids to the Hill is Aug 29

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The checkered racing flags are fluttering over The Hill in anticipation of the 12th annual Racing for Kids to the Hill set for Wednesday, Aug. 29, on Kercheval.

The festivities run 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a free, open-to-the-public street fair. Following the street fair, the VIP cocktail reception and luxury auction take place 6 to 9 p.m. at the Northern Trust building on The Hill. Tickets cost \$125 per person and can be purchased online at racingforkids.org.

"It's a real fun day for the kids during the day," said Dan LaLonde, Hill Association president. The street is lined with dream cars — some

worth close to \$500,000, said LaLonde. There also will be live music, a sidewalk sale, scavenger hunt, games, food trucks and a special surprise at 1 p.m.

In the past, Racing for Kids has included Indy Car pit stops and motocross demonstrations and while they wouldn't say exactly what this year's demonstration will be, organizers said it promises to be a smash.

Patrick Wright, executive director of Racing for Kids, said all the money raised — from ticket sales to auction proceeds — is donated to local hospitals for children's programs.

"We work with them on specific needs," Wright said. "For instance, with

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Donaven sworn in

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Sierra Leone Donaven is officially a city councilwoman. She was sworn in Tuesday, Aug. 14, to become the first African-American councilmember in any of the Grosse Pointes.

Out of six candidates, Donaven was appointed by council Thursday,

July 12, to fill the seat left vacant by Therese Joseph.

Donaven, 58, previously served on the city's beautification commission and the board of directors for the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods NAACP branch and has volunteered for numerous causes in Detroit and Grosse Pointe.

She is a retired 20-year federal criminal investi-

gator for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and has lived in the Farms since 2011.

Many community members — and those from afar — came to the Aug. 14 meeting to show their support for Donaven.

"I cannot overstate the importance of this

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Sierra Leone Donaven, right, takes the oath of office administered by Assistant City Manager and Clerk Derrick Kozicki.

PHOTO BY ANTHONY VIOLA

Missing boater's body recovered in Lake St. Clair

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The body of 61-year-old St. Clair Shores resident Matthew Seraphin DeCouto was recovered from Lake St. Clair Wednesday, Aug. 15, one day after he went missing while boating with his fiancée.

The couple was out approximately a quarter mile from shore swimming, approximately 5:20 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, when their unanchored boat drifted away and out of reach.

After five minutes of swimming toward the boat, the woman real-

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The U.S. Coast Guard and Wayne County Sheriff pull alongside boaters Tuesday, Aug. 14, on Lake St. Clair in the Farms after a 61-year-old St. Clair Shores man went missing while swimming.

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Joseph Kurta
 Home: Grosse Pointe Park
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 Recently traveled to Australia and competed in a 1,000 mile sailboat race



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Paint dealer seeks community

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Kevin Westfall promises to find the right paint for any need.

“We won’t be out-serviced and we won’t run out of stock,” Westfall said he told his staff when he opened Grosse Pointe Woods Teknicolor Paints store Feb. 4.

The Woods location, on Mack, is Westfall’s sixth Teknicolor Paints store in the area, adding to the Birmingham, Pontiac, Farmington, Canton and Redford businesses. Teknicolor is the largest independent dealer of Benjamin Moore products in Southeast Michigan.

Westfall, 58, has sold paint coatings 40 years. He tapped his interest in and knowledge of paint to launch his first Teknicolor Paints store in 1997 in Birmingham.

Over the years, Westfall learned to differentiate himself as a paint dealer by focusing on customized customer service.

“If we don’t have it, we’re going to find it for

you,” he said, whether the paint the customer needs can be found at one of his Teknicolor Paints stores or a specialty paint found at a paint store owned by someone else.

He said this is why his customers range from someone shopping for paint for a bird house to a building contractor buying 100 gallons of white paint.

“We try to find out what service is important to you, personally,” Westfall said. “Is that carrying your paint out? Is that matching your paint color exactly? Is that remembering a particular contractor’s birthday? Just the personal touch. I like to say we’re small enough to react quickly and take care of anything that comes up, but we’re large enough to supply materials for very large jobs and in a very timely fashion.”

Westfall found his way into the movie business for the more than 20 years Hollywood movie-makers were visiting Detroit. He supplied paint for “Hoffa,” “Polish Wedding,” “8 Mile,” “Dreamgirls,” “Gran

Torino” and “Superman vs. Batman,” just to name a few.

“‘Wizard of Oz’ was about \$350,000 in revenue. That was a huge movie,” he said. “What got us the movie contracts was a couple trickling-in phone calls and they asked for kind of off-the-wall stuff. And we said, ‘Yeah, sure. We can get that.’ But we had no clue how we were going to get that, but we figured it out. So consequently they called us again and again.”

Westfall said his stores carry a large line of architectural coatings for homes and commercial buildings, stains for decks, faux-finish products, glazing compounds, metallic paints and countertop coatings. Though he does not offer marine and automotive coatings, he will point customers to someone who does.

Westfall works at the Woods store several times a week, often in the early morning, beginning 7:30 a.m. when contractors stop in for their orders. Aaron Binder, a 1996 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, and Ryan Heaton,

from Eastpointe, greet and help customers full time. Part-timer Ben Sheahy is a senior at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Binder said, “Some of the people I actually went to high school with moved out of town or moved out of state. Then they got older and started to move back to the Grosse Pointes. And they come into the store and I get to see them, people I haven’t seen in a long time.”

Hiring locally is in step with Westfall’s effort to immerse his business in the community. He also supports Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League and is participating in the 2018-19 Grosse Pointe South High School Blue Devils coupon book. In addition, Westfall supplied material for the 2018 Junior League of Detroit Designers’ Show House on Boston Boulevard in Detroit.

He said he’s impressed with how the community also has embraced his business.

“It’s the first store where we’ve done a mayoral ribbon-cutting,” he



PHOTO BY MELISSA WALSH

Teknicolor Paints owner Kevin Westfall, right, with Teknicolor employee and Grosse Pointe South alumnus Aaron Binder.

said, adding, “I live in Novi, but I love coming to this store. It’s just a fun store to work at. The people. The neighbors. It’s just been a great area for us.”

Westfall said Teknicolor will participate in the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce “Deck the Storefront” holiday window decorat-

ing contest and the Santa Claus Parade. He added he’s looking for youth programs to support and would like to get involved in charitable work, such as painting a house for a needy family. How-to classes will be offered in the store, as well.

“We’re just trying to find ways to be involved with things,” he said.

Resident submits request for recount on Headlee override

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — There will be a recount of the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety and Public Services Millage proposal, which failed by 11 votes according to results posted by Wayne County following the Aug. 7 primary election.

Woods resident Donna Abdo submitted the recount request with Wayne County for the six Grosse Pointe Woods precincts. The recount would include absentee ballots

and ballots cast election day.

A resident may request a recount up to six days following the board of canvassers certification deadline, which was Tuesday, Aug. 21. Recount requests may be submitted prior to certification.

Abdo submitted the request at the Wayne County Clerk’s office Monday, Aug. 20.

“We have filed for a recount because this issue is so important to the city of Grosse Pointe Woods and because the count was so very close,” Abdo said. “The recession of 2008 caused a serious decrease

in property taxes to our city.

As an example, my property taxes over the last several years (because of the recession) have been a cumulative \$17,000 less than they would have been in normal years. If you multiply that amount by the number of homes in Grosse Pointe Woods, you can understand why we’re experiencing the need for a tax increase. The value of my home is higher than it was before the recession, but the city cannot recoup lost tax revenue because of the Headlee amendment.”

Rheume named president of Federalist Society–Michigan

Bodman PLC recently announced Grosse Pointe Farms resident Thomas J. Rheume Jr., a member of Bodman’s Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution and Appellate practice groups, has been elected president of the Federalist Society–Michigan Chapter.

Rheume previously served as vice president of the Michigan chapter two years.

“Being an active member of the Federalist Society is extremely rewarding,” Rheume said. “I’ll continue to engage the next genera-

tion of leaders who share the same passion for public service.”

At Bodman, Rheume represents clients involved in complex commercial litigation matters and serves as local counsel for national and international law firms. He has been selected to the Michigan Super Lawyers® Rising Stars list since 2013 for business litigation and is a member of the 2017 Benchmark Litigation Under 40 Hotlist. He is active in the Detroit Economic Club and serves on its Young Leaders board of directors.

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Children’s Hospital of Michigan Foundation, we underwrite the cost

of portable pediatric cardiac monitoring units. So, kids who have had open heart surgery at a very tender age get to go home a lot earlier because they’re

equipped with a monitor which allows doctors to keep 100 percent on top of the case even while those kids are at home.”

Racing for Kids also has donated money raised in Grosse Pointe to Ascension St. John, Henry Ford Healthcare System and Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

“It’s very important to us that the people that participate know the money they are spending, especially on the auction items, goes right into health care,” Wright said. “We are very transparent. It’s very easy to see where your dollar goes and where it ends up and the good that it does.”

Last year, Wright said The Hill event surpassed the \$1 million mark of monies raised over the 11 years it’s been running.

The nonprofit organization founded in 1989 in Detroit and headquartered in the Farms has donated more than \$6.5 million to hospitals worldwide.

“Our mission is to use

the popularity of motor sports to focus public attention and funding on the health care needs of children,” Wright said. “The core of what we’ve done since (1989)

is we take celebrity race car drivers, primarily those in Indy Car, but we’ve had a little bit of NASCAR exposure and also some of the other series like American Rally Cross, and we take these celebrity drivers to see sick kids at children’s hospitals wherever we race.”

Wright said the organization has visited more than 32,000 children in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Japan and Brazil.

“These visits are a very important part of these children’s recovery therapy,” Wright said. “The doctors and caregivers who take care of them say that this gives them hope, helps them heal faster. It reminds them about what’s going on outside, takes their minds off of some really awfully serious and painful procedures. It’s definitely a positive result.”

For more information on Racing for Kids and to purchase tickets for the reception and auction, visit racingforkids.org.

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Council approves mini golf at Lake Front Park

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — In a 6-1 vote, city council gave the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation the green light to proceed with construction of a 9-hole miniature golf course at Lake Front Park during its meeting Monday, Aug. 20.

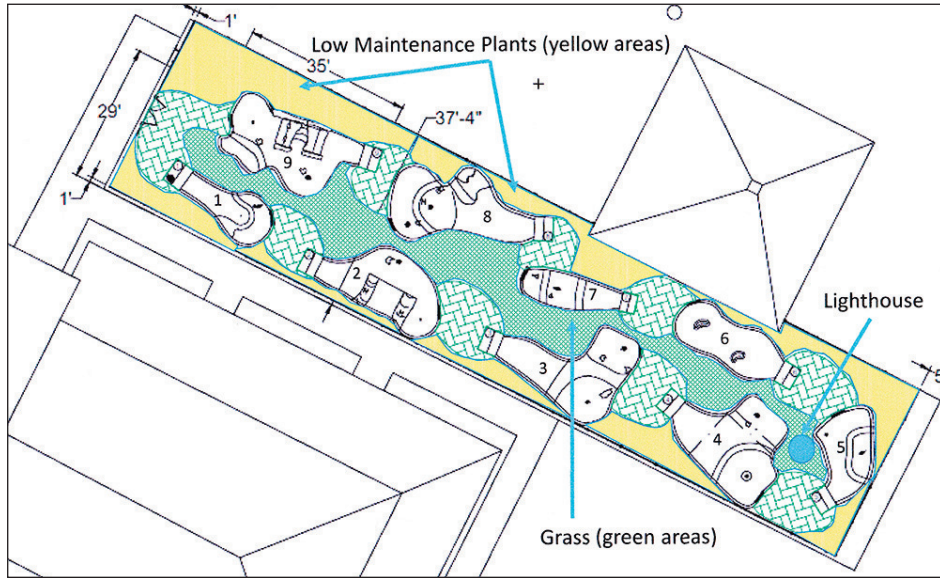
Representing the foundation, its president, Lisa Fuller, presented the design to city council prior to the vote.

“With your vote of approval, we’ll be able to enter into a contractual agreement with the builder and prepare for installation of the course at Lake Front Park in

spring of 2019,” said Fuller, expressing satisfaction with the “extremely productive” communication between the foundation and Woods Recreation Supervisor Nicole Gerhart and Director of Public Services Frank Schulte.

“There has been a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration that we hope will be the pattern for all future interaction between the city and the foundation,” Fuller added.

Volunteers, including Woods Beautification Commission members, will plant the course’s plants and flowers, she said, adding Colin Jambekar, 14, will build



COURTESY OF THE GROSSE POINTE WOODS FOUNDATION

Design rendering of the miniature golf course to be built spring 2019 at Lake Front Park.

the scoring stands as an Eagle Scout project.

Following Fuller’s presentation, Councilman

Michael Koester moved to approve the design.

Councilman Richard Shetler supported.

Councilwoman Vicki Granger asked Gerhart and Schulte if the proposed course, which will be located near the activity center, would interfere with a potential future project to expand the center’s gym.

“That’s going to be untouched and we could definitely push the building out in the future,” Schulte responded.

Granger followed up asking if the course would interfere with ongoing seasonal activities in the park, such as ice skating, camping and community movie-viewing.

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Park Foundation celebrates atrium opening

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — While the new atrium at Windmill Pointe Park’s Tompkins Center has been open most of the summer, the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation was finally able to celebrate its official opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday, Aug. 1.

The atrium, constructed on the water side of the center, adds to the capacity and ambience of the popular park facility. It was completed earlier this year and according to Councilwoman Barb Detwiler — who also acts as foundation treasurer — the center has been rented out 225 days of the year.

Along with the founda-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left, Grosse Pointe Park City Manager Dale Krajniak; James Tompkins; Charles Tompkins; John Tompkins; Margo Tompkins; Joe Tompkins; Grosse Pointe Park Foundation President Shery Cotton; Grosse Pointe Park Councilwoman Barb Detwiler and Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Pro-tem Dan Clark.

tion and many other donors, the Tompkins family helped fund the upgrade.

“Originally the mayor

contacted me and told me they were putting this atrium up,” Joe Tompkins, the eldest of the Tompkins offspring,

said. “They wanted to know if we wanted to continue to be a part of the program, so I consulted with my three brothers and my sister and I said, ‘Would you guys want to participate in this?’ They all jumped right on board.”

The Tompkins Center was the first project tackled by the foundation in the mid- to late-1980s. Formerly a bathhouse and warming center, it was repurposed to a rental hall with the help of the Tompkins family — some of the first members of the foundation.

The atrium isn’t the only change to the center. Recently, thanks to a donation from Clark Okulski D.O., the kitchen at the center will be upgraded to commercial standards, allowing for more opportunities at the

park as well.

“There were many, many people who have contributed money to the improvement of the Tompkins Center besides the Tompkins’,” Tompkins said. “... The great thing about the

foundation is they have a lot of go-to people. They’ve done a wonderful job at getting sponsors for things and they do a great job at getting other people to help raise the difference. They are a great operation.”

The Week Ahead

FRIDAY, AUG. 24

◆ Music on the Lawn, 7 to 10 p.m. in front of city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

SATURDAY, AUG. 25

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores tennis tournament and tennis court dedication ceremony, 11 a.m. at Osius Park, 800 Lakeshore.
◆ After 6 on Kercheval, 6 to 10 p.m. on Kercheval in The Park.

MONDAY, AUG. 27

◆ Park City council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park

TUESDAY, AUG. 28

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 8 a.m. at the municipal building, 795 Lakeshore.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29

◆ Racing for Kids to the Hill, street fair 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., VIP reception and luxury auction 6 to 9 p.m., on The Hill.

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appointment,” said Greg Bowen, president of the GP-HW NAACP. “The reality is there are eyes all around the country that have been looking at us here in the Pointes and your selection of Ms. Donaven to serve on city council. You have made history and I think Grosse Pointe Farms is actually leading the way in breaking new ground here in the Pointes.”

Stan Brue, of Canton, said he has known Donaven 30 years. He worked 27 years for the ATF and currently is a civilian contractor with the Detroit Police Department.

“I want to impress upon each and every one of you on the council the absolute invaluable asset that you have acquired today,” Brue said. “I don’t give a good hot chocolate what you may think you have read, what you may think you have heard, but Sierra Donaven, in the 30 years I have known her and worked for her, has one of the largest and softest hearts of anyone I have

ever encountered in my time here in Michigan.

“As I was driving here today, I couldn’t help but notice on Jefferson as I turned on Kerby obviously the tremendous landscaping that is prevalent at all of the homes coming out here,” he said. “One thing that was true with all of those mulch beds and gardens is that not every flower looked the same, not every bush was the same. It was the difference in those flowers, the difference in those bushes that led to its beauty. That it enhanced the beauty in all of that landscaping. ... It is our differences, it is our diversity that is actually our strength.”

It was encouragement from a newly-retired friend who told Donaven she still had more to give and God, she said, that led her to run for a position on council.

“I felt a calling, it’s that simple,” Donaven said at her appointment. “I’ve always been a volunteer in whatever community I’ve been living in.”

Donaven said serving and assisting others is in her DNA.

“Everyone that knows



PHOTO BY ANTHONY VIOLA

Councilwoman Sierra Leone Donaven, center, stands with family and friends after being sworn in as the newest member of council Tuesday, Aug. 14.

me, they will tell you Sierra really is for everyone,” she said. “She loves all people from all

walks of life and she has an open-door policy. I’m always available to assist someone.”

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from a 4-0 deficit to win a playoff game. The first was against Bay City in the state tournament and they followed that by rallying from

a 7-2 deficit to defeat Rockford 12-7 in the state championship game.

The comeback kids are one of four remaining squads from the United States still battling in the World Series as of press time.

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Pointer sets sail across the world

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

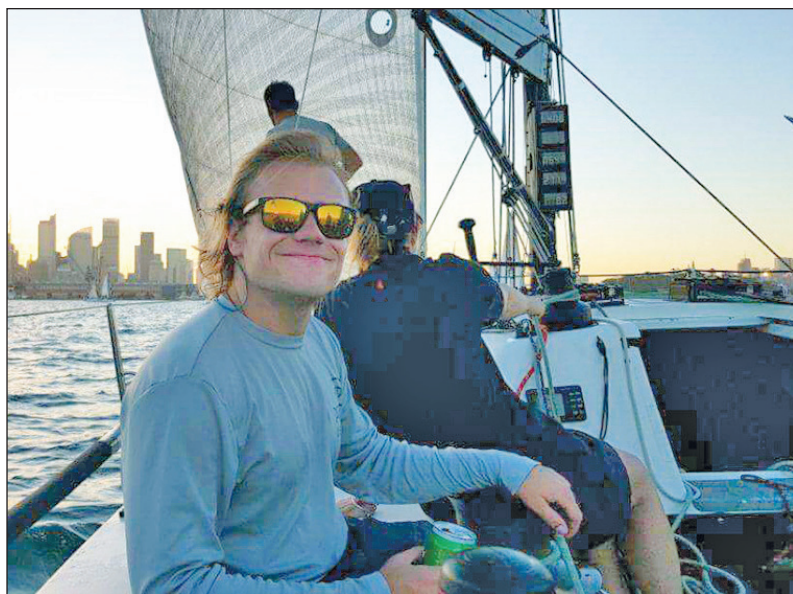
"I've never been out that far before," Joseph Kurta said of the 1,064 nautical mile PONANT Sydney Noumea Yacht Race. "I've never been 400 miles offshore. It was an eerie feeling when I was sitting in the safety meeting two days before the race and they're like, 'If you're in a life raft and you're more than 100 miles offshore, we are about three days away.'"

Last June, the 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident competed in the long-distance race while studying abroad in Australia.

Kurta said he chose Sydney "because I wanted to end up somewhere that sailed, spoke English and was warm."

Part of the reason — besides sailing — to go to Sydney was to study foreign markets.

Kurta is enrolled at Grand Valley State University where he studies entrepreneurship and finance and sails for



Joseph Kurta recently traveled to Sydney, Australia, for a semester to study abroad and sail.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOSEPH KURTA

the school.

"I wanted to see how their markets are different from ours," he said. "See how people are consumers differently. But, it's close enough to our consumerism that you could take some of the things that they do and draft them here."

He also was looking for a boat on which to race for the Sydney Hobart Race, which takes place the day after Christmas every year. So he started asking around

and found berth for the Noumea on the More Witchcraft, a 46-foot wooden yacht.

"I was given the opportunity to do (the Noumea) race," he said. "It was the first time they did this race in 25 years."

"It was a stroke of luck that I was there at the right time."

Preparing for the race is all about making sure the boat is seaworthy, he said.

"You have to think about everything. If you

get caught out there and you get caught in a storm and there's 70-foot waves, there's 80 mile per hour winds, you're out there. You have to make sure the boat's sturdy."

Kurta has been sailing competitively since he was 7. Both his parents, Elizabeth and Frank, are sailors and members of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club and he said his godfather started taking him out to sail at an early age. "(My godfather) started

taking me out in the boat and he said, 'Once you do 100 races on this boat you can do a Mackinac,'" Kurta said. "So when I was 14, I did a Mackinac."

Since then, Kurta said, he's competed in seven Mackinac races — six Port Huron and one Chicago.

But, his ambitions are set a little higher than fresh water racing. The Hobart is his goal for next year. The 630 nautical mile race, although shorter than Noumea, is more prestigious and competitive. It attracts the attention of the entire country, said Kurta.

"It's a huge culture thing," Kurta said of the Hobart. "All the Australians sit down, eat breakfast because they're hungover from Christmas, they watch the beginning of the Hobart, then they watch cricket."

"That's what the whole country does."

After that? "I would like to just go as far as I can with (sailing)," he said. "If that takes me to a Volvo, if it

takes me to America's Cup, I think that would be the ultimate goal. I'll push as hard as I can to get there, but if for some reason that doesn't happen, I've been sailing the whole time getting there, so it's A-OK with me. ... It's not like my life would be over if it doesn't happen. I know God's got a plan for me and put me where I need to be."

He said if competitive sailing doesn't work out in the long run he would like own his own business.

"I want to set my time. If I want to go somewhere, I want to go somewhere," he said. "I want to be able to travel more, too. I want to be able to travel and be able to do things around the world. It meshes well with sailing."

His current entrepreneurial endeavor meshes well with sailing too. When he was a kid he started a boat washing company. Since then, he said it has morphed into a boat care company, which his younger brother helps him with.

Contract awarded for demolition of Woods home

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Following

the June 21 court ruling ordering the demolition of a Woods house in the 1200 block of Hawthorne, city council

approved a demolition contract recommended by the city during its meeting Monday, Aug. 20. The demolition date



FILE PHOTO

City council recently approved the demolition of this house on Hawthorne.

remains undetermined.

The \$14,797 bid proposal by Helbeke Construction in Mount Clemens was selected by Building Inspector Gene Tutag. The scope of work includes removal of the basement.

The vote is in accordance with the ruling by Wayne County Circuit Judge David Groner in the nuisance abatement case filed by the city in September 2017.

Groner ordered "the homeowners shall have until July 31, 2018, to bring the entire home up to code in accordance with the list of code violations," which included structural deficiencies with the basement and walls.

Groner further ordered "that if the Defendants fail to comply and completely repair the property by July 31, 2018, then it is hereby ordered and adjudged that the city may have the structures (house and garage) demolished and removed, and the land cleared to grade level."

The cost of the demolition and removal will be charged against the real estate in a lien, according to the ruling.

A motion for stay pending appeal filed by the homeowners was denied Aug. 9 by Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Kirsten Frank Kelly.

Councilman Art Bryant put the motion on the floor for approval of the demolition contract. The motion was contingent upon removal of the homeowners from the house. Councilman Richard Shetler supported the motion.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Robert Novitke asked Public Safety Director John Kosanke if he foresaw problems removing the owners from the house.

Kosanke said he did not and City Manager Bruce Smith concurred.

Following council's unanimous approval of the motion, co-owner of the house, Amanda Wheatley, asked to speak. Novitke granted

the exception for her to speak before the public comments portion of the meeting.

"I know it's important to you. You are a homeowner there, right?" he said.

"Yes, I have three points," Wheatley said.

"I'd like to meet the contractor and be given a date when they're going to do the demolition, because I would like to be there when they do the job," Wheatley began.

"Second, the repercussions of this go beyond just losing the house. One of the homeowners is facing the uncertainty of homelessness and I'm worried the police will have his golden retriever dog destroyed.

"As for me, the stress of this didn't help me at my job and after 28 years of employment, I have lost my job.

"The third point, the last point, is that I sincerely apologize to the citizens who were offended by my property."



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Just two drinks

A 26-year-old Warren woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated, expired license and open intoxicants 4:45 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, on Jefferson at Fisher.

Officers observed a vehicle half on the grass with the driver's side rear tire flat. When the responding officer approached the vehicle, it was noted the vehicle was still in drive. The driver was unconscious with her foot on the brake and a partially empty bottle of Hennessy on the floor between the driver's feet. The passenger, an 18-year-old Detroit woman, was unconscious. The officer placed the vehicle in park and turned it off. The officer called for medics when the driver was unresponsive to repeated attempts to wake her up.

By the time medics arrived, the driver and passenger regained consciousness.

Neither knew where they were and claimed to have only consumed two drinks.

The driver failed a field sobriety test and a preliminary breath test resulted in .13 percent blood alcohol content. The passenger was cited for minor in possession.

Fleeing and eluding

A 19-year-old Farms man was arrested for fleeing and eluding police 2:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, in the 300 block of Fisher.

While driving westbound on Jefferson near Lincoln, officers observed a vehicle make a sharp left turn from eastbound Jefferson onto Lincoln, nearly hitting the rear of the scout car.

The officer caught up to the vehicle and was able to clock his speed at 40 mph with radar. A traffic stop was initiated, but the driver refused to stop for several blocks. Eventually, the man pulled into a driveway in the 300 block of Fisher

and was immediately apprehended. The man claimed not to have seen the officer with lights and sirens because he was listening to loud music and arguing with his father on the phone.

Marijuana, a scale, homemade water bong, bowl and grinder were found in the vehicle. He was cited for speeding, fleeing and eluding and operating under the influence of drugs.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

ID theft

A resident reported her identity stolen Friday, Aug. 17. She said she received notice from her credit card company of an attempted \$700 charge at Walmart. The charges did not go through; however, she also was notified an unknown person using her name and Social Security number opened a new credit card. The card was canceled and account flagged for fraud.

Thursday, Aug. 16, the woman received a Macy's package containing two Apple watches she did not order. Seven other watches also were ordered on her account and in transit. The woman is working with Macy's to return the watches and receive credit to her card.

The resident also reported a week prior she received notification from Amazon a request to change her password had processed. She did not make the change and closed her account.

Breaking and entering

A 59-year-old Harper Woods man and 28-year-old Detroit woman were arrested for breaking and entering into a residence

in the 400 block of Cloverly 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16.

A neighbor spotted the couple pull up in a car and watched the woman walk to the rear yard. The neighbor was suspicious because he knew the homeowner was not home and no one was supposed to be at the house. He also was aware of prior home invasions at that location. When he heard noises coming from inside the house he called 911.

Public safety arrived and apprehended the man, who was waiting in the car out front, and the woman, who was walking down the driveway with a bag of jewelry.

Officers noted evidence of forced entry in the back.

The man was found with a crack pipe on his person and the woman had a bag of needles and a crack pipe in her possession.

Third time's the charm

A 47-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated 5:45 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, on Kerby at Beaupre. It was her third OWI offense.

Officers observed the vehicle make a wide turn onto Kerby from Kercheval and noted it was unable to maintain its lane. When the vehicle stopped in the middle of the road for no apparent reason, officers initiated a traffic stop.

According to officers, the woman was "stupefied." She had to be assisted in rolling down her window, missed her identification several times in her wallet, was incoherent and had difficulty answering questions. She claimed to have had only one beer and believed it to be 7 p.m. She failed the field sobriety test and a preliminary breath test resulted in .27 percent blood alcohol content.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Pricey package pinched

A resident in the 1900 block of Lennon reported 11:34 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, an unknown suspect took a package from his porch with a diamond ring valued at \$2,679.

Grab and go

Officers responded to an alarm initiated about 5:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 20, from a pizza and sandwich store in the 19000 block of Mack.

Surveillance showed a suspect of medium build using a hammer to break the glass of the front door.

The suspect was wearing white gloves, a bandana over his face, dark glasses, a dark hoodie with the hood up, dark pants and dark shoes.

The suspect left the scene in a dark-colored minivan or sport utility vehicle before officers arrived.

Only \$15.23 was found in the cash register. The business owner told officers \$250 was in the cash register at closing the prior evening.

— Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Speeding while uninsured

Patrolling southbound on Lakeshore approximately 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, an officer observed a vehicle traveling erratically, above the posted speed at 49 mph and initiated a traffic stop at Vernier and Morningside.

The 27-year-old

Warren woman showed her driver's license, proof of registration and a medical marijuana card, but had no proof of vehicle insurance.

The officer reported a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle.

Following the driver's arrest for driving without valid insurance, officers secured medical marijuana found in the trunk in the public safety evidence room.

Suspended driver

Approximately 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, an officer running plates on Lakeshore uncovered a plate registered to an owner with multiple driving suspensions.

The 39-year-old Detroit woman showed a driver's license and valid vehicle insurance while admitting to the officer she was suspended from driving.

She was arrested and the license plate confiscated.

High alcohol content

Shortly before 2 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, a patrolling officer observed a vehicle with a nonfunctional brake light traveling erratically on Lakeshore and made a traffic stop near Woodland Shores Drive.

The officer noticed the odor of intoxicants from the 43-year-old Detroit woman, who admitted having had "a few beers" earlier.

A database check uncovered the driver has 13 active suspensions.

The officer conducted field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test showing .223 percent blood alcohol content before arresting the woman.

Citations included driving while intoxicated with a blood alcohol content higher than .17 percent, driving while license suspended, driving without insur-

ance, defective vehicle equipment, speeding and improper lane use.

— Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Worker suspected in larceny

A 36-year-old Detroit man is suspected of stealing a 14-speed bicycle from a residence in the 700 block of Trombley between 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, and 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14. The suspect was hired by the homeowner to do work and allegedly stole the red Dawes bike.

Starting young

A 15-year-old Park juvenile was detained in connection to a home invasion between 1 and 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, in the 1300 block of Maryland. The suspect sliced the front window screen, entered the home and stole \$400 from a bedroom.

Bike tires stolen

Three black males were caught on video stealing \$600 worth of tires from two bicycles 1:50 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, in the 15000 block of Kercheval. The bikes were locked to a bike rack.

Charged

A 19-year-old Detroit man was arrested and charged Tuesday, Aug. 14, in connection to the breaking and entering of a business in the 15000 block of East Jefferson Monday, July 30.

— Anthony Viola

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

GOLF:

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"We took all those measures into account," Schulte said.

"For a variety of reasons, and I've studied this for quite some time, I'm not in favor of the motion. I think this should be moved to the committee of the whole," said Councilman George McMullen.

Council approved the motion with only McMullen voting no.

"We got off to a slow start," Fuller said in April, when the foundation proposed a larger 18-hole miniature golf

course to city council, which was not approved based on analysis submitted by city administration.

Initially the foundation had city council's approval of the concept in October 2015, allowing the foundation to kick off project fundraising fall 2016. By the time the foundation sought approval for the design in 2018, it had raised more than \$100,000 for the project, Fuller said.

During the May 14 committee of the whole meeting, collaboration launched between the foundation and city administrators to

achieve an approved miniature golf course design. The foundation adjusted project specifications to fall in line with the city's projected use and maintenance needs, resulting in a 9-hole course open during the summer months and costing \$4 per game for golfers to ensure the activity remains cost-neutral for the city.

The foundation's early proposal included a \$2 per game cost. From this, the city projected annual revenue of \$9,600 and a cost of \$19,573, resulting in approximately \$9,973

annually funded by the city.

The city recommended the modified 9-hole proposal to city council contingent on city review of the building contract, site plan approval by the city of St. Clair Shores, issuance of a performance bond and purchase of liability insurance of at least \$1 million naming Grosse Pointe Woods as additional insured.

Fuller said the miniature golf course meets criteria for foundation projects.

"Although there have been modifications to

our original plan for the scope and elements of the course, the foundation's belief in the appropriateness of this for our community has not changed. We work and we remain intent on fill-

ing a void in outside recreational activities that can be enjoyed by residents and their guests of all ages and abilities," Fuller told council, concluding Monday's presentation.

BOATER:

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ized she would not make it and signaled a passing sailboat to pick her up. When she looked behind her, she did not see her fiancé.

The sailor threw a life ring to the woman, picked her up and immediately called on the

radio for assistance.

U.S. Coast Guard, Wayne County, Macomb County and Grosse Pointe Farms dive teams and Detroit Underwater Recovery Team responded and helped with the search efforts.

The body was found by Michigan State Police and Wayne County Sheriff's dive teams using sonar technology.

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Watch where you're stepping



Who hasn't fallen or tripped at some point in their life? As crazy as it sounds, I am oddly soothed by the fact I am not the only person to have had a moment of clumsiness that turned into six weeks of ugly footwear.

Recently, I was hurrying along to catch the trolley. While boarding, I stepped back to make way for a woman and her grandson who were getting off the trolley. When I stepped back, I half stepped up on the curb when I thought I had fully stepped on it and the next thing I knew I was on the ground. I have no memory of falling but was in shock when I realized where I was and

when I looked up, I saw the trolley was full and everyone was staring. I remember thinking, "Yeah, that's helpful." I didn't mean to scare the trolley driver who rushed to help pick me up off the ground. I hobbled to the bench on Kercheval and sat with my sister, Shelley, for about 20 minutes, while she kept saying we have to go to the ER. I kept saying, "Give me a minute." I was still trying to wrap my head around the fall. My sister leaned over and said, "You have blood on your pants." I rolled them up to discover a small gash on my kneecap. My left ankle had begun to swell, a bruise was forming on my right hand and I hurt in a lot of places. My sister ran into Kroger and they gave her some ice to put on my left ankle. At the ER, I had my foot and knee X-rayed and while waiting for results, a physician's assistant cleaned off my knee and stitched it up.

A doctor came by with the X-ray results and told me I had fractured my ankle and they would put a splint on my foot. No! I remember thinking, "Not crutches! How will I work?" They put on a splint, told me not to put weight on my left foot and not to bend my right knee where the stitches were. "You do know how walking works, right?" I said. No weight on my left foot and don't bend the right knee? Yeah, OK. As I was leaving, the nurse showed me how to use the crutches and said, "These will tire you out." That was an understatement. They are exhausting, but then again, so is falling and bruising what feels like, well, everything.

As I waited at home for my upcoming orthopedic appointment, on crutches and in a splint, I received a lot of support from family. I was so touched by their kindness. My sister-in-law, Helen, brought me a carryout; my sister,

Sue, brought me groceries and Shelley brought me food for my cats. My brother, David, offered helpful advice; my brother, Steven, called to check in on me from Atlanta and my brother-in-law, Michael, gave me tips based on his own experience of having fallen. My dad took me to my doctor appointment. My brother, Rick, had a mutual friend of ours come over and install a handheld shower head, which was helpful since I couldn't put weight on my left foot, couldn't bend my right knee, am not a Cirque du Soleil performer and can't bend like Gumby.

During my appointment the following week, the orthopedic doctor said, "I looked at your X-rays and you don't have a fracture now, but what appears to be an old fracture from when you were a kid. What you have is a bad sprain." (Apparently, sprains can be worse than a frac-

ture.) I was so elated to not have to use crutches anymore or have a cast that I forgot to ask him how someone in the ER who read my X-rays couldn't tell the difference between a 50-year-old fracture and an injury that happened an hour prior.

The doctor said come back in six weeks and a nurse outfitted me with a brace and asked me where my shoe was. Where's my shoe? I came in here on crutches and in a splint; my shoe is at home! So he gave me a "shoe," which I have to wear with the brace for six weeks. As of press time, I have one week left.

This accident reminded me of a few things. One, my bosses are amazing and kind people. They sent me a card signed by everyone at work and an Edible Arrangements basket and checked in on me a few times to see how I was doing.

Two, to slow down. Pay

attention. Even though I was comforted by all the people, young and old, who told me they had done the same thing off a curb or tripped over something, I felt better knowing I wasn't alone and when I randomly noticed others who were wearing boots or using crutches, I sympathized.

I have to laugh at myself because now I feel like everything is a trip hazard. Even something like uneven grass. Or a curb.

So now I limp along, walking slower than normal, waiting for time to pass while my ankle and foot heal. And I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the people who checked in or took the time to ask me how I was doing. I appreciate your concern and thoughtfulness.

Sometimes the best balm is caring and I saw people step up to that in action and words. So life moves on as do I in a clunky boot and one regular sandal until next week when I am hoping my shoes will finally match again.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943
75 years ago this week

38 MORE POINTERS DRAFTED: The Grosse Pointe Park commissioner, representing citizens of that village, has gladly agreed to act as cosponsor of the send-off arrangements for the big group of 38 men who will leave for service Sept. 2.

This group is the largest that has been drafted from the Pointe area.

There are several young women in the Pointe who will be inducted into the WACs and WAVES in a short time and the committee in charge of the send-off arrangements for the boys has issued a special invitation to these women.

Obituaries: Genevieve Dakoske, Charles Dakoske, Thomas Dakoske

Marie E. Hartman, Jean Havers, Stark Hickey, Fred Koch, Harry S. Lambitz, Otto Miller

Louise Johnston Cameron, Sheldon F. Hall, Thomas Hatcher, Otto A. Lenhard, Arnold Lungershausen, Hector Montpetit, John Hancock Wood.

the city be no more than three stories or 45 feet tall.

A second reading and approval is required by law before the ordinance can be enacted.

The change, recommended by the city's planning commission, would clear the way for new development on

land now occupied by the Vernier Terrace Apartments.

Obituaries: Carolyn Buck-Morrow, Sam A. Cracchiolo Sr., Mary Jo Dillaman, Thomas P. Furtaw, Charles A. Knapp, Lida Holmes Mattman, Julianne Syrek Trembour

—Karen Fontanive

1968
50 years ago this week

SCHOOL PROGRAM THREATENED: The superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System said drastic cuts will be necessary if voters do not approve a millage increase.

The superintendent indicated approximately \$3 million of educational services will need to be deleted from the schools' present forecast of expenditures. This equates to 20 to 25 percent of the educational program.

Obituaries: Elsie Guto,

1993
25 years ago this week

SEARS TO CLOSE POINTE STORE NEXT MONTH: The Sears, Roebuck & Co. store at the corner of Mack and Moross, which has been at that location since 1952, is expected to close its doors Sept. 30.

The closing of outlet stores, which the Grosse Pointe store has been for the last 10 years, is part of a downsizing effort Sears has been conducting the past couple of years.

Obituaries: Ignatius A. Backman, Margaret

2008
10 years ago this week

UPSCALE SENIOR HOUSING ZONING PROTESTED BY NEIGHBORS: A protest petition failed to prevent the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council from taking the next step toward approving upscale senior housing on Vernier.

In a 4-to-3 vote, councilmembers approved the first reading of a zoning ordinance amendment allowing new buildings proposed in

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. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to editor@grossepointenews.com.

Call to action

To the Editor:

Thank you for your decision to publish an opinion in this week's Grosse Pointe News in support of the First Amendment.

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OPENS AUGUST 24



DON'T WORRY, HE WON'T GET FAR ON FOOT

After nearly dying in a car accident, the last thing John Callahan intends to do is give up alcohol. Callahan reluctantly enters a treatment program and discovers that he has a knack for drawing edgy and irreverent cartoons.

OPENS AUGUST 31



LEAVE NO TRACE

A father and daughter live a perfect but mysterious existence in Forest Park, a beautiful nature reserve, rarely making contact with the world. But when a small mistake tips them off to authorities, they are sent on an increasingly erratic journey in search of a place to call their own.


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THE WIFE

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COMING SOON



JULIET, NAKED

Annie is stuck in a long-term relationship with Duncan - an obsessive fan of obscure rocker Tucker Crowe. When the acoustic demo of Tucker's hit recorded from 25 years ago surfaces, its release leads to a life-changing encounter with the elusive rocker himself.

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Board approves secure vestibule at Maire

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education isn't waiting for the results of the school bond vote in November to move forward on a project. At the regular meeting Aug. 13, the board voted 4-1 to approve the construction of a secure vestibule at Maire Elementary School.

Trustee Ahmed Ismail voted no on the project and Treasurer Judy Gafa and Secretary Cindy Pangborn were absent. The total cost of the project is \$424,350 and will be paid out of the sinking fund.

Constructing secure vestibules for each school building — except Grosse Pointe North High School, which already has one — is included in the project list for a proposed \$111 million bond. Also included in the safety category are installing security cameras, updating public address systems, completing asbestos abatement in ceilings where efficient lighting is being installed and installing door locking systems in all buildings.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

While Maire's school office is currently near the main entrance off Cadieux, the secure vestibule will be constructed at the side entrance near the parking lot and the school office relocated.

"Security is a big issue," said Gafa, who chairs the facilities committee. "Whether or not the bond passes, we'll be securing entrances at our schools for years to come."

The hope is to construct them faster if the bond passes, she added. Maire's vestibule will come off the project list.

Following a bid process, the district selected French Associates Inc., as the architect and North American Construction Enterprises as the contractor. An initial proposal of \$499,350 was reduced by \$75,000 when a proposed canopy was eliminated from the project.

Currently the main office is located down the

hall from the main entrance. When visitors gain access to the school using the electronic entry system, they walk past a staircase and several classrooms before checking into the office. The new secure entrance will restrict visitors to a lobby area until the office staff permits them access to the main office.

The work consists of installing a new door off the main parking lot; relocating the main office; creating a secure lobby for visitors; and remodeling the current office space into a music classroom, temporarily relocated to the second floor.

Once school starts, all work will be performed after school hours. The

project is expected to be complete in October.

"This way people can see what a secure entrance looks like," Gafa said. "Maire is pretty central to our district. People can look at what's happened, how it's working, what the safety features are."

Also at the Aug. 13 meeting, the board unanimously approved Plante Moran Cresa to provide pre-bond planning and program management services if the bond passes. PMC has served as an independent owner's representative and project manager for more than 20 years. Included in its project management process is strategic planning, assembling of a team, overseeing design and construction and building commissioning and move management.

Advantages to engaging an owner's representative, according to PMC Partner Paul Wills, is mitigating, transferring and helping insure risk and overseeing a successful project from concept through completion.

"Our job is to really become your eyes and ears as you go through this capital program," Wills said.

Preparing for a successful transition to middle school

By Angie Niforos Ph.D.
Guest Writer

Middle school can be an exciting, yet stressful, time for students transitioning from elementary school. In just three short years, middle school students will experience considerable physical, academic and social changes. In anticipation of these changes, it is natural for students to feel anxious. Planning ahead and setting up expectations will help with the transition process. Here are some ways for parents to help their adolescent prepare for a successful year.

Be aware of school rules and expectations

Just like in elementary school, there are rules and

guidelines you have to follow. Look over the school student handbook and become familiar with expectations such as phone and technology use and the attendance and late policy. Each school has specific programs and resources. Familiarize yourself with classroom websites and tools for accessing information.

Establish a home routine

Provide an appropriate learning environment at home by creating a homework space and set consistent expectations for homework completion. Have your middle-schooler pack everything up the night before so the mornings are peaceful. Consider having a family meeting at the start of each

week. Have your child preview upcoming events and deadlines so the week can run smoothly. Most importantly, make sure your child gets plenty of sleep. Life gets busier in middle school, so prioritize rest and self care. Adolescents are still growing and going through many changes, so they need adequate rest to function at their best.

Create good study habits

There are more demands on your child's time in middle school since there are more classes, homework, tests and extracurricular activities. Emphasize the importance of planning ahead for tests and projects and developing strategies for successfully meeting deadlines. If your child is struggling in a class, encourage him or her to communicate with the teacher. Asking for help is part of the learning process.

Set up an organizational system

Organization is the key to middle-school success. The academic demands and expectations will

increase since students will have more classes and teachers throughout the day in addition to balancing outside activities. Help your child develop a system to keep track of assignments (ex. use a planner). Don't forget to stress the importance of maintaining an organized locker. If your child is struggling with organizational skills, talk to the school counselor or teachers about what might be causing the problems and brainstorm approaches to solve them.

Encourage new friendships

Middle school offers many opportunities to develop new friendships. It is natural for your middle schooler to rely on elementary friends, but emphasize the importance of making new friends. Being in multiple classes each day means your student is surrounded by more potential friends. Talk to your child about developing friendships that are positive and supportive.

Get involved

Middle school offers many extracurricular opportunities. Although your child may be busy

with activities outside of school, find a way for your child to become active in school. Join a club, sport, service organization or student council. This is a great way to explore a new interest and meet other students who share the same interest.

Create screen time guidelines

Set limits on your child's "screen time." This includes phone, TV, computer and video games. Set rules and expectations about how much time will be allowed for playing video games or using social media. Set up rules for school nights and weekends. Turn off all screens at least 30 minutes before bed and keep all technology out of the bedroom. Studies show using technology prior to bedtime can lead to sleeping difficulties.

Be proactive solving problems

This is a really important skill, not just for getting through middle school, but for getting through life. If your child learns effective ways to solve problems, they will be more confident handling difficult situations. Students should ask for

help when they are struggling with resolving issues. Whether it is an academic, social or emotional issue, there are adults at the school ready and willing to help.

Promote independence

Help your child be his or her own advocate. Emphasize the importance of taking responsibility for their individual learning. Encourage your child to discuss problems and solutions with teachers on his or her own, but be ready to step in and help as needed. Teach your middle-schooler to be the one to check grades and reach out to teachers to ask questions and communicate concerns.

Stay positive

There will be times when your adolescent will feel stressed and overwhelmed. Provide encouragement to keep your child motivated to persevere. Learning involves trying and sometimes failing. Keep a positive attitude about middle school and reassure your child he or she will become more comfortable and confident with time.

Middle school is a big change from elementary school. There is more responsibility, but it is also an exciting time filled with more opportunities, choices and independence. Discussing the upcoming changes and planning ahead will ease your adolescent's anxiety about meeting the new expectations. Most importantly, enjoy the journey!

Niforos is a counselor at Brownell Middle School.

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TEACHERS IN THE SUMMERTIME

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

Authentic learning from the source

Liggett music teacher learns native dance and drumming in Ghana

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Experiential learning is the basis for the Orff method of teaching. Benjamin Franklin's quote, "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn," often is invoked to demonstrate how this type of learning works.

Rachel Houk, pre-kindergarten through grade 5 and Orff-certified music teacher at University Liggett School, took experiential learning to a new level this summer, traveling to Ghana to learn authentic Ewe music, children's games, songs and dances to bring back to



Above, Rachel Houk with her children, Thaddeus and Maggie, and some new friends at the Dagbe Cultural Institute in the village of Kopeyia. Above right, Thaddeus, who uses a drum kit at home, took to the hand drums immediately.

her music classes at ULS. Houk and her two children, Maggie, 9, and Thaddeus, 8, spent a week at the Dagbe Cultural Institute in the village of Kopeyia, in Ghana's Volta region, immersed in the village's culture while taking drumming and dancing lessons.

Houk, originally from England, likes to travel with her children to a different place each summer

and explore. In the past they have gone to Thailand, Bali, Vietnam, Australia and Borneo. Trips often revolve around Houk's interest in music. For example, she built the trip to Borneo around a music festival. This year she was able to coordinate a trip around her children's interests.

"I figured this year the kids were old enough to go to Ghana and appreciate



COURTESY PHOTOS



Above, Thaddeus Houk participates in a drumming session. Left, Maggie Houk helps out with village chores.

Orff program. This will be her sixth year at ULS.

The Orff approach, developed by German composer Carl Orff in the 1920s, is a developmental approach combining music, movement, drama and speech into lessons similar to a child's world of play. The Orff philosophy also embraces folk music of all cultures, which supports ULS's multicultural approach and Houk's focus on world music in her curriculum.

Xylophones, according to Houk, are "a big part of Orff and Orff was inspired by musicians going to Africa." Ebe music, which was what she and her children learned at the Dagbe Cultural Institute, incorporates drums rather than xylophones.

In addition to learning the drumming, she and her children were exposed to Gahwu, a type of dance. All learning was by ear, Houk said.

"The master drummer is in charge. When he changes the pattern, he tells the dancers (to) change to the next dance section."

Houk said she took videos to help "cement" the dance when she reviews the videos at home. She also recorded the village children's clapping and singing games. Her plan is to teach these to her students at ULS.

Houk said she found the experience "energizing for fall," providing her with new material and a new way of thinking. It also took her out of her own comfort zone, exposing her to what her students may encounter.

"This is the first time I've had to (learn) material that's completely new to me," Houk said. "I've never had the full impact of what it feels like to do something completely new. ... As a learner, that was really good for me to be in (that) situation."

Three seats open on school board

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Seven candidates vie for three seats on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education Nov. 6.

Incumbents Brian Summerfield, of Grosse Pointe Park, and Margaret Weertz, of the City of Grosse Pointe, announced at the June 25 regular meeting of the board, their decision to run for another four-year term. Ahmed Ismail, whose term also expires Dec. 31, announced at the July 23 meeting he would not seek re-election. Ismail was first elected to the board in 2004 and re-elected in 2008. In 2009, he resigned due to health issues and was re-elected in 2014.

"We are fortunate enough to have Mr. Summerfield and Mrs. Weertz running again," Ismail said. "They've worked very hard for the school system."

"There are going to be a lot of tough decisions the next four years," he added. "Somebody who is willing to do that is a rare breed. Because when you join this board, what is good for you and your family personally goes right on the sidelines. When you join this board, you have to be doing what's best for the community."

Summerfield was appointed to the board in April 2013 and elected in

2014. He served as treasurer in 2015 and 2016 and president since 2017. He has been on the policy, strategic planning and blue ribbon committees.

His goals in joining the board for his first term were differentiated education, fiscal responsibility and civility. He credits the administration for progress on the first and the board and administration for increasing strides in the latter two. He said he is running for re-election to continue the momentum as well as follow through on the resolution he drafted on enrollment parameters to trigger potential school closings.

Weertz was elected to the board in 2014 and was appointed secretary in 2015. She served as vice president in 2017 and 2018 and has been on the policy committee three years, serving as chairwoman since January 2018.

Weertz ran four years ago "to bring professionalism to the school board, promote fiscal responsibility and work to upgrade our schools in every way to maintain our outstanding school district," she said.

"I'm happy to report that we've been very successful," she continued. "Our meetings are much more professional, involve deep discussion and we are making progress toward our goals. Our fund balance has gone

from under 2 percent to almost 10 percent. Our students are achieving at an all-time high in the history of our district. Most important, we put in place a new strategic plan to upgrade our facilities, curriculum and technology."

Wendy Saigh of Grosse Pointe Woods and John Shook of Grosse Pointe Farms ran in 2016 and are renewing their bids.

Saigh said she wants "to do what I can to help the district address its ongoing declining enrollment. We can't just keep paying lip service to the problem, while taking no real steps to address it. I want to insert real transparency and accountability into the board's and administration's activities. We owe our taxpayers nothing less."

Shook's main priorities in running for the school board are "to review the situation surrounding Frank Sumner's discharge and to work with the administration to develop policies and procedures to protect all the coaches in the Grosse Pointe school district."

"No. 2 is to save the citizens of the Grosse Pointes \$73 million," he continued. "That is the interest cost alone that all residents will be forced to pay over the next 20 years to borrow \$110 million for the school bond."

New to the field of can-

didates are Christian Fenton of Grosse Pointe Woods, Christopher Lee of the City of Grosse Pointe and Walter Schwartz Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Fenton retired in September 2016 as GPPSS deputy superintendent for business and support services after 37 years. He also attended Grosse Pointe schools for 13 years. "Due to that rich experience, I believe I can bring a unique perspective to the board, particularly in the areas of school finance and building operations," he said.

Lee said his No. 1 issue is the school bond.

"I'm going to have two signs in front of my house," he added. "A big one for the school bond and a small one for me."

He is running because of his long history with the school system. Three generations of his family attended Grosse Pointe schools.

"Because I have benefited so much and my family has benefited so much from the Grosse Pointe schools, it's important I give back something," he said.

Attempts to reach Schwartz by phone and email were unsuccessful.

Correction

In the Aug. 16 article, "Musician gets early start in Grosse Pointe schools," the music teacher should have been identified as Paul Miller.

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Far left, Roger Ulmer, Ted Bidigare, Sean Motley, Alek Wilson and Scott Bricker level out the swing set. Left, the park includes two picnic tables, two grills, a trash receptacle, swing set and bench.

Creating community

First English partners with LifeBUILDERS to build park

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

One could say it was a match made in heaven.

Congregants of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church earlier this year struck up a partnership with LifeBUILDERS Detroit, an organization whose mission is to restore dignity and provide hope to residents of the Regent Park neighborhood of Detroit by reducing blight, empowering youth and sharing the gospel.

Conducting outreach is nothing new to First English, whose members in the past have donated \$10,000 to drought relief in Africa and annually fills the church's hallways with food and clothing for the less fortunate at Christmastime.

But there was something about the LifeBUILDERS project that stood out to the Rev. Sean Motley, First English senior pastor. Motley, who grew up in Chicago and has served there as well as Wisconsin, moved to Grosse Pointe three years ago.

"One thing I've heard since I've lived in Grosse Pointe is that Grosse Pointe people don't care about anybody else," Motley said, "that they only take care of each other in their own isolated little bubble."

So when his congregation became excited earlier this year when the



PHOTOS BY KELLEY BIDIGARE

Ted Bidigare, Scott Bricker, Roger Ulmer and Sean Motley install a bench on the lot.

church earmarked \$6,000 for mission work, Motley got excited with them.

"This (mission work) is what Grosse Pointe people do. ... That's the kind of people who are members of this congregation and community. They provide care and compassion and outreach to people all over the Detroit area. ... My experience

has been of many kind, caring, loving people who want to see their neighbor do well, whether their neighbor is a block away or three and a half miles away."

Nearly 14 years ago, LifeBUILDERS began working in the Regent Park neighborhood of Detroit with a goal of sharing the Gospel with



Jack Bidigare clears the sidewalk near the park.



Sean Motley, Ted Bidigare, Alek Wilson, Roger Ulmer and Scott Bricker finish cementing the swing set into the ground.



Scott Bricker positions a tree as Sue Ulmer looks on.

families in the area. Not only has the organization rehabbed homes that were able to be rebuilt, but blight has been reduced, an early childhood education facility is

opening and children are playing in safer surroundings.

"We have an obligation to take care of our neighbors right down the street from us," Motley said. "If we're not working in our own community, then I don't understand who we are as a church."

"I have seen people who use their finances to help others and I've seen people who use their blood, sweat and tears," he continued. "We saw this as an opportunity to partner with them and support the ministry they have and support Regent Park. We want to show them their brothers and

sisters in Grosse Pointe care about them and God cares about them."

Through two Saturdays of intensive labor in high temperatures, 25 members of First English — and a few young neighbors — took an empty lot at Shakespeare and Fairmount and transformed it into a pocket park. They installed a swing set, two picnic tables, two grills, a bench, garbage can and message board; trimmed back shrubbery around the perimeter, edged along the sidewalk and took down a dead tree; removed trash and old fencing; planted six trees and laid wood chips around the swing set and benches.

"It's all commercial park-grade materials," Motley said. "It's steel and plastic coated. It's good quality and will last."

Motley said he hopes to have a light installed for added safety, but for the time being LifeBUILDERS is patrolling the area.

"Our goal is to make sure this stays nice," Motley said, adding LifeBUILDERS also is caring for the lawn, emptying trash and keeping the area litter free.

"It's a clean, safe space in the neighborhood," he said. "It's something to take pride in. ... Every resident I've met has been good, salt-of-the-earth people who want what's good."

Motley said it was an honor for his congregation to be involved in the project and he's looking forward to partnering with LifeBUILDERS on other future projects.

"Words are great, but words have to lead to action as well," he said. "Every word of God is a call to be — to be the creation God intends us to be."

"I'm thankful

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About LifeBUILDERS

Larry and Marilyn Johnson have been involved in serving the underserved in under-resourced communities more than 15 years.

Prior to starting LifeBUILDERS, the Johnsons were living the American dream. After successful careers, they were faced with deciding what to do with their lives. They chose to make themselves available to

serve. Though family and friends thought they were crazy, according to the LifeBUILDERS website, the Johnsons moved to the community they were led to serve, "the big 48205," once designated Detroit's most deadly ZIP code. There they would serve the broken-hearted, downtrodden and those with little hope and few

opportunities who suffered injustice and abuse most of their lives.

Today, that area has become a community on the rebound, thanks to LifeBUILDERS, whose mission is to restore dignity and provide hope to the residents of Regent Park in north-east Detroit. This is accomplished in three ways: by empowering youth with life skills

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You are more likely to encounter someone — friend, family member, student, neighbor or member of the community — in an emotional or

mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches a five-step action plan to offer initial help to young people showing signs of a mental illness or in a crisis and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social or self-help care.

The training introduces participants to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, builds understanding of the importance of early intervention and teaches individuals how to help a youth experiencing a mental health crisis or challenge. You will participate in role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to assess a mental health crisis.

Often, when someone is experiencing a mental health crisis, the people around them do not intervene because they don't know what to do and are afraid of making the situation worse by "saying the wrong thing." This course does not train participants to diagnose or provide any counseling or therapy.

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Artists Association hosts meet-the-teachers reception

It is back to classes for the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, which offers a full schedule of classes beginning Thursday, Sept. 6, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Many of the classes and workshops are offered evenings or weekends so working people can attend.

"The goal is to offer a creative outlet for as many people as possible," said GPAA President Karen Pope. "Students of all skill levels will appreciate the encouraging and constructive approach of our teachers."

Fall class offerings include a range of opportunities to learn new techniques, from the ancient Greek encaustic method of pigments mixed with hot wax to Bokashi shading in Japanese woodblock printing.

The fall teaching staff includes past favorites like Bette Prudden and new teachers like Angelo Sherman.

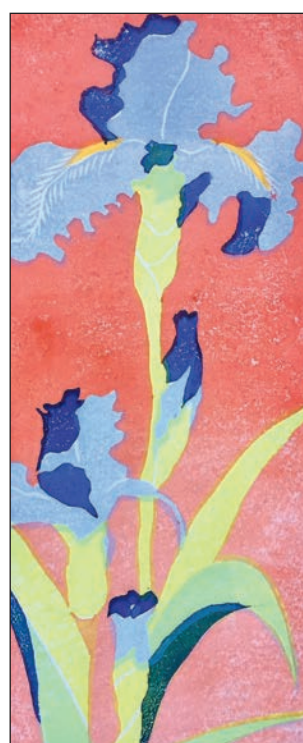
Prudden, famous for her portraits of many people in the Grosse Pointes, offers a class in watercolor — one of the more difficult media to master.

Sherman, an award-winning artist, debuts as a GPAA teacher with a class on developing one's own style.

Those interested are invited to meet the teach-



"Rex Begonia" by Bette Prudden.



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Above, "Return of the Prodigal Son" by Angelo Sherman. Left, a sample of Bokashi shading by Nobuko Yamasaki.

ers and their students at a reception 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, in the Presidents' Room at The War Memorial. While there, patrons also may take in the current exhibition, "Artmakers at The War Memorial," which includes work by GPAA

teachers and students, as well as the Independent Artists group that meets Mondays at The War Memorial.

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The Grosse Pointe Public Library board meets 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Central Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

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Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore,

Grosse Pointe Farms. Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Commodore Sean Schotthoefer and General Manager Aaron Wagner speak. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

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

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, offers a trip to Frankenmuth Thursday, Sept. 6. Cost is \$12 for Woods residents, \$15 for non-residents, and includes a carriage ride or river cruise, chicken dinner and shopping. Reservations are required by Tuesday, Sept. 4. Call (313) 343-2430.

PARK:

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LifeBUILDERS gave us the opportunity to be involved," he continued, "and the opportunity for people in the community to support their neighbors in Detroit. Everybody we met in the neighborhood was fantastic — they're all thankful and supportive."

Motley said

LifeBUILDERS, founded by former Grosse Pointers Larry and Marilyn Johnson, is trying to restore Regent Park block by block. It currently owns and plans to rehab two houses adjacent to the new park.

"Two miles down the road, if that neighborhood falls apart, our neighborhood is next," Motley said. "If the east side of Detroit becomes stronger, our neighbor-

hood becomes stronger. ... Somebody has to stand up when they see a problem. We have an obligation to look out for fellow citizens."

First English and LifeBUILDERS is planning to dedicate the park in a couple weeks. The community is welcome to attend.

"We want to build more than a park," he said. "What we're trying to build is hope."

David Yurman Troy hosts ACS fundraiser

About the Cattle Baron's Ball

Event scheduled Thursday, Sept. 6.

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In advance of the 16th annual Cattle Baron's Ball, set for Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, David Yurman Troy is hosting a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

The exclusive shopping event takes place 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at David Yurman, Somerset Collection, 2801 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

The event is hosted by Grosse Pointe residents Susan Venen-Bock and Kathy Brennan.

David Yurman has been a partner of the Cattle Baron's Ball many years and offered the shopping event as a way to further contribute, Venen-Bock said.

"Part of the proceeds from the evening will go to benefit mission dollars raised at

CBB to increase our impact," she said. "CBB mission dollars will be restricted to cancer research in Michigan."

Added Brennan, "One of the reasons I support ACS and this event is because this in particular provides funding for research in Michigan. This event is a great way to increase awareness for ACS and the ball."

The event opens with appetizers, cocktails and music while guests are invited to peruse exclusive pieces from David Yurman, a luxury jewelry and time-piece brand based in New York.

"Kathy and I will then welcome everyone, explain why we are involved in ACS — our personal connection to cancer — and then Helen Kotevski from DY will give a backstory on the Yurman family and show off some of the exclusive trunk pieces by

styling the hosts or others interested," Venen-Bock said. "Then people will be able to shop, ask questions, mingle and have fun."

Anyone connected to the ACS or David Yurman are invited to attend. Tickets are free, but, Venen-Bock said, "We are looking to fill the room with people interested in purchasing DY jewelry."

While jewelry purchases aren't necessary, organizers are hopeful for a successful inaugural shopping event.

"We receive part of the proceeds from the evening as well as a match from Somerset," Venen-Bock said. "We would love to make at least \$15,000 for ACS."

The shopping event is meant as a fun, entertaining evening for those in attendance, but it also carries personal importance to its hosts.

"I have been involved with the Cattle Baron's Ball for almost 10 years and recently joined the Michigan Regional Board of the American

Cancer Society," Venen-Bock said. "Finding a cure for cancer is very personal to me. I lost my mother to cancer a long time ago. Had we had the treatments, insight and preventive care back when she was diagnosed, I believe she would have beat the disease. Making sure we find a cure for cancer continues to drive me to participate."

Added Brennan, "We need to find a cure. My father, uncle, aunt, cousin, sister-in-law and too many dear friends to count have had to hear the words, 'You have cancer.' If I can help in any way to stop that from happening again, I want to. There has to be an answer. (I'm) hoping to help in any way possible."

The store will be closed to the general shopping public during the event, which also includes a jewelry illustrator and DJ entertainment.

To reserve a seat, email rsvptroy@davidyurman.com.

The Cattle Baron's Ball returns for its 16th year in metro Detroit with a gala Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Guests are treated to a strolling supper and dessert reception, live and silent auctions, southwest-themed activities and entertainment by Ashley Lynn & The Spurs as well as Grosse Pointe resident Devin Scillian & Arizona Son.

The event is hosted by WDIV anchor Kimberly Gill.

"For 16 years, this event has led the fight against cancer in metro Detroit and beyond," said Will Smith of the American Cancer Society. "Funds raised at the event fuel the American Cancer Society's work to save lives and lead the fight for a world without cancer, from backing visionary scientists to making cancer less scary and confusing for those recently diagnosed, from driving people to treatment to providing a free place to stay. We are truly humbled and so very thankful for our sponsors, executive committee members and attendees that have enabled us to make progress against this disease."

Since 2003, the Cattle Baron's Ball has raised more than \$16 million.

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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.

William Richard Alvin

William Richard Alvin, 73, died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018, in Traverse City, after a three-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

He is survived by Mary (née Phillip), his wife of 42 years, and children, Michael, Julie (William Tuthill Jr.) and Kathleen (Jonathan English).

Born in Pittsburgh, to Rose and John Alvin, Bill completed his undergraduate degree in biology at Thiel College and graduate degree in public administration/healthcare at George Washington University. He served in the army at Fort Lewis base in Tacoma, Wash., during the Vietnam War. Beginning his long, fulfilling career in the healthcare industry, he moved to Detroit in 1972 to work at Hutzel Hospital, where he met his beloved wife. Bill worked more than 40 years at hospitals and health plans in Michigan. During his career, he held leadership roles at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital, Health Alliance Plan, The Henry Ford Health System, Trinity Health System and the Detroit Medical Center.

Bill lived with great passion and approached everything in his life — career, friendships, pursuit of knowledge and, most importantly, his role as a husband and father — with love, devotion, humor and hard work. He was expressive, tender and compassionate and relentless when standing up for what he believed in. He touched many people's lives with his warmth, wisdom and strength — none more so than his family, who cherished and adored him.

He loved to travel, write, learn about history, walk by the lake, watch the sunset, laugh with friends and spend time with his family. His children gave him tremendous joy and his abundant love for Mary grew stronger every day. Even in his final days, his family said he considered himself to be the luckiest man on earth.

In addition to immediate family, he is survived by his brothers, John, Louis and Robert; Uncle

Louis and Aunt Florence Biondi, brothers- and sisters-in-law and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 20, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to We Care Fund for Innovation and Discovery, Dr. Douglas B. Evans M.D., Department of Surgery/Pancreatic Cancer Research, Medical College of Wisconsin, 8701 Watertown Plank Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226 or at mcw.edu/we care.

H. Michael Buhler

Former Grosse Pointer and longtime resident of Glen Arbor, H. Michael Buhler died suddenly Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018, at age 57.

Michael was born Feb. 3, 1961, in Detroit, and graduated from University Liggett School. He also graduated from the University of Michigan in 1983, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

After graduating from U of M, he moved to Faribault, Minn., to teach at Shattuck-St. Mary's School. From there he moved to Glen Arbor, until his death.

Glen Arbor meant everything to Michael. He settled there in the late 1980s as a teacher and admissions director of the Leelanau School. He served on numerous local boards and organizations, including the Glen Arbor Arts Center and was a volunteer firefighter and EMT. He also was part owner of the Leelanau Coffee Roasting Co. until his retirement at the end of 2017.

He also served as co-editor of the Glen Arbor Sun the past 20 years.

Michael was an avid biker, outdoorsman, car enthusiast and pet lover. He'll be missed by many families, friends and his dog, Rocky, from his adopted town.

Michael is survived by his loving mother, Maureen "Mickey" Schaefer; brother, Kurt Buhler (Stacy); nephews, Christopher, Craig and

Cameron Buhler; aunts, Pat Ambrose (Don) and Ibbly Flynn (Ray) and uncle, John Schaefer (Marta).

He was predeceased by his father, Herb Buhler Jr.; stepfather, Fred Schaefer Jr. and sister, Pamela Buhler.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A memorial gathering begins 9:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Coleman Foundation, 313 S. Church St., Hudson, MI 49247; Glen Arbor Arts Center, 6031 S. Lake St., Glen Arbor, MI 49636 or the Glen Lake Library, 10115 W. Front St., Empire, MI 49630.

Christopher Jacobi

Christopher "Chris" Jacobi, 34, passed away suddenly Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, at his home in Seattle.

Born Sept. 2, 1983, in Detroit, to Robert and Linda, Chris graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2001. During his high school years, he played football for the Blue Devils. He attended Western Michigan University and earned a bachelor's degree in industrial design. He loved to cook and followed his passion. He worked as a sous chef for Seattle Golf Club in Washington, where he moved in 2011.

Chris enjoyed boating and fishing. He was an avid video game player and truly enjoyed spending time with friends and family. He will be missed.

Chris is survived by his mother, Linda; brother, Jonathon (Jamie Brian); grandmother Sylvia Hall; godparents, Karen and Steven Tehovnik and four cousins and three great-cousins.

He was predeceased by his father, Robert, and grandfather, Charles Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the wishes of the family will be appreciated.

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William Richard Alvin



H. Michael Buhler



Christopher Jacobi

Byron Daugherty Cooper

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Byron Daugherty Cooper, 73, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, at his home.

He was born July 13, 1945, in Wabash, Ind., to Ivan and Janet (née Daugherty) Cooper. He was predeceased by his son, Richard; parents and sister, Melissa Cooper.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah, and their children, Liz (Micah) of Chicago and Andrew (Alison) of East Boston, Mass.; brother, Tony Cooper (Jeanie) of Silver Lake, Ind., and several nieces and their children.

Byron was a scholar and teacher. He earned several degrees from Indiana University, including his juris doctor, in 1978. He taught Latin, economics and humanities in Indianapolis before shifting his studies and subsequent career to law librarianship at Indiana University and the University of Detroit Mercy.

While at the law school, Byron served as library director and found his keenest interest in teaching property law. Upon retirement in 2011, he was honored to be named professor emeritus.

In retirement, he continued his lifelong scholarship by learning a new language, French. He attended classes at Alliance Française locally and read — in French — the works of French philosophers, historians and mathematicians. He had planned to conclude his studies by attending a month-long course in French at Alliance Française in Paris. His death came two weeks before his scheduled departure.

Byron took great pleasure in traveling to Rome, London and Paris with his family. The memories of their trips were among his fondest.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at St. Michael's Episcopal



Byron Daugherty Cooper



Rosemarie Patrick

Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, with a luncheon and visitation to follow.

Interment will be Tuesday, Aug. 28, at Falls Cemetery in Wabash.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Michael's Memorial Fund, 20475 Sunningdale Park Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or Episcopal Relief and Development at episcop-alrelief.org.

Sharon Anne Leshner

Sharon Anne Leshner, née Hess, of Grosse Pointe and Sarasota, Fla., passed away Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018. She was 75.

Born May 18, 1943, in Detroit, she graduated from East Detroit High School, Bronson School of Nursing in Kalamazoo and the University of Pennsylvania. She worked at Detroit-area hospitals and East Detroit High School.

Sharon was predeceased by her husband, Bernard Leshner and parents, Marvin and Catherine Hess. She is survived by her siblings, Ken Hess (Su), Douglas Hess (Katherine) and David Hess (Sandra); nephews Daniel, Blair (Derek Latka), Brandon (Cheryl), Adam (Julia) and Nick Hess; niece, Kelly Zwierzchowski (Phil); great-nephews, Tyler, Dylan and Drew Hess and Evan and Shane Zwierzchowski and great-nieces,

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and Jenna, Emily and Lexi Hess. She also is survived by her aunt, Genevieve Hess.

A private memorial service will take place at a later date.

Donations may be made to a local animal shelter.

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Rosemarie Patrick

Grosse Pointe Park resident Rosemarie Patrick, 74, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018.

Rosemarie earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Wayne State University in 1997. She enjoyed art, gardening and listening to Elvis Presley music.

She was the loving wife of John Corbin "Jack" Patrick Jr., who predeceased her.

Rosemarie is survived by her daughter, Erin Patrick (Erol Kekic); sister, Kathleen Ford (Terry); brother, Frank Morissette (Karen); nieces, Christine Hudak, Rae Morissette Applebaum, Kelly Ford, Jenny Allen and Beth Morissette and nephew, Michael Morissette.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her mother, Leona; father, Francis and brother, Dennis Morissette.

A memorial service was Aug. 18 at Chas. Verheyden Inc., Grosse Pointe Park. Donations may be made to the ACLU at aclu.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Artist places first

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe celebrated Bastille Day July 13, at the Country Club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event included an exhibit of original paintings provided by USArt Boutique. Guests were invited to vote for their favorite work. The winning piece was entitled "Cinq Figures" by artist Jan Brown, who creates her art at the Annex Gallery, Highland Park.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured from left are Emily Pitchford-Boeuf of USArt Boutique, Patricia Stewart of the Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe and artist Jan Brown.

An award-winning and lifelong artist, Brown is now a retired educator from the Wayne-Westland School District where she taught grades

K-6. Her works will be on display, along with the work of several sculptors, in the exhibition "Body and Soul," for two

weekends Friday, Aug. 17, through Sunday, Aug. 26. For more information, visit janbrownart.com/ or usartboutique.com/janbrown.

Shores car show scheduled Sept. 9

Grosse Pointe Shores hosts its third annual classic car show noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Park, 800 Lakeshore.

The show features vehicles 25 years old and older, including a 1915 Stutz Bear Cat, 1927 Ford "T" Coupe, 1940 Dodge Businessman's Coupe and 1926 Chrysler G-70 Bumbleseat Roadster. Several other vehicles from the 1950s, '60s and '70s also are registered.

Registration is free until Friday, Aug. 31. Vehicles registered after Aug. 31 must pay a \$10

fee. The first 80 to register receive a dash plaque and swag bag.

Vehicles will be awarded in several categories, including Best Ford, Best Mopar, Best General Motors, Best Import, Best Special Interest, Mayor's Choice and People's Choice.

In addition to concessions, the event also includes classic rock music and door prizes for random registered vehicles.

For more information, call (313) 881-6565 or email rricketts@gpshoresmi.org.

PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Rich Bartoszek

Forgiveness

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say not seven times but 77 times. (Matthew 18:21)"

How much are we willing to forgive? How often do we use the word "forgive" in our conversations during a week or day?

If someone bumps into us in a store, or steps on our foot, or offends us in some way, what means more to us, the words: "I'm sorry" or "please, forgive me"? In today's world, forgiveness seems to be an underused word.

Asking someone to forgive us is an admission of guilt and in today's world it seems easier to look to our rights or our freedom. It seems like no one wants to admit mistakes, but rather find a legal way to get out of something.

In the Lord's Prayer we ask, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive others." How often do we pray those words, but even more important, how well do we live them?

I think one of the saddest things I see as a priest and chaplain is when there is dissension in families and siblings stop speaking to each other — or worse yet, when parents and children stop speaking to one another. I have witnessed sadness at many weddings and funerals when someone is absent because of some disagreement.

I realize there can be some deep hurts in life, but are we willing to make the first move or do we expect the other person to come to us? Who is really more powerful, the one who makes the first move or the one who is

stubborn?

Holding on to a grudge takes a lot of energy. Wouldn't that energy be better spent healing a broken relationship?

While some might think it is a sign of weakness to make the first move, from a Christian perspective isn't it the most powerful gesture? Isn't it also the best example we as adults can teach children? Children grasp so much from what they see the adults in their life do and we need to remember it is our responsibility to teach by example.

My grandmother had a neighbor across the street who was her best friend of many years until the other lady's daughter caused a rift in their friendship. The rift lasted a couple of years and eventually the other lady ended up in the town nursing home, as she had lost her vision.

I used to go to the nursing home often to visit a relative on the other side of my family and I would see that neighbor and always talk to her.

One day I invited my grandma to go with me and she accepted. I made sure we went in the area where her neighbor would be and as we talked, her neighbor called out her name and started to cry and called my grandma to her. The two women hugged and forgave each other for the time they lost doing all the fun things they used to do.

If those two women wanted to go somewhere in the winter, they could shovel the driveway out in minutes. I was always so glad they had the opportunity to end their lives in such peace. They both were blessed to do so.

Bartoszek is the chaplain at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts its parish picnic Sunday, Sept. 9, beginning with Mass at 3 p.m. The picnic runs 4 to 9 p.m. and includes dinner, a bounce house and raffle prizes. Call (313) 885-8855.

The church presents "Fresh Start: A Healing Ministry for the Divorced, Separated &

Civilyly Remarried," a 12-week journey to share experiences and dialogue with others in a confidential group setting. A video series is included. Child care is provided. The free series meets 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school's faculty lounge the following dates: Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, Dec. 12, Jan. 10, Jan. 24, Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 14 and March 28. To regis-

ter, contact Deacon Bill Jamieson at bjamieson@stpaulonthelake.org or (313) 885-8855, Ext. 145.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts Rally Day '18 at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 16. The casual youth-led worship event features a bounce house. Call (313) 884-5040.

St. Paul Evangelical hosts rummage sale

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts "The East Side's Largest Rummage Sale" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8.

St. Paul's annual rummage sale includes books, furniture, toys, holiday items, office supplies, household items, small appliances, sporting goods, baby items, electronics, clothing and more. Additionally, its boutique features new, collectible and name-brand items at bargain prices. Friday offers the best selection while Saturday features all items at half price.

People with items to donate may drop them off at St. Paul 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday through Thursday and 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays until Sunday, Sept. 2. Items must be clean, wearable and usable; hard goods must be unbroken and in good working order.

The church is unable to accept Christmas trees, large pieces of exercise equipment, golf clubs, non-flat-screen TVs and personalized items. Boxed and bagged donations should be marked by category, such as kitchen, clothing, holiday, toys.

St. Paul uses the funds raised to assist many organizations in need, including ministries in Detroit and southeast Michigan and ELCA World Outreach programs.

DEAR JEFF AND DEBRA

The most dangerous drug probably isn't what you think

People often ask us, "What's the most dangerous drug these days?" Looking at the headlines, you might expect the answer to be an opiate like heroin or a synthetic opiate like oxycontin, fentanyl or vicodin. But you would be wrong.

There's no question deaths attributed to opiates and synthetic opiates have skyrocketed the last few years. Fatal overdoses have become heartbreakingly common and no community or demographic has been spared. There would be even more fatalities if emergency responders didn't carry Naloxone, an overdose-

reversing drug that can nullify the effects of opiates and help revive people who have technically died or nearly died.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fatalities linked to opiates, synthetic opiates, cocaine, methadone, methamphetamine and other drugs (not including alcohol and tobacco) reached a level of 66,000 deaths per year in 2016 in the United States.

It's no wonder people are alarmed and it's no wonder the opiate crisis has been called an epidemic. Approximately 180 people die every day, despite current efforts to save lives.

The 66,000 fatalities were: heroin, 15,000; synthetic opiates, 20,000; other opiates, 14,000; cocaine, 11,000; methamphetamine, 8,000, with the remainder spread through other drugs.

But here's the shocker: The most dangerous drug in America isn't on this list. During the same period of study, culminating in 2016, 88,000 people died as a result of alcohol use. More people died as a result of drinking than all other drugs combined.

It's easy to overlook alcohol as a dangerous drug because it's woven into the fabric of our society. But it's not just

dangerous, it's the most dangerous drug by a wide margin. On a personal note, we have seen many alcohol-related deaths that were attributed to other causes, like heart disease, that clearly were caused or worsened by drinking.

The good news is effective intervention and treatment is available. Concerned family members and friends have more power than they think when they get the right guidance. If someone you know is suffering from alcohol or drug addiction, don't wait for them to hit bottom. Reach out for help today. There are many free resources available,

including our website, below.

Recently, we heard an insightful answer to the question, "What is the most dangerous drug?"

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Statistics don't matter when it comes to someone we love. They need help now and you may

be the one to save their life.

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Soccer

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Stanczyk named WMU head coach

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointer Sarah Stanczyk was recently named the sixth head coach in the history of Western Michigan University women's soccer program.

She graduated from Grosse Pointe South in 2007 and from the University of Michigan in 2011.

"It's definitely been a whirlwind since I was named head coach," Stanczyk said. "It's exciting to work with these girls. I can't wait for practice to start."

Stanczyk was named the Broncos' head coach July 16, and official practice began the first week of August. Her goal is to have the Broncos in the hunt for a MAC regular season and tournament



Sarah Stanczyk

title, as well as make the NCAA Tournament.

She inherits a program that is 184-173-45 since its inception in 1996. The Broncos are 91-79-26 in Mid-American Conference play, including a third-place finish last year at 5-5-1 under head coach Lauren Sinacola.

They won the MAC Tournament in 2003, 2013 and 2015.

"It's a great opportu-

nity for me, and I believe I'm in a great spot here at Western," Stanczyk said.

She was an assistant coach of the women's soccer program at DePaul. She helped the Blue Demons to Big East championships in 2014 and 2016, as well as a Big East Tournament title in '14 where the team finished 16-1-4.

She was part of a staff voted Big East Coaching Staff of the Year in 2014, and coached the defense during her tenure.

Stanczyk played high school soccer for Gene Harkins, and played high level travel soccer in Bloomfield. She was also on the Wolverines' women's soccer team, earning Academic All-Big Ten in 2010, and was a two-time recipient of the U-M Athletic Academic Achievement Award.



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Grosse Pointe native Sarah Stanczyk, center, is the new head coach of Western Michigan University's women's soccer team.

She has a degree from U-M in psychology and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in exercise

physiology.

This is her debut as a head coach. Her Broncos play rivals Central Michigan and Eastern

Michigan Friday, Oct. 12, and Sunday, Oct. 14, at Kalamazoo.

The MAC Tournament starts Sunday, Oct. 28.

Athletic director

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Parish named new AD

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School has a new face around school, Alan Parish, the new athletic director.

He will be in charge of athletics for the lower school, middle school and upper school. He replaces Michelle Hicks, who is now Liggett's director of operations. Parish's three children, entering fifth, third and kindergarten, will also call Liggett home.

"I'm excited for this opportunity to be part of Liggett, and now I have a chance to really get down to business and meet a lot of people," Parish said. "I'm all about the three A's — academics, athletics and the arts, and Liggett offers that. I'm stepping into a great situation."

Parish is in the process

of talking to his fall coaches and getting everyone on the same page. He also said he was vastly impressed with the athletic facilities and can't wait to see the Liggett athletic teams play.

His path to Liggett was a little more than 4,000 miles. Parish spent the last four years at Black Forest Academy in Kandern, Germany, and now finds himself in the middle of Grosse Pointe.

"I knew my stay in Germany was four years, so for the past 12 months I was looking for an independent school who was hiring," Parish said. "I found Liggett and went through the interview process. While I'm closing on our house here in Grosse Pointe Woods, my wife, Jessica, and children are in Pittsburgh staying with her family.

"It will be nice to have

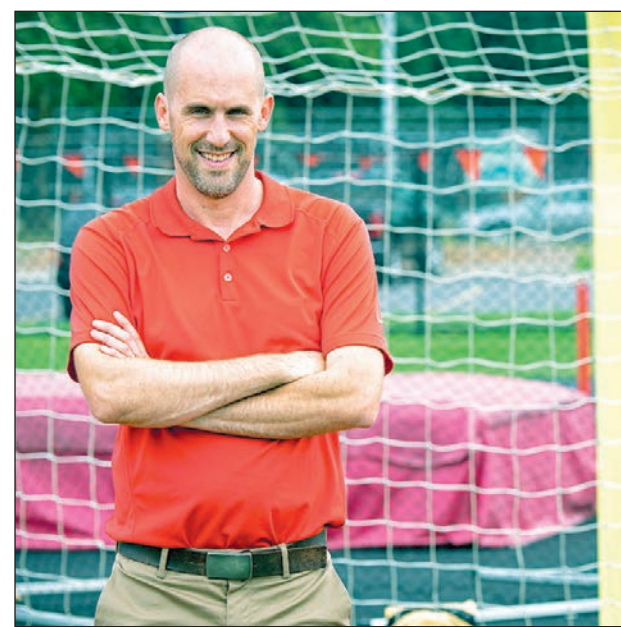


PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Alan Parish is the new Athletic Director at University Liggett School.

my family together when this process is finished."

During his time at Black Forest, he coached the girls cross country and track and field teams. The girls track squad won three straight European Championships, while the boys cross-country squad was 2017 European champions.

Prior to his time in Germany, Parish worked at Darlington School in Rome, Ga. He was there for nine years as a teacher, coach and dorm staff.

He coached the cross-country programs into state powers, and he began his coaching career in 2002 at the American International School of Lusaka, Zambia, where he coached basketball and swimming.

Parish ran NCAA Division I cross country, as well as track and field, at Samford University where he received a bachelor's degree in graphic design. He also holds a master's degree in leadership from Shorter University.

Football

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Drouin leads GPN football

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After nearly five decades of football, Grosse Pointe North has a new head coach, Joe Drouin. He takes over for Frank Sumbera.

Drouin brings 20 years of football coaching experience to the sidelines.

Drouin coached at Grosse Pointe South in his early years as an assistant coach and junior varsity head coach.

He was also the assistant head varsity coach at South, where he was responsible for film break down and evaluation, offensive game plan and strategy, overseeing game plan and playbook installation and everyday practice planning and organization.

He has conducted the game duties during stops at St. Clair Shores Lakeview and Roseville, as well as a previous assistant coaching gig at Grosse Pointe North.

Drouin was the recipient of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year award in 2010.

He has been on the staff of a district championship team in 2000, two league championships in 2003 and 2006, and on the sidelines of a program that qualified for the state playoffs six straight years.

Several of the players Drouin worked closely with during his 20 years as a coach have gone on to successful careers at the NCAA Division I, II and III levels.

He was the head coach of Grosse Pointe North boys varsity ice hockey team last winter, and is familiar with the players.

His gridiron head coaching debut is set for 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, when the Norsemen play Michigan Collegiate at Bishop Foley.

The home opener is 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, against L'Anse Creuse North.

Volleyball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Sullivan back coaching volleyball at ULS

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Derek Arena stint as head coach is over after a couple of fruitful seasons at the helm of the University Liggett School girls volleyball

program.

The Port Huron native stepped down, wanting to coach closer to home.

In steps the previous long time head coach Dan Sullivan. The Grosse Pointe native left the program due to family

needs, but continued to coach at the middle school level.

Now, with his family in good hands, Sullivan is bringing his expertise back to Liggett. His ability to be patient and build the confidence of all the

players, are what will keep the Knights going strong.

Arena was able to lead the volleyball program back to respectability, and now Sullivan gets to build on those core values.

His first stint as Liggett's head coach was successful. His squads won a couple of league, as well as district, titles. His ability to get the most out of his players was evident as the girls played better with each

passing week.

Sullivan and his spikers also get to play their home matches in the new athletic facility built next to the McCann Ice Arena.

The home opener is Monday, Sept. 17.

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Lacrosse

GROSSE POINTE HORNETS



PHOTO COURTESY OF KEN BRUBAKER

One final run

Members of the original Grosse Pointe Hornets U15 lacrosse team, most of whom are moving to college in a week or so, got together to play one more tournament, the Lax USA Final held Aug. 11-12 in Marshall at the Marshall Soccer Complex. The Hornets alumni team went 6-0 with 70 goals for, only 19 goals against, and a first place finish in the High School 2018 Division under head coach Ken Brubaker, who said at one point he was overwhelmed while delivering his last game pep talk. "It's been such a great honor and privilege watching this special group of boys become young men", Brubaker said. "I have watched them every step along the way as if they were my own sons. They have become great lacrosse players, but more importantly great people. Thank you to my 2014 Hornets, plus the other players who joined us, and their families for allowing me to be a part of their lives." The players above, with the college they are attending, are, standing from left, University Liggett School senior Danny Bowen, Denison; assistant coach Aaron Birsen; Grosse Pointe North's Austin Albrecht, MSU; ULS graduate Tommy Van Pelt, Vassar; Grosse Pointe South graduate Alex McEnroe; Grosse Pointe South senior Miles Dingeman; Brother Rice senior Brandon Murphy; ULS senior Connor Barthell, Hope; Grosse Pointe North graduate Mario Lorelli, Wittenberg; Romeo graduate Wyatt Nedball, Indiana Tech; Grosse Pointe North graduate Brendan Bergeron; Grosse Pointe South graduate Max Stricker; and head coach Ken "Coach B" Brubaker; kneeling from left, De La Salle senior Kyle Zammit; Grosse Pointe North graduate Anthony Oliver, Western Michigan; Grosse Pointe North graduate Maxwell Payton, Detroit Mercy; St. Clair senior Trevor Ziehm; ULS graduate Spencer Warezak, Dartmouth; U-D Jesuit senior Christopher Boesiger; and Grosse Pointe South senior John Kyle; and prone from left, Grosse Pointe North graduate Brendan Hull, and Romeo graduate Chad Nedball, Lawrence Tech.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Fodell moves to head coach

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The new head coach of the Grosse Pointe South girls swimming and diving team is John Fodell. The long time Grosse Pointe Gators coach brings a wealth of coaching success to the program.

The Blue Devils are the most successful team in the Macomb Area Conference, and that will continue under Fodell's tutelage.

During his time as a Gators coach, his swimmers have won many state, sectional, National Club Swimming Association and Junior National titles, and many have gone on to earn college scholarships.

He even had two swimmers qualify for the Olympic Trials, and Fodell was recently named Michigan Swimming 2016 Coach of the Year.

He has also been an assistant coach at South the past several years, so he knows the swimmers he now leads as head coach, and he knows what it takes to keep the

Blue Devils' tradition running strong.

According to the Gators' website, Fodell earned his masters degree in adaptive physical education from Western Michigan University in 2007, and completed his degree in Physical Education from Albion College in 2006.

As a Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, Fodell was a member of the National Honor Society and was Student Athlete of the Year in 2002. At Albion he earned four varsity letters in swimming and three in tennis.

In swimming, he held five school records, served as team captain and was named MVP for 2005-06. Fodell was also a three-time all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association swimmer and honored as a NCAA D-III All-American swimmer in 2006.

Fodell has served as a graduate assistant, teaching college recreation classes as well as overseeing the healthy lifestyles program for the developmentally impaired.

Soccer

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

VandeVorde leads Norsemen booters

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North alumna Brad VandeVorde was named the Norsemen's new boys varsity soccer head coach.

He replaces Eric Vanston, who stepped down last year so he can spend more time with his wife and infant child.

VandeVorde attended North from 2004-08, and was a three-year varsity soccer starter.

He earned All-Conference and All-District awards, plus played collegiate soccer at Kellogg Community College.

Before heading to North, VandeVorde coached the girls soccer program at Roseville High School, guiding it to its first ever league championship in 2017 and then made it back-to-back crowns in 2018.

He was named the Macomb Area Conference Silver Division Coach of the Year in 2017.

He also helped Roseville's goalkeeper, Lauren Orlor, earn the MAC Silver Division most valuable player award.

VandeVorde watched as Orlor took on a leadership role, which in turn helped the Panthers earn

a ton of success on the soccer field.

He hopes to bring the same energy to the program he played for as a high school student.

During the time VandeVorde played as a Norsemen, the program finished in the middle of the pack in the MAC Red Division and had an overall win-loss record of 31-19-9.

He inherits a program rich in tradition and a district championship two years ago.

Under Vanston, the Norsemen grew into a leading contender for division championships, as well as state district titles.

Field hockey

RIVALS

City rivals name new head coaches

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Margi Whittingham is the new head coach of the Grosse Pointe South girls field hockey team.

The South graduate brings a wealth of field hockey experience to the table. She played four years of field hockey at Tufts University and was a team captain on the squad that went to the NCAA Division III national championship game.

She was a two-time All-American, and was selected as New England Small College Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year and National Field Hockey coaches Association

New England West Region Player of the Year.

After graduating, she spent one year as an assistant coach at Tufts, and another year at Johns Hopkins University.

Before living abroad in Nairobi, Kenya, Whittingham coached at field hockey state power Ann Arbor Huron when it won a state title in 2013.

South has lagged in the Division 1 standings the past several years, but made progress the past two seasons under head coach Monica Dennis and Amanda Amine.

This fall, the Blue Devils dropped to

Division 2. For the first time in ages, South will battle city rivals Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School in division games.

Whittingham hopes to bring her coaching success to the Blue Devils.

Norsemen

Grosse Pointe North has a second multi-sport coach as Emma Huellmantel is the new girls field hockey head coach.

She attended North from 2008-12 where she played field hockey and ice hockey.

She graduated from the University of Michigan, and has been employed at the Grosse Pointe Public School System since 2016, teaching English at Grosse Pointe North.

Huellmantel put her hat in the arena as a coach. She was an All-State caliber ice hockey goaltender during her time as a Norsemen.

Her knowledge of field hockey is an asset she brings to the head coaching position, and she was North's junior varsity field hockey coach the past two years, which also helps with her knowledge of the players' abilities.

The program has hovered at or below the .500 mark for a few years, and the hope is Huellmantel can lead them back into contention for a Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 state championship.

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The Superintendent of Schools will be recommending that the Grosse Pointe Public School System not provide a breakfast program except at Defer, Mason, Poupard Elementary, Parcels Middle School, North High School and South High School where the free and reduced lunch exceeds 20% or a need has been determined by the District. The reason is that it would be cost prohibitive due to the small number of participants and would require local tax dollars to supplement such a program in the other schools.

Therefore, the required public hearing will be held on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Brownell Multi-Purpose Room, 260 Chalfonte Ave, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. All parents, students and other interested citizens are welcome to attend.

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Football

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils can be dynamite

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Tim Brandon enters his 12th season at the helm of the Grosse Pointe South football team, and this might be his best squad.

"We don't have as many players as I would like, but everyone in this program enjoys playing football and playing football at South," Brandon said. "For the first time in my tenure at South, and perhaps my career, we combine two extremely talented and deep classes together on one team. This team has size, strength, speed, athleticism and football IQ. They are also a very close-knit group as evidenced by the time spent together on both football and outside activities."

Brandon's tenure has been filled with a ton of success, including six

division championships and eight state playoff berths.

They won back-to-back Macomb Area Conference White Division titles in 2017 and 2016, going 5-0 each season. They remain in the White Division and head into the campaign as a serious contender to make it three in a row.

The Blue Devils' playoff run ended last season with a first-round loss to Detroit Cass Tech.

They have eight returning players on defense and seven on offense, giving Brandon one of the most experienced teams he coached. He also has 16 players returning who started at least one game last season, which is a huge benefit.

On offense, Ryan Downey returns at quarterback, while running back Conor McKenna,

fullback Collin McQueen and tight end Riley Francis also return. In addition, A.J. Benson, Will Johnson, Patrick Dougherty and Kevin McCarron are top-notch skill position players.

The offensive line consists of Tanner Belanger, Noah Segletes, Will Jackman, Aiden Walsh and Terrance Lane.

Defensively, the Blue Devils run a 4-3 scheme, with Miles Dearing, Owen Chen, Will Poplawski and Nick Fannon on the line, Dylan Mico, James Raugh and James Doerer at linebacker, and the defensive backs are Owen Bollaert, Scott Rosati, Grant Hart and Chase Tomlin.

They only gave up 214 points, with 40 coming in the final game against Cass Tech. Defensive coordinator Chad Hepner has done an outstanding job putting together a



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Grosse Pointe South team captains this season are, from left, seniors Riley Francis, Ryan Downey, Miles Dearing and Conor McKenna.

strong defensive unit year-in and year-out.

They host five games this fall, Detroit Renaissance, Utica Ford,

Warren Mott, Anchor Bay and Romeo, while

they travel to Utica, Port Huron, L'Anse Creuse North and Grosse Pointe

North in a week No. 8 rivalry showdown.

South opens its season at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, hosting Renaissance.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen will put up a battle

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time in almost five decades, the Grosse Pointe North varsity football team is led by someone other than Frank Sumner. The new head coach is Joe Drouin.

The new coach has spent 20 years on the sidelines, coaching offensive and defensive lines, as well as other aspects of the gridiron game plans.

"This is an opportunity I'm very excited about," Drouin said. "It took some time to get my staff together, but now I think we are ready to go and coach these young men to play well on the field."

The Norsemen come off a successful 2017 season which saw them win a share of the Macomb Area Conference Blue

Division at 4-1. They also made another state playoff appearance.

This season, the new staff will count on returning seniors Ka'Ronn Henderson, running back; Bret Carlson, offensive line; Erickson Glazard, defensive line; Zachary Hogrebe, offensive and defensive line; Joe Salisbury, defensive end; and Zachary Melendez, offensive and defensive line. Included in the mix will be junior Keshawn Cooper.

Also look for Ross Fowler and Joe Archibald on the offensive line.

Junior Brendan Cwikilinski is the new quarterback, taking over for three-year starter Bjorn Bjornsson. He has a big target to throw to, senior Joe Ayrault at tight end.

Look for junior Nik

David to play fullback and linebacker. He will help open holes for Henderson, and get some carries, as well.

The Norsemen outscored their foes 301-219 last season, and Drouin looks to keep those numbers consistent.

The experience of the offensive and defensive lines are the strength of the team, and newcomers to the skill positions are a work in progress at the varsity level.

Defensively, juniors Jon Jon Perkins and David are standouts. They have the potential to stuff the opposition's running game, as well as get after the quarterback. Senior Marlon Davis will be a valuable two-way player for the Norsemen.

The Norsemen moved up to the MAC White after spending several



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Grosse Pointe North team captains this season are, from left, seniors Joe Salisbury, Zach Hogrebe, Zack Melendez, Bret Carlson, K.J. Williams and Ka'Ronn Henderson.

years in the Blue Division.

The Norsemen have only four home games — Friday, Sept. 7, against L'Anse Creuse North; Friday, Sept. 21, against Port Huron Northern;

Friday, Sept. 28, against

Romeo; and Friday, Oct. 12, against arch rival Grosse Pointe South.

In road action, they face Michigan Collegiate, Utica, Warren Mott, Utica

Ford and Anchor Bay.

Drouin makes his head coaching debut at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, when North plays Michigan Collegiate at Bishop Foley High School.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights have experienced squad

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School football team is looking to get back on track after a sub-par 2017 season.

"We were so young and inexperienced last year, but we have mostly everyone back, and they are bigger and stronger after a good off-season," head coach Dan Cimini said. "Our goal is to make it back to the state playoffs, which we think we can do."

One big thing the Knights have to do to be successful is stay healthy. With a roster lacking numbers, Cimini needs his players to stay injury-free.

Seniors Danny Bowen, who scored 15 touchdowns last season, Logan King and Mickey Walkowiak give junior quarterback Ian Narva

three big targets to throw to.

Senior Connor Barthel anchors the offensive and defensive line, but he will get plenty of help from juniors Nicholas Cardella, Rocco Tedesco and William Gregory, plus sophomore Giorgio Malkoun.

Other juniors to watch are Anthony Greene, Dakota Jones and Drew Zelenak, all of whom are skill position players.

Malik Pierce, Dominic Cimini and Nolan Alear are sophomores on the squad, and the freshmen are Matthew Belcrest, Matthew Green and Justin Narzarko.

"Ian is bigger and stronger and ready to lead our offense," Cimini said. "We knew it would take some time last year for Ian to get a feel for the offense, but he improved in the second half of the season. He is

confident heading into this season."

The offense should be more explosive than a year ago, and the defense will be stronger, too. Look for the Knights to score more points and give up fewer than 2017, which was a one-win squad.

The Knights' Catholic League Intersectional 1 Division consists of title favorite Riverview Gabriel Richard, Macomb Lutheran North and Allen Park Cabrini. They also play Catholic League crossovers against Waterford Lakes and Clarkston Everest Academy.

In non-league contests, the Knights face Detroit Communication and Media Arts, Melvindale Academy for Business and Technology, Detroit Leadership Academy and Memphis.

"We had a very tough



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

University Liggett School junior Ian Narva, center, has a year of experience as the Knights' starting quarterback, which head coach Dan Cimini knows will help the offense score points.

schedule last year, but we changed it around this season and we have teams more on our level,"

Cimini said. "Our goal is to be competitive in every game, which I feel we can."

Liggett's season opener is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at home against Detroit CMA.

Volleyball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Can Norsemen contend for Red title?

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Grosse Pointe North senior Evelyn Zacharias, center, is the Norsemen's defensive anchor in the backrow.

The Grosse Pointe North girls volleyball team looks to get back to its winning ways this season after struggling to find consistency last fall.

The Norsemen finished below the .500 mark at 15-20-2, including an uncharacteristic 1-9 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

Head coach Chelsea Brozo enters the campaign with eight returning seniors, the most in her tenure.

"I had six seniors, but never eight," Brozo said. "We have a lot of experience and girls who are interchangeable. We're excited to start."

The seniors are Jamie Brewer, hitter; Rachel Liagre, defensive special-

ist; Camryn Simon, defensive specialist; Sara Schaden, hitter; Riley Pusca, hitter and defen-

sive specialist; Evelyn Zache-rias, defensive special-ist; Regan Sliwinski, hitter; and Maria Zaki, hitter.

Brozo also has four juniors and a freshman on the varsity squad.

"We had a great turnout for tryouts this season, and we have some nice players at the junior varsity and freshman levels," Brozo said. "This is great for the future of North volleyball, and we're excited about what this season could bring."

The Norsemen have a chance to battle for a MAC Red Division title. Brozo said Macomb Dakota will be tough and the favorite, but the rest of the teams have a fighting chance since most of the best players from the six squads graduated.

Sliwinski, who gave a verbal commitment to play college volleyball at U-M Dearborn, is the leading hitter, and the Norsemen should have a formidable back line with Zacharias as the anchor. The other seniors bring a

winning attitude to the floor, and if they can get back to playing Norsemen volleyball, good things will come their way.

North's competitors in the division are Dakota, Anchor Bay, Utica Eisenhower, Marysville and Romeo.

North faces city rival South the first week of school, and then possibly again in the state districts.

North is the host, and its competitors are Detroit East English Village Prep, Eastpointe East Detroit, Warren Woods-Tower and Grosse Pointe South.

The Norsemen compete in six tournaments, and began the season Aug. 18 in the Volleyball Invitational at Portage Central.



BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL table with columns: DATE, OPPONENT, SITE, TIME. Games include Michigan Collegiate, Utica, L'Anse Creuse North, Warren Mott, Port Huron Northern, Romeo, Henry Ford II, Grosse Pointe South, and Anchor Bay.

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GIRLS VARSITY SWIMMING/DIVING table with columns: DATE, OPPONENT, SITE, TIME. Opponents include Mercy Relay Meet, Wayne State Relay Meet, TBD, Dakota, Dual Meet, L'Anse Creuse, Eisenhower, Country Day, Chippewa Valley, Quad, Wayne County Diving, Wayne County Swimming, St. Clair, MISCA Diving, MISCA, Grosse Pointe South, L'Anse Creuse North, MAC Red Divisional, State Prelims, and State Meet.

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Volleyball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Sullivan takes over spikers' program

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls volleyball team is led by a new/old head coach this season, Dan Sullivan.

Sullivan takes over for Derek Arena, who left after two years at the helm.

During the Arena seasons, the Knights excelled, winning league and district championships. Will the Sullivan team repeat the success?

Sullivan coached the Knights' volleyball team for several years before taking a leave of absence to handle some family things.

He continued to coach the boys golf program in the spring seasons, and is now ready to lead the spikers to continue their winning ways in the Catholic League.

Last year the Knights finished 29-13-1. They won a couple of tournaments and a division crown before battling in a Division 3 district tournament.

In the playoffs, the Knights crushed Detroit Pershing and Mount



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN SULLIVAN

University Liggett School returning players and coaches are, back row from left, Izzy Tomlinson, Lucy Barnowske, Nicole Rivera, Ava Cipriano, Isabella Cubba and team manager Ashton Pongratz; and front row from left, Alyssa Hamilton, Mary Weiermiller and Melanie Zampardo.

Clemens before pulling out a tough victory over host New Haven in the district championship match.

In the regionals, the Knights fell to Detroit Edison Prep in the semi-

finals. Gone are several talented seniors, but Sullivan steps into the program with some good underclassmen.

Sullivan is counting on veterans Lucy

Barnowske, Ava Cipriano, Bella Cubba, Alyssa Hamilton, Nicole Rivera, Izzy Tomlinson, Mary Weiermiller and Melanie Zampardo.

They will also be christening the new gymna-

sium, which is completed and ready for game action. The first home match is Monday, Sept. 17.

Sarah Nichols is the junior varsity coach and a freshman math teacher

at ULS. She played high school volleyball and at an elite level in Texas, plus four years of college volleyball. She has 18 years coaching experience, which will be a bonus for the Knights' program.

This season in the Catholic League West Division, the Knights' competitors are Ann Arbor Greenhills, Clarkston Everest Collegiate Academy, Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart, Marine City Cardinal Mooney, West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy, Chesterfield Austin Catholic and Detroit Cristo Rey.

In non-league action, the Knights face Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, St. Clair Shores South Lake, Macomb Lutheran North, plus they are in a couple of tournaments.

The Knights' Division 3 district tournament competitors are Detroit Central, Detroit Cristo Rey, Detroit Delta Prep Acad for Social Justice, Detroit Edison PSA Early College of Excellence and Detroit-Pershing.

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KNIGHTS

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL				BOYS VARSITY SOCCER				BOYS/GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/24/18	Detroit CMA	H	5:00PM	08/23/18	Orchard Lake St. Marys	A	5:30PM	09/04/18	CHSL Jamboree 1	A	TBA
08/31/18	Melvindale AB&T	H	5:00PM	08/25/18	Inter-City Baptist	H	4:00PM	09/08/18	Ramblin' Rock Invitational	A	TBA
09/08/18	Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes	H	2:00PM	08/27/18	Lutheran North	H	4:30PM	09/15/18	Nike/Holly Invitational	A	TBA
09/14/18	Riverview Gabriel Richard	A	7:00PM	09/04/18	Riverview Gabriel Richard	A	6:00PM	09/20/18	CHSL Jamboree 2	A	TBA
09/21/18	Everest Collegiate	A	7:00PM	09/11/18	Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard	A	5:30PM	09/28/18	Hansons Invitational	A	TBA
09/28/18	Lutheran North	A	7:00PM	09/13/18	Cabrini	A	4:30PM	10/06/18	Wayne County Championship	A	TBA
10/06/18	Cabrini	H	1:30PM	09/14/18	Plymouth Christian	H	4:30PM	10/09/18	CHSL Jamboree 3	A	TBA
13/13/18	Detroit Leadership Academy	H	1:30PM	09/18/18	Detroit Cristo Rey	H	4:30PM	10/20/18	CHSL Championships	A	TBA
10/19/18	Memphis	A	7:00PM	09/20/18	Riverview Gabriel Richard	H	4:30PM	10/27/18	Regionals	A	TBA
				09/25/18	Shrine Catholic	A	4:30PM	11/03/18	State Meet	A	TBA
				09/27/18	Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard	H	5:30PM				
				10/02/18	Cabrini	H	4:30PM				
				10/04/18	Detroit Cristo Rey	A	5:30PM				
				10/11/18	Summit Sports Academy	H	4:30PM				
				10/13/18	Oakland Christian	H	11:00AM				
				10/16/18	Districts Week	H	TBA				
BOYS VARSITY TENNIS				GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL				GIRLS VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/17/18	Portland Tournament	A	8:30AM	08/25/18	Oakland Christian	A	8:30AM	08/23/18	Dearborn	A	7:00PM
08/21/18	Liggett Tournament	H	8:00AM	08/28/18	Inter-City Baptist	A	6:30PM	08/29/18	Oakland Club	H	4:30PM
08/23/18	Forest Hills Northern	A	8:00AM	09/12/18	Cardinal Mooney	A	6:30PM	09/04/18	Wixom St. Catherine of Siena	H	4:30PM
08/25/18	Liggett Tournament	H	8:00AM	09/15/18	Parkway Christian Tournament	A	8:30AM	09/14/18	Grosse Pointe South	A	TBA
08/28/18	Liggett Tournament	H	8:00AM	09/17/18	Everest Collegiate	H	6:00PM	09/17/18	Dearborn Edsel Ford	A	4:30PM
09/08/18	Liggett Tournament	H	8:00AM	09/22/18	Lakes Tournament	A	8:30AM	09/18/18	Birmingham Marian	H	4:30PM
09/11/18	Cranbrook Kingswood	A	4:30PM	09/24/18	Academy of Sacred Heart	A	6:30PM	09/20/18	Ann Arbor Greenhills	A	4:30PM
09/13/18	Catholic Central	H	4:00PM	09/26/18	Greenhills	H	6:00PM	09/22/18	Clarkston	H	11:00AM
09/15/18	Holly Tournament	A	8:00AM	09/27/18	Detroit Cristo Rey	H	6:00PM	09/24/18	Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard	A	4:30PM
09/20/18	U-D Jesuit	A	4:00PM	10/03/18	Frankel Jewish Academy	A	6:00PM	09/26/18	West Bloomfield	A	4:30PM
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09/26/18	Almont	H	4:00PM	10/09/18	South Lake	A	6:00PM	10/01/18	Farmington	H	4:15PM
09/27/18	Greenhills	H	4:30PM	10/10/18	Austin Catholic	H	6:00PM	10/03/18	Farmington Hills Mercy	H	4:15PM
10/04/18	Grosse Pointe North	A	4:00PM	10/17/18	CHSL Playoffs	A	TBA	10/06/18	CHSL Championship	A	TBA
10/06/18	CHSL Championships	A	TBA	10/25/18	Lutheran North	A	6:30PM	10/08/18	Pinckney	H	4:15PM
10/10/18	Regionals	H	8:00AM	10/30/18	Districts	A	TBA	10/09/18	Grosse Pointe North	A	5:00PM
10/19/18	State Finals	A	TBA					10/13/18	Brighton	H	12:00PM
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Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Goal: state finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys tennis team is looking for senior leadership to be the guiding force to success under head coach John Willard.

Top returning seniors are Sean Miller, Michael Willard, Sam Packer, Turner Sine, Mickey Kuchta and John Lynch.

Other returning players are junior Kenny Prather and sophomore Jacob Harris. Freshman Alex Prather also made the varsity squad as a singles player.

“Our program continues to increase in popularity,” Willard said. “This year we had more than 45 student-athletes try out for the team.”

The increased num-



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN WILLARD

The Grosse Pointe South boys tennis team captains this year are, from left, seniors Turner Sine, Michael Willard, Sean Miller, Mickey Kuchta and Sam Packer.

bers will pay dividends down the road, which will help when it comes time to battle every year for Macomb Area Conference Red Division championships.

Last season, the Blue Devils won the division title with a 4-0 mark, and they won it in 2016 with a perfect mark. The last division loss came to Port Huron Northern in 2015.

“I expect the MAC Red Division to be very competitive again this sea-

son,” Willard said. “Our goal is to repeat as division champions this season. Our other goal is to qualify for the state tournament and finish in the top 10 teams in the state.”

Besides Port Huron Northern, St. Clair, Utica Eisenhower and Grosse Pointe North reside in the Red Division.

In non-league meets, the Blue Devils face Detroit Country Day, Ann Arbor Skyline, Ann Arbor Huron, Grosse Ile,

Troy Athens, Troy, Detroit Catholic Central and Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice.

South hosts a Division 1 regional tournament Thursday, Oct. 11, and the opposition consists of Chippewa Valley, Dearborn Fordson, Detroit Cass Tech, Utica Ford, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Troy, Troy Athens and Warren Mott.

The state finals are Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19-20, at the Greater Midland Tennis Center.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Fighting for spot in finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach John VanAlst and his Grosse Pointe North boys tennis team has written down season goals of competing for a regional championship and making the state finals for 2018.

The Norsemen are led by senior captains Hunter Williams and Joe Haney.

Also returning from last season are senior Chris Mourad and junior Charlie Ramsdell.

“The team is counting on leadership from these returning players to help mentor a new roster full of younger players with great potential,” VanAlst said.

The roster consists of four seniors, five juniors, three sophomores and two freshmen.

“I am proud to have a team full of such great potential with great attitudes,” VanAlst said.

The season begins with a tournament consisting of top five-ranked teams

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern and Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central.

Last season, the Norsemen finished 2-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. The division is tough again this year as the Norsemen will battle Utica Eisenhower, Port Huron Northern, St. Clair and city rival Grosse Pointe South.

In non-league matches, the Norsemen face Ann Arbor Greenhills, U-D Jesuit, Grosse Ile and University Liggett School. In addition, the schedule has several invitationals and quads.

Grosse Pointe North hosts a Division 2 regional tournament Friday, Oct. 12, with Fraser, L’Anse Creuse, Port Huron, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Sterling Heights, Warren Woods-Tower, Warren Cousino and Warren De La Salle competing.

The state finals are Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19-20, at Holland.

Event draws big crowd

More than 800 sports officials hailing from both peninsulas and all over the state attended the Michigan High School Athletic Association’s “Officiate Michigan Day II” Aug. 4 at the Lansing Center to

train and learn from clinicians experienced at the high school, college, national and international levels of competition.

The event was designed to benefit officials with any level of

experience, veteran to beginner, with opening and closing sessions for the full group and sport-specific sessions for baseball, basketball, competitive cheer, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball and

wrestling.

Two-hour sport-specific sessions were conducted in the morning and afternoon, and attendees received a box lunch and opportunities to attend one of five workshops during the meal period.

The morning general session was presented by newly-appointed MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl, a past NCAA Baseball College World Series umpire and longtime official in both baseball and football.

The closing session featured retired MHSAA wrestling official James C. McCloughan, who received the Medal of Honor in 2017 for his military service in Vietnam as a combat medic with the U.S. Army.

Registration remains open — those interested may sign up on the MHSAA website at mhsaa.com/Officials/Officiate-Michigan-Day-II.

A full schedule including clinicians also is available at that link.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Cooksey leads youth movement

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After winning back-to-back Division 4 boys tennis state championships, the University Liggett squad is lean on experience.

“We have a lot of newcomers to the team, and they have to learn the ropes,” head coach Mark Sobieralski said. “It’s going to take some time, but as of now our goal is to make the state finals.”

William Cooksey is one of the top players in the state and will be the Knights’ No. 1 singles player.

After that, the slots in the lineup are up for grabs.


Patrick Ilitch and Matt

Lesha also return, and Ryan Warezak is now in the starting lineup after spending last year as the 13th player.

The Knights remain in the tough Catholic League Central Division, which means they face tennis powers Brother Rice, Catholic Central, Cranbrook Kingswood and Greenhills, as well as U-D Jesuit.

They also face tough non-league foes who will be in the regionals.

The Knights host a Division 4 regional tournament Wednesday, Oct. 10, with Almont, Armada, Imlay City, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Sandusky, West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy and Yale in attendance.



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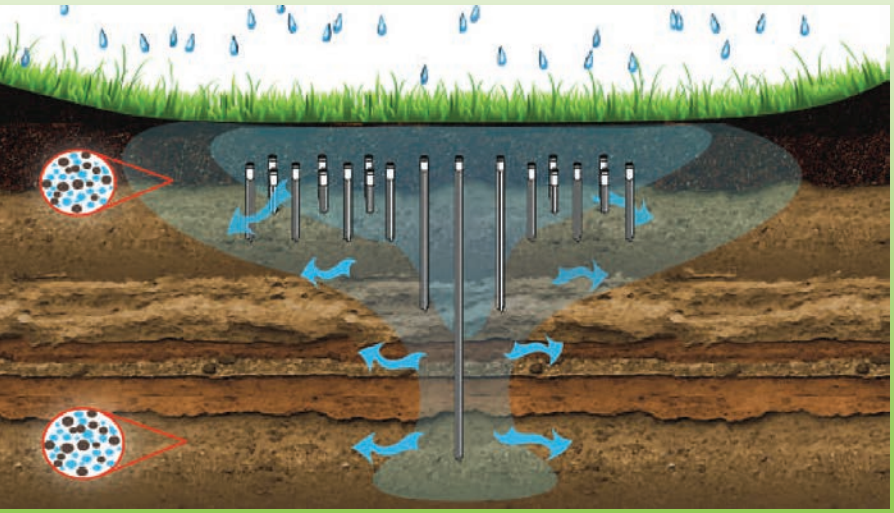
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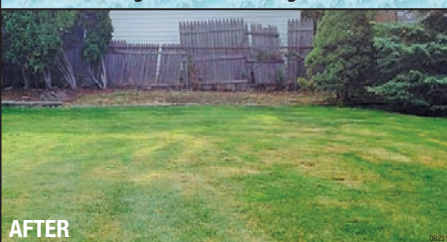
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Field hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Time to win title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls field hockey team has some unfinished business this season, winning a state championship.

Head coach Jayant Trewn and his Knights fell just shy of the title last fall, losing 2-1 in overtime to Grand Rapids Forest Hills in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 state championship game.

“We have our eyes on the prize this season,” said senior standout Katie Birgbauer. “We have a target on our back, but it is OK. We have a good team and coming up just short last season is a great motivator.”

“It was disappointing to lose in the championship game last year, so we don’t want that to happen this season, too,” said junior Annette



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

University Liggett School’s Annette Meraw, left, is one of the veterans head coach Jayant Trewn is counting on to help the Knights win this season.

Meraw.

Trewn has a group of five seniors — Birgbauer, Maria Pas, Lilly Xu, Kate Fox and Mimi Wujek — to lead the team, but it’s a large contingent of juniors and sophomores who know what it takes to win.

“This is the first time everyone on the team, including the new freshmen, who know me and my coaching style, and that will only help as we try to win a state title,” Trewn said. “We are the

favorites to win the title, but there are some good teams we have to beat to win it. I feel confident with this group.”

The Knights’ competition in Division 2 comes from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North, Regina, West Bloomfield, Farmington, St. Catherine of Siena, Dearborn, Edsel Ford, Clarkston, Brighton, Greenhills, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Oakland and Pinckney. The Knights, being a

member of the Catholic League, also face Marian, Mercy and Cranbrook Kingswood in non-league games.

“We will battle for the Catholic League title this year, so we have a couple of extra tough games with Marian, Mercy and Cranbrook,” Trewn said. “We will be ready, and I know the girls will play hard.”

Liggett opens its season at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, on the road at Dearborn.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Huellmantel new coach

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Is this the season the Grosse Pointe North girls field hockey team finishes above .500?

First-year head coach Emma Huellmantel and her assistant coaches Casey Quick and Sara Gentile hope so. “Our numbers are up, and I can see the girls working really hard,” Huellmantel said. “We have some great senior leadership.”

Huellmantel was the junior varsity field hockey coach the past couple of years and is Quick’s assistant coach for the varsity girls ice hockey squad.

“I’ve had a chance to coach these girls the past couple of years, so I know what they can do on the field,” Huellmantel said. “We’re confident this group can win games.”

“They all get along and the camaraderie is much better than last season. That will help us play better as a team.”

Seniors Ally Saigh, Maddie Mills, Lainey Aldridge, Natalie Wietecha, Aria Narziko, Emma Gentile and Claire Murphy form a solid nucleus. Add in juniors Brenna Marsin and Eleanor Martinez, and the Norsemen have a veteran group ready to

win. Sophomores Erin Murphy and Maddie Marsin were with Huellmantel last year on junior varsity, but should make an impact this season on varsity.

The Norsemen struggled to find consistency last year, and finished in the bottom half of Division 2 of the Michigan High School Hockey Association.

This season, the Norsemen hope to finish in the top half of D2, which consists of Regina, Clarkston, Dearborn, Edsel Ford, West Bloomfield, Pinckney, Farmington, Greenhills, Brighton, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, St. Catherine of Siena, Oakland and city rivals University Liggett School and Grosse Pointe South.

“We will battle with every team and play hard,” Huellmantel said.

“We have some girls who will score goals and some good defenders. We also have a good goalkeeper in Ally, so we enter the season with a lot of optimism.”

Liggett and St. Catherine are the early season favorites in D2, but don’t count out the Norsemen. North’s season opener is 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at home against Regina.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils get new coach

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

With the new season starting this week, Grosse Pointe South girls field hockey team has a new coach, Margi Whittingham.

She played field hockey at South before becoming an All-American at Tufts University. She was a team captain and New England Small College Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year as she helped Tufts play in a NCAA Division III national championship game.

She is home again and hopes to use her coaching experience at the college level to keep the Blue Devils standing strong.

The Blue Devils were led the last two seasons by Amanda Amine, 2017, and Monica Dennis, 2016, so Whittingham is the third coach in three seasons.

The team was below .500 last season, and moved to Division 2 this fall in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association.

“We have a great group of returning players, and a talented group of women joining them,” Whittingham said. “It’s going to be a fun year.”

Those returning players are seniors Elizabeth Byarski, Lindsay Froelich, Jacquelyn Knapp, Claire Koeppen, Emery Mathews, Victoria Potter and Gwyneth Tiderington, and juniors Ally Bearman and Kylie Stackpole.

Newcomers to the varsity are senior Robyn Rush, juniors Meaghan Bojarczyk, Katherine Bsharah, Madeleine

Grant, Helena Grobel, Maria Haddad, Sofia Remelius, Caitlin Rionda and Avery Waterston, and sophomores Lily Dingeman and Kennedy Mason.

The Blue Devils’ new division foes are Brighton, Pinckney, University Liggett School, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Dearborn, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Ann Arbor Greenhills, West Bloomfield, Warren Regina, Grosse Pointe

North, Farmington, Oakland, Clarkston and Wixom St. Catherine of Siena.

The new slate of opponents should help the Blue Devils get back to the .500 mark, and make the games more exciting.

For the past few years, South struggled against state powers Ann Arbor Huron, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Skyline, Saline, Chelsea, Farmington Hills Mercy and Dexter, which played

in Division 1.

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8D | FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

Cross country

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Ready to rock

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls and boys cross-country teams are in good shape heading into the 2018 season.

The Blue Devils compete in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division, along with Grosse Pointe North, Romeo, Utica, Macomb Dakota, Utica Eisenhower, Sterling Heights Stevenson and L'Anse Creuse North.

The first division jamboree meet is Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Metro Beach, and the second is Tuesday, Sept. 25, at Delia Park. The division meet is Thursday, Oct. 18, at Metro Beach.

Head coach Steven Zaranek and his girls squad come off a 13-2 season which saw them place second in the MAC Red Division.

Returning are four All-Conference runners, Devon Krasner, Sarah Bellovich, Lizzy Bellovich and Abbey Guevara. Krasner also earned All-Region honors and was a state finalist in both cross country and track.

"Devon will most certainly set the tone for our team this season," Zaranek said. "We lost some superb runners to



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

Grosse Pointe South girls cross country captains this fall are, from left, seniors Kristina Rogers, Devon Krasner, Sarah Rabaut and Sarah Bellovich.

graduation, but I feel we have a great nucleus returning. We will need a few girls, new to the varsity level, to step up and I feel many will answer that call."

The top teams in the division include defending champ Eisenhower, as well as Romeo, Dakota, North and South.

"Romeo returns the most raw talent, but any of these five teams are capable of winning the conference," Zaranek said. "It will be an exciting series of division races this season."

Last year, Krasner broke 19 minutes, 18:56, at the state finals. South's next six runners were between 20 and 21 minutes.

South's captains this year are Sarah Bellovich, Sarah Rabaut, Krasner and Kristina Rogers. Coaches for the Blue

Devils are Zaranek, Leo Lamberti and Shawn McNamart. Caitlin Rivera, Mira Zaranek and Hadley Diamond will add assistance.

The boys, under head coach Mark Sonnenberg, finished 7-7 in the Red Division and took sixth in the regular season. They were fifth in the division meet before placing ninth in the regionals.

The Blue Devils top underclassmen were Joe Cornell, Blake Weaver, Tucker Griffin and Charles Rulison, who posted times of 17:11, 17:27, 17:44 and 18:07 in the regional meet.

Sonnenberg's squad has a solid chance to finish in the top half of the division, and improve on the regional finish, thanks to the solid core of returning runners.

The invitational schedule is busy and consists

of the Algonac Muskrat Classic, 50th annual Huron Invitational, Heritage Invitational and Gabriel Richard Invitational.

South hosts the regional meet Saturday, Oct. 27, and competing teams are Beverly Hills Groves, Birmingham Seaholm, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, Detroit East English Village Prep Academy, Fraser, Grosse Pointe North, L'Anse Creuse, Roseville, Royal Oak, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, Sterling Heights, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Troy, Troy Athens, Warren Mott, Warren Woods-Tower, Warren Cousino and Warren De La Salle.

The state meet is Saturday, Nov. 3, at Michigan International Speedway.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights lean on returners

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School cross-country teams have been making steady progress under the guidance of head coach Lindsey Bachman.

Aaron Bachman and Alan Parish are the assistant coaches. Both bring a lot of cross-country experience to the program.

Both teams have been consistent state finals participants, including the girls squad last fall. They also enjoyed some success in the Catholic League Division 3 and 4.

The Catholic League meets are set for Sept. 4 at Hudson Mills Metro Park, Sept. 20 at Shrine High School, Oct. 9 at Everest Collegiate, and Oct. 20 at Kensington Metro Park.

The Knights also compete in several invitationals, including the Wayne County meet Saturday, Oct. 6, at Willow Metro Park.

For the girls, they won a Division 3 regional championship last fall, and finished 26th in the state finals.

Underclassmen on that team were Sadie Ancona, Margaret Hartigan, Ava Hennes and Sophia Ma, who ran times of 22:31,

22:58, 23:12 and 24:00 in the state finals at Michigan International Speedway.

With another year under their belt, this group of four should be the centerpiece to the 2018 squad. Finishing in the top few in the Catholic League, as well as challenging for a repeat as regional champions, is attainable.

The boys took fifth in the regional meet and was in the middle of the pack in the Catholic League.

Three underclassmen, Ashton Pongratz, Kelin Flynn and Michael Sherman, had times of 17:28, 18:49 and 19:30 in the regional meet. Pongratz also made the state finals as an individual and placed 148th.

Liggett competes in a Division 3 regional meet Saturday, Oct. 27, at Hess Hathaway Park in Waterford Township.

Competing teams are Almont, Brown City, Burton-Bendle, Burton-Bentley, Byron Area, Capac, Detroit Central, Detroit Edison PSA, Detroit Denby Tech and Prep, Detroit Henry Ford, Detroit Henry Ford Academy, Detroit Loyola, Detroit Pershing, Durand Area and Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen primed for successful season

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls and boys cross-country teams have been highly competitive the past several years under the tutelage of Scott Cooper and Diane Montgomery.

The Norsemen compete in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division, with Utica Eisenhower, Grosse Pointe South, Macomb Dakota, Romeo, L'Anse Creuse North, Utica and Sterling Heights Stevenson.

The two regular season

jamboree meets are Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Metro Beach, and Tuesday, Sept. 25, at Delia Park. The division meet is Thursday, Oct. 18, at Metro Beach.

Cooper's girls' squad, led by returning seniors Molly Szczepanski, Sarah Michalik, Michaela Cosgrove, Vivian Liagre and Ava Wisniewski, look to field another solid squad. These girls are the captains.

Other returning varsity letter winners are Elise Nyquist, Annaliese Thomas, Anna Lisa Lynch, Katie Louwers,



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North captains for the boys team are, from left, Garrett Schreck, Kuvin Satyadev, Will Hofmann and Ben Seagram.

Sarah Seagram, Jordyn Foulkrod and Lyndsey Kluge.

The Norsemen finished 10-5 and in third place in the MAC Red Division a year ago.

"The MAC Red should be even more competitive this year with a great returning group of some wonderful freshmen prospects," Cooper said. "The main competitors in our division again should be GPS, Ike and Romeo."

In other meets, the girls run at the South Lyon Invitational,

Algonac Invitational, Michigan State Cross Country Classic, Autumn Classic, Legends Classic, Wayne County meet and Gabriel Richard Invitational.

Montgomery's boys team is also led by returning senior captain Will Hofmann, Kuvin Satyadev, Garrett Schreck and Ben Seagram. Hofmann brings a personal-best 16:20 to the table, while Schreck is at 16:25 and Satyadev is 16:39.

Others in the varsity

lineup will most likely be senior Noah White, junior Andrew Spiteri and sophomore Preston Navarre.

"We are probably going to be a smaller team than in years past, but we have a lot of ninth-graders and new runners," Montgomery said. "We also have a line-up of relatively seasoned varsity runners."

Last year, the Norsemen won the MAC Red Division dual and division meet titles, placed third in the

regional and 25th in the state finals.

"These young men have worked hard for three years now, and they are ready for this season," Montgomery said. "I think the key to our season will be to simply keep doing what we have been doing and to stay healthy."

North competes in its Division 1 regional meet Friday, Oct. 26, at Metro Beach, and the state meet is Saturday, Nov. 3, at Michigan International Speedway.



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North captains for the girls squad are, from left, Molly Szczepanski, Sarah Michalik, Michaela Cosgrove, Vivian Liagre and Ava Wisniewski.

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Golf

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Ladies gain confidence

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls golf team is coming off a solid finish to its 2017 season.

Head coach Peter Kingsley watched his players improve throughout the season. His teaching of the mental game paid off as the Norsemen made the Division 2 state finals.

"The girls have more experience heading into the 2018 season," Kingsley said. "Making the state finals last year was a big accomplishment and showed the team that their work can pay off, and gives us a bit more confidence this year."

They needed a top three finish at a regional tournament at Pine View Golf Course in Ypsilanti to get to the state tournament.

They earned a spot with a third-place score of 371. Winning the

regional medalist honor was Meghan Gallagher, who shot 76. She is a senior this season and one of the top players in not just the Macomb Area Conference, but in the state.

Gallagher, the team captain, shot 162 in her two rounds in the state finals as the Norsemen finished 18th. She is a two-time All-State player, as well as MAC Most Valuable Player.

Other underclassmen who helped the Norsemen reach the finals were Bianca Clark and Ava Gallant. Both played in the regional and state finals tournaments.

Those are a solid three for Kingsley as the Norsemen try to move up the standings in the MAC Red Division.

Other returning players are Emme Simpson and Alyssa Micks, and the girls who made the varsity are junior Claire Cameron and Caitlin

Emerson, and freshmen Evelyn Stahl, Ana Todesco, Sammy Lucido and Ava Danna.

Last season the Norsemen finished 0-6 in the division, but their scores improved during the second-half of the regular season.

This season, the Norsemen face the same teams, Utica Eisenhower, Macomb Dakota and Grosse Pointe South, which tied for first with a 4-2 mark.

The Norsemen also face Fraser in a non-league match to open the season.

"The MAC Red will be especially tough again this season, with Grosse Pointe South probably the favorite," Kingsley said. "Port Huron Northern has lots of experience, while Eisenhower has gone 20-0 in the White Division the last two years, and Dakota returns five players."

This season, the

Norsemen have been moved into a new regional. They compete Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Huron Meadow Metro Park against Auburn Hills Avondale, Berkley, Beverly Hills Groves, Birmingham Seaholm, Bloomfield Hills Marian, Detroit Renaissance, Farmington, Farmington Hills Mercy, Port Huron, Port Huron Northern, Royal Oak and St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

The Division 2 state finals are Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19-20, at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West course.

"We are going to keep working on our own games and our focus and stay tight as a team, not getting caught up with what the other teams are doing," Kingsley said. "Improvement is our goal and if we work hard on the fundamentals and are excellent from 100 yards and in, we will be fine."

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen field small squad in '18

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Jim Singelyn heads into his second year at the helm of the Grosse Pointe North girls swimming and diving program.

Last year the Norsemen took a step forward after a couple of years stuck in neutral.

The coach is counting on returning captains Helen Michaelson and Charlotte Nicholson, seniors, as well as junior Amelia Fly, to lead the squad.

Heading into the season, the girls who will specialize in the backstroke are senior Giuliana Cavaliere, sophomores Jaden Payne and Sophia Vitale and freshman Luci Michaelson.

In the breaststroke, Helen Michaelson, junior Mariah Loper and freshman Elizabeth McMahon will lead the way.

Butterflyers are senior Parker Moncur, junior Jill Peters and Fly and Vitale, while Fly, Payne, McMahon and others

will compete in the individual medley.

Sprint freestyle competitors are Michaelson, Vitale, Cavaliere, Peters, senior Noelle Conrad, junior Mazzy Neds-Fox, sophomore Abby Menth and freshman Diana Muccioli.

The girls in the distance freestyle events are Nicholson and sophomores Victoria Treder and Caroline Stafford. Junior Abigail Gretkierewicz is the Norsemen's diver.

"So far the ladies have come together as a team very nicely," Singelyn said. "Feels more like a family this year, and that's what you really want and need as a team. The last thing you need is kids who don't get what is truly important affecting your team in a negative."

"Last year we jumped from dead last in the MAC Red to third behind South and Ike. We have a very difficult schedule this year and swimming some of the better teams in the state like Mercy and Seaholm."

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils look to repeat

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls golf team is going to once again be in the thick of things in the challenging Macomb Area Conference Red Division this fall.

The Blue Devils, under head coach Rob McIntyre, tied for first last season with Utica Eisenhower and Port Huron Northern at 4-2.

Northern could have four of its top five back, while Eisenhower could have three of its top five returning.

As for the Blue Devils,

a trio of juniors helped them take third place in a Division 1 regional tournament at Burning Tree Golf Club; Kaitlin Ifkovits, Gray Rahm and Mia Rancilio.

Ifkovits fired 83, while Rahm had 89 and Rancillio 106 as the Blue Devils shot 354. Farmington Hills Mercy won the regional with 337 and Livonia Franklin was second with 340.

In the state finals, the Blue Devils finished 18th as Ifkovits led the team with 183.

If the trio returns this season, the Blue Devils should once again stand

toe-to-toe with Eisenhower and Northern in the final standings. Grosse Pointe North has the potential to truly make this a four-team race to the finish line.

This fall South competes in its eight division matches, as well as a non-leaguer against St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

The tournament schedule consists of the TCC Lober Classic at Grand Traverse Resort and the Travis Pointe-Saline Invitational at Travis Pointe Country Club.

The Blue Devils' regional tournament is

Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Whispering Willows Golf Club, with Brownstown Woodhaven, Dearborn, Dearborn Fordson, Detroit Cass Tech, Detroit Western International, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Southfield Arts and Technology, Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn competing.

South has a chance to win this regional and move to the Division 1 state finals tournament Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19-20, at Bedford Valley Golf Club.

Safety first in summer heat

As summer activities wind down with an eye toward the beginning of fall sports, the Michigan High School Athletic Association advises that student-athletes need to prepare for training in the hot weather that traditionally accompanies the beginning of August and the first practices of the school year.

Each year, the MHSAA provides information to its member schools to help them prepare for hot weather practice and game conditions during the late summer and early fall.

Football practice began at MHSAA schools Monday, Aug. 6, followed by first practices for all other fall sports Wednesday, Aug. 8.

The topic of heat-related injuries receives a lot of attention at this time of year, especially when deaths at the professional, collegiate and interscholastic levels of sport occur, and especially since they are preventable in most cases with the proper precautions.

Heat, hydration and

acclimatization continue to be focuses of the MHSAA's required pre-season rules meetings for coaches and officials.

The online presentations discuss the need for good hydration in sports, regardless of the activity or time of year, and informs both how to recognize the early signs of heat illness and the immediate steps to take to respond to those symptoms.

The MHSAA requires all head varsity, varsity assistant and sub-varsity coaches at the high school level to complete the rules and risk minimization meeting requirement.

The first days of formal practices in hot weather should be more for heat acclimatization

than the conditioning of athletes, and practices in such conditions need planning to become longer and more strenuous over a gradual progression of time.

Schools also must consider moving practices to different locations or different times of day, or change practice plans to include different activities depending on the conditions.

Furthermore, football practice rules allow for only helmets to be worn during the first two days, only shoulder pads to be added on the third and fourth days, and full pads to not be worn until the fifth day of team practice.

Roberts also emphasized that student-athletes should make sure

to hydrate all day long — beginning before practice, continuing during and also after practice is done.

Water and properly-formulated sports drinks are the best choices for hydration, while energy drinks, high-carbohydrate fruit juices, greater than 8 percent carbohydrate content, carbonated and caffeinated beverages are among those that should be avoided.

The plan directs schools to begin monitoring the heat index at the activity site once the air temperature reaches 80 degrees, and provides recommendations when the heat index reaches certain points, including ceasing activities when it rises above 104 degrees.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Fodell new head coach

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

John Fodell takes over as the head coach of the Grosse Pointe South girls swimming and diving program, replacing Eric Gunderson.

The Blue Devils are the most successful program in the Macomb Area Conference. During the past decade, they have won all 10 Red Division league meet titles, as well as eight dual meet crowns. During that time period, they are 38-2 in division dual meets, losing only to Utica Eisenhower in 2017 and 2015.

Leading the team last fall was underclassman Clarice Fisher, who earned All-State in the 100-yard butterfly and

200-yard individual medley. She was third in the fly with a time of 55.97 and sixth in the IM with a time of 2:11.21.

Other underclassmen who earned points in the state finals last year were Hadley Gordon in the 200-yard medley relay and Lily Bates in the 200-yard freestyle and 400-yard freestyle relays and Hannah Blanzly in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Kate Duncan also made the state finals in diving.

South looks to be the team to beat in the MAC Red Division this season, with Eisenhower, Chippewa Valley, Grosse Pointe North and St. Clair trying to close the gap.

**Good luck to all the sports teams!
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Soccer

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL, SOUTH & NORTH

Coaches look to vets to step up

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's year No. 2 for the University Liggett School boys soccer team as a member of the Catholic League.

Last year, the Knights finished 5-2-1 in the Catholic League Intersectional 1 Division and 8-6-1 overall.

Head coach David Dwaihy lost a few talented seniors to graduation, but the cupboard is still quite full.

"Though we remain a fairly young team, we have a large number of returning players, all of whom look sharp thus far," Dwaihy said. "In particular, I'm hoping for big things from seniors Zach Elliott, Tre Holmes and Victor Tawansy, juniors Nolan Ondersma and Matt Summers and sophomores Stewart Smith and Shiekh Manneh.

"Sophomore Sam Sword will be taking over as our No. 1 goalkeeper and looks very strong thus far, and we have

been really pleased with the addition of senior Alec Azar, who played tennis these past three years but decided to return to soccer for his senior year."

The Knights' offense should remain explosive with Manneh, Ondersma and Smith leading the charge. The defense will be tough, and they will have to tighten up a bit to give Sword a chance to get used to the rigors of starting at the varsity level.

Dwaihy and his Knights remain in the Intersectional 1 Division, competing against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Riverview Gabriel Richard, Allen Park Cabrini and Detroit Cristo Rey.

"Our Catholic League schedule will once again be very tough, and we have scheduled a number of very competitive non-conference games as well, so I'm hoping we will be battle-tested and ready to go by the time districts roll around," Dwaihy said.

In non-league action, the Knights face a tough stretch of games against Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, Macomb Lutheran North, Plymouth Christian Academy, Royal Oak Shrine, Summit Academy and Pontiac Oakland Christian.

The Knights host a Division 4 district tournament, with Hope of Detroit Academy, Madison Heights Bishop Foley Catholic, Madison Heights Madison, Royal Oak Shrine, Southfield Christian and Sterling Heights Parkway Christian competing.

South preview

Head coach Francesco Cilano and his assistant Max Canevari have brought their passion for soccer to Grosse Pointe South.

During their three-year tenure, the Blue Devils have won two district titles, upsetting Warren De La Salle by a goal in the championship game both times, 2015 and

2017.

Last season was a struggle to find consistency in the regular season as the Blue Devils found themselves on the short end of several close defeats. Many of those defeats they outplayed the opposition, but couldn't get the big goals.

However, winning a district title made the season a little sweeter, and now they enter the 2018 season hoping to reverse those losses and turn them into victories.

"We will work hard, and the boys will get out of the game what they put in," Cilano said. "I know we will be prepared to play each game, and we will play hard."

The Blue Devils finished 2-9-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division in 2017 and 7-13-2 overall.

Underclassmen on that team were Thomas Wacker, Griffin Clevenger, Bennett Smihal, Matthew Moran, Alexander Bower, Connor Stencel, Humza

Mohsin, Ben Hanenkamp, Jacob Adams, Ryan Richardson, John Blake and David Langenburg.

The Blue Devils battle again in the MAC White Division against Grosse Pointe North, Fraser, Anchor Bay, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Romeo and L'Anse Creuse North.

In non-league action, they play in the Detroit Country Day Tournament, as well as Utica and Sterling Heights Stevenson.

In the districts, South's competitors are Grosse Pointe North, Detroit Western International, U-D Jesuit, Detroit Cass Tech, Dearborn Fordson, Dearborn Edsel Ford and host Dearborn.

North preview

Grosse Pointe North alumnus Brad VandeVorde is returning to his former high school to be the boys varsity soccer coach.

He hopes to continue his coaching success. He led Roseville's girls soccer team to back-to-back

league titles, the first in its history, before leaving for Grosse Pointe North.

VandeVorde inherits a program that won a Macomb Area Conference White Division crown in 2017, finishing 9-1-2 and 12-4-3 overall. The Norsemen lost in the districts, but won a district crown in 2016.

The underclassmen on last year's roster were Benjamin Frezza, Ronald Latiff, Nicholas Miller, Andrew Sheffield, Christopher Valice, Nathan Truss, Joseph Paglino and Alexander Ernig.

The Norsemen's MAC White Division foes this fall are Fraser, Anchor Bay, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, L'Anse Creuse North, Romeo and city rival Grosse Pointe South.

In non-league action, they play Davison, Lapeer and Utica Eisenhower.

The Norsemen are in the same district tournament with Grosse Pointe South.

It pays off to play more than one sport

Nearly 43 percent of athletes at Michigan High School Athletic Association member high schools participated in more than one sport during the 2017-18

school year, according to the first-ever multi-sport participation survey conducted this spring and inspired by the work of the MHSAA's task force on multi-sport participa-

tion.

Early and intense sport specialization has become one of the most serious issues related to health and safety at all levels of youth sports, as

overuse injuries and burnout among athletes have been tied to chronic injuries and health-related problems later in life.

In early 2016, the MHSAA appointed the task force on multi-sport participation as part of a continued effort to promote and protect participant health and address the issues leading to early sport specialization.

While there is a growing amount of research detailing the negative effects of early sport specialization, there is little research on the prevalence of sport specialization, including at the high school level.

This MHSAA survey received responses from 79.9 percent of member high schools and will be conducted annually to measure how multi-sport participation exists at schools of different sizes and also the progress being made to increase it

at all schools.

From schools that responded to this year's survey, 42.5 percent of students participated in athletics in 2017-18 — 46.3 percent of boys and 38.7 percent of girls. As anticipated, Class D schools enjoyed the highest percentage of athletes among the entire student body, at 55.2 percent, followed by Class C at 50.1, Class B at 45.1 and Class A at 39.0.

Of those athletes counted by responding schools, 42.8 percent participated in more than one sport — including 44.6 percent of boys and 40.6 percent of girls. Class D again enjoyed the highest percentage of multi-sport athletes, 58.1 percent, followed by Class C at 55.2, Class B at 46.7 and Class A at 36.0.

Similar results for overall sport participation and multi-sport participation relative to enrollment size were

seen by further breaking down Class A into schools of fewer than 1,000 students, 1,000-1,500 students, 1,501-2,000 students and more than 2,000 students. For both sport participation as a whole and multi-sport participation specifically, the smallest Class A schools enjoyed the highest percentages, while percentages then decreased for every larger size group of schools.

The task force also recommended measuring multi-sport participation in MHSAA member schools to recognize "achievers" — that is, schools that surpass the norm given their enrollment and other factors that affect school sports participation.

An achievement program is being developed for future years, and this year's survey results will assist in setting a benchmark for that recognition.



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