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## Woods may seek outside support to prevent future FOIA errors

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Following an email issue during its on-going election campaign, Grosse Pointe Woods officials may seek support from outside legal counsel if future concerns arise from a Freedom of Information Act request procedure.

City Attorney Chip Berschback told Woods City Council members at a Monday, Oct. 14, Committee of the Whole

meeting he would enlist the services of Stacy J. Belisle, as needed, after residents sought answers to why they'd received campaign-related emails from Councilman Richard Shetler.

The Freedom of Information Act is a federal law often used by citizens, media and lawyers to gain knowledge of public records. An error in the interpretation of FOIA laws was cited as the reason Woods resi-

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## On the horizon

Sale of the Grosse Pointe Public School System central administration building at 389 St. Clair is imminent. A first read on approval of an offer on the building, located in the City of Grosse Pointe, is on the agenda for the regular meeting of the Board of Education Monday, Oct. 28.

## Officers promoted

By Laurel Kraus  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Friends, co-workers and family gathered at the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting Monday, Oct. 14, to witness and celebrate the promotions of two men, following the retirement of 29-year public safety veteran Lt. George Bloomfield.

After three sergeants applied for the lieutenant position and nine public safety officers applied for sergeant, Public Safety Director Dan Jensen officiated the promotion of Sgt. Tom Shimko to the rank of lieutenant and Public Safety Officer Frank Zielinski to the rank of sergeant.

"My congratulations

to Lt. Tom Shimko and Sgt. Frank Zielinski on their promotions," Jensen said. "Deputy Director John Hutchins and myself wish them continued success in their careers. We also wish to thank all the candidates for their participation in the promotional process."

Shimko joined Farms public safety in 1999, previously working for the Hamtramck Police Department, and was promoted to sergeant in 2018.

He has served as a patrol supervisor, detective, fire inspector, special response team member and liaison to the department's Emergency Support Unit, Jensen noted.

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## City website undergoing redesign overhaul

By Laurel Kraus  
 Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — One day soon, residents will pull up the City's website and find a video mainscreen featuring drone footage of the

City. The website was last updated around 12 years ago, but will launch a complete redesign by December.

"It just looked outdated and rather simple, but not withstanding how simple

it looked and dated, it was not easy to use, so we had lots of issues with people not being able to find the information that they wanted easily," City Manager Pete Dame said. "Even though most of the information that people

wanted was on it, (it) just wasn't easily navigable or accessible."

The project, a roughly seven-month process, began in the spring after the council approved a

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## Second Pier Park gate crash in three months

By Laurel Kraus  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Despite initially obeying an officer's instructions to pull over, a 23-year-old Detroit man drove through the exit gate at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park around

12:05 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

While traveling southbound on Moross near Ridge, the officer's rear-moving radar detected the man's vehicle approaching at approximately 52 mph. The officer pulled into a driveway to allow the driver to pass before

getting behind his vehicle, which was swerving out of its lane.

He was pulled over on Moross just south of Grosse Pointe Boulevard, but as the officer approached the driver's window, the vehicle began to roll forward.

When the officer

knocked on the driver's window, the driver made eye contact before fleeing from the traffic stop,

heading southbound at a high rate of speed through the intersection at Moross and Lakeshore before colliding with the Pier Park

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#Finnitforward began when members of Grosse Pointe South High School's class of 2022 painted the school rock to honor their classmate and friend.



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## #Finnitforward: Preserving a child's legacy

Friends, neighbors pay forward kindness in student's memory

By Mary Anne Brush  
 Staff Writer

In times of tragedy, communities often rally together to support those impacted. This was the case in Grosse Pointe after an accident irrevocably

changed the lives of two Grosse Pointe South High School students, one of whom died.

The accident took place at the intersection of Lakeland and Jefferson approximately 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, between

a 17-year-old driver and 15-year-old cyclist, according to Stephen Poloni, director of public safety in the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park. The cyclist was taken to Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and later transferred to Beaumont, Royal Oak.

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**Lindsey O'Donoghue**  
 Home: Grosse Pointe Park  
 Figure skating coach and director of skating at St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club



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# Edmund t. AHEE Jewelers' strongest asset: family

By John Minnis  
Publisher

After a four-hour conversation with John Ahee, media buyer for his family's business, Edmund t. AHEE Jewelers, longtime family friend Bridget Burns came to the conclusion: "You, the Ahee family, is your strongest asset."

Burns should know. She worked for many years as promotions director for WJR Radio.

Based on Burns' conclusion and dovetailing with its spots on WJR, AHEE Jewelers launched an advertising campaign last week in the Grosse Pointe News featuring the Ahee family and its longtime employees, who are considered family. The ads, running each week on page 3A, will run through Dec. 19.

Private by nature, the three generations of the Ahee family working at the store were not eager to promote themselves, John Ahee said, but they were willing to promote their many longtime, loyal employees.

"If we add up the years that our employees have

been with us, it would be in the hundreds," Ahee said. One of their jewelers, for example, has been with them 32 years.

Edmund T. Ahee founded the jewelry business 73 years ago with a counter in an uncle's bowling alley on Harper in Detroit. Last year, the business celebrated 50 years at its Mack Avenue location in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"My six siblings and I all worked with my father from an early age," Ahee said. "I was 7." All the children were educated through the Gemological Institute of America. Several of AHEE's sales associates have earned the designation as well.

Not only are the Ahee children and grandchildren active in the business, so is the matriarch of the family, Bettejean Ahee. "My mother's here



Last week Edmund t. AHEE Jewelers launched an 11-week ad campaign in the Grosse Pointe News featuring photos of three generations of the Ahee family employed at the store and its employees, who are considered part of the Ahee family.

every day," Ahee said.

Family involvement and longtime, dedicated, well-trained employees all add up to one thing: unsurpassed customer service.

In 2014, Edmund t. AHEE Jewelers received the 5-Star Diamond Award from the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences. The prestigious award recognizes excellence in travel, cuisine and luxury products and services worldwide. AHEE was not only the first jeweler to earn this

rare award, but also was the first retailer in the world, regardless of category, to be listed.

The Ahee family and business also are known for their generosity, donating to local causes, charities and fundraisers. On a grand scale, AHEE Jewelers hosts the annual Souper Summer Celebration at Comerica Park to raise funds for the founder's favored charity, the Capuchins.

"It started with my father," Ahee said. "The

business and philanthropic giving. My father had so many great principles for someone who wasn't schooled.

He had to quit school at age 13 after his father died to support the family during the Depression. ... It is most gratifying when customers come in and say their grandparents bought their wedding set at the bowling alley."

The patriarch's guiding principle was "give customers more than they expect." The unexpected includes the keepsake AHEE wooden boxes and a lifetime of personal service.

The family continues the founder's philosophy to this day.

While many multi-generational jewelry businesses fall into squabbling and strife, barely speaking to one another, the

extended Ahee family remains singularly committed to providing a positive experience for customers — and employees.

AHEE Jewelers has a deeper bench than most stores its size: eight gemologists and jewelry makers, for example. Also, AHEE has a partnership with one of the world's largest "diamond site-holders" in London. That gives them first dibs on the best stones and makes AHEE a wholesaler to other stores.

The only Patek Philippe seller in Michigan, AHEE's lineup of fine jewelry also includes Cartier, Mikimoto, David Yurman, TAG Heuer, Nikos Koulis, Roberto Coin and Ippolita. As a hat-tip to Detroit, the store also sells Shinola watches.

AHEE associates not only give customers what they want, they also seek what's best for them, Ahee said.

As WJR's Paul W. Smith says, at Edmund t. AHEE Jewelers, not only are customers treated like family, they "are family."

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## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, OCT. 21

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe Council meeting, 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 22

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 26

- ◆ Halloween in the Park, 3:30 to 5 p.m. at 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr., Grosse Pointe Park.

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## Five City residents vie for three council seats

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — With Tuesday, Nov. 5 elections just a few weeks away, time is running out for residents to familiarize themselves with the candidates running to represent them.

Incumbents Donald J. Parthum Jr. and John Stempfle are running along with newcomers Matthew Boddy, David T. Fries and Terence A. Thomas for three open council seats in the City. A council term in the City is four years and volunteer-based.

The League of Women Voters City of Grosse Pointe Candidate Forum is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee.

### Matthew Boddy

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in management systems, General Motors

Institute; Master of Arts degree in economics, Walsh College

**Age:** 45

**Occupation / Profession:** Head of sales and marketing for the Americas, Nemak; past global vice president, Key Safety Systems; past director of sales, Lear Corp.; past senior account manager, TRW; senior account manager, United Technologies

**Volunteer/Charity Work:** Past member, Grosse Pointe Woods Property Tax Review Board

Boddy was born and raised in Detroit and has lived in St. Clair Shores, the Woods and the City for most of his life.

“When we lived in the Woods and I served when I had the opportunity on the Property Tax Review Board, I enjoyed contributing and improving the city through that process,”

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## City holds only mayoral race this election

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — While the incumbent mayors of the Farms, Park and Shores are running for re-election unopposed — Woods Mayor Robert Novitke is in the middle of a four-year term — the City will hold its second consecutive contested mayoral race Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Sheila Tomkowiak, a three-year councilwoman, is challenging first-term incumbent Mayor Christopher Boettcher. A mayoral term in the City is two years and is volunteer-based.

### Christopher Boettcher

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration, Western

Michigan University

**Age:** 55

**Occupation / Profession:** President for 14 years of Airtec Corp., a third-generation family business

**Volunteer/Charity Work:** Member, City of Grosse Pointe Foundation

Boettcher served on the City of Grosse Pointe council eight years before becoming mayor in 2017,

replacing 16-year incumbent Dale Scrace.

“I come from a pretty extensive business background which makes my qualifications for keeping an eye on the finances of the city and overview, I think that’s a very important aspect as part of the leadership role,” Boettcher said.

He is running for re-

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## Five Woods residents vie for 3 council spots

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
Staff Writer

### Arthur Bryant

A 40-year Woods resident, Bryant is a recognizable presence in city hall.

“I think the biggest edge I have is that I have been a councilman for 12 years, mayor pro tem for several of those years, and I have learned how to run a city,” Bryant said.

A Detroit native and

Navy veteran, his background also includes 30 years at Ford Motor Co. where he worked in the groundbreaking field of corrosion engineering, which led to decreased rust in vehicles. His goals during a fourth term with the council include infrastructure improvement and aiding the Woods’ ongoing recovery from budget and funding hits the city took about a

decade ago due to declining property values.

Roads, water and sewer system maintenance are the “big items,” Bryant said, while tree and building safety also will be a strong focus if he’s re-elected. Along with residential property in the Woods, Bryant would keep a close eye on commercial property values. Another area of his concern is boosting police and fire

resources in the public safety department.

Bryant calls the Woods’ visibility and growth within the metro Detroit area “an evolution that’s taking place.”

“It can have its own identity and work cooperatively with other communities,” he said.

His vision for another term includes commit-

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## Six run for Farms council partial-term

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Following the death of councilman Peter Waldmeir in June, a partial-term election was added to the Nov. 5 ballot to fill the remainder of his term, ending November 2021.

Residents Anthony Chalut, Andrew Dervan, Jamie Dingeman, Beth Konrad-Wilberding, Catherine F. Saurbier and John W. Steininger are running to fill the position.

Find more information on the candidates below.

### Anthony Chalut

**Education:** Bachelor’s degree in public safety studies, Siena Heights University; master’s degree in public administration, Central Michigan University

**Age:** 55

**Occupation / Profession:** Detective, Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department

**Volunteer/Charity Work:** Member, Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Harbor Committee; public safety representative, Grosse Pointe Woods Pension System; a director, Heritage Camps for Adopted Families



Anthony Chalut

Chalut has been a police officer for 33 years, first in Detroit and then in the Woods.

“I’ve always worked for local government my entire adult life and (running for council is) just something that I’ve always wanted to do,” he said, “and the time just seemed right to get into it.”

Chalut is focused on maintaining the quality service the Farms has always provided, he added, including with public safety, public works and the parks service.

“I’m not out to reinvent the wheel,” he said. “I just want to help keep it going in the right direction.”

Another focus is on pension issues due to cities having to pay legacy costs.

“There’s always chal-



Andrew Dervan

lenges to face and I think being a public employee



Beth Konrad-Wilberding

in a neighboring city gives me a bit of an



Catherine Saurbier

advantage over somebody who’s not working for a municipality,” Chalut said.

With his background in



John Steininger

public safety, other interests include budgets in city departments.

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## 4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

## Former competitive skater takes spotlight as coach

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Lindsey O'Donoghue had a tough act to follow when she competed in the 1998 United States Figure Skating Championships. She skated directly after 1996 world champion Michelle Kwan, who later went on to earn a silver medal in the 1998 Nagano Olympics. Also competing that year were decorated champions Tara Lipinski and Sasha Cohen.

When O'Donoghue went out to warm up in front of a crowd of 16,000, "There were thousands of stuffed animals all over the ice," she recalled. She had to weave around them as they were swept off the rink.

It was O'Donoghue's second consecutive year qualifying for nationals. Several times previously in sectionals she placed fifth, just one place shy of qualifying.

"Every skater has the Olympics as their goal," O'Donoghue said. "But nationals is always a big goal as well. I don't have any regrets as a skater that I didn't make it to the Olympics because I still achieved that success. It's a really hard sport and



COURTESY PHOTOS

O'Donoghue, pictured with her three children, from left, Teagan, Liam and Ryleigh, enjoyed a family trip to Niagara Falls this summer.

the process of it all was what I enjoyed the most. The training and the commitment to it really taught me a lot of life lessons."

O'Donoghue began skating around age 3, tagging along after her older sister to the rink. She showed an early affinity for the sport and began skating in earnest at age 7. Her coach was a student at the University of Wisconsin in Madison,

five minutes from O'Donoghue's house.

When her coach moved to Chicago, the two alternated between meeting in Chicago or Madison and occasionally meeting in the middle.

"We made it work and in the summers I would go to Chicago and stay longer," O'Donoghue said.

The summer after her sophomore year, she

decided to move to Chicago, living with a family and ultimately staying and attending high school in Lake Forest, Ill., her junior year.

While it was only about a 2 1/2-hour drive from Madison, it was hard on her family, O'Donoghue said. In May she got her driver's license and her parents gave her a car. "And off I went," she said. "... They trusted me. They knew I had these big goals."

At the end of that year, O'Donoghue's coach encouraged her to move even farther — to Michigan — and train with her at the St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club. She ended up moving to Grosse Pointe and living with her coach's coach, who ultimately transitioned to become O'Donoghue's coach.

For O'Donoghue to attend Grosse Pointe South High School her senior year, her parents had to relinquish guardianship.

O'Donoghue graduated from South in 1994 and attended Wayne State University, studying elementary education. She began coaching in St. Clair Shores at 18 — the same age as her first

coach when she began coaching O'Donoghue.

When it was time for her to begin student teaching, O'Donoghue had a change of heart. Juggling that with skating and coaching was too difficult, she decided, so she switched to a fine arts major and focused on her goal to coach full time.

Today O'Donoghue is the director of skating at St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club. She has had considerable success coaching elite skaters, with several making it to the junior world championships and three earning national medals.

Students come from Port Huron, Birmingham, Canton and other areas of metro Detroit. At this year's regionals in East Lansing, one student placed first and another in a lower level placed third. Both will go on to compete in sectionals in Dallas in November, with the top four qualifying for national competition.

In addition to coaching, O'Donoghue runs a Learn to Skate class for children ages 3 to 6 Wednesday and Saturday mornings at the ESH Ice Arena on Mack.

"That's really fun," said O'Donoghue. "They're so cute and they just think

you're the greatest thing ever. It's a nice balance to be teaching elite skaters that are really intense and then toddlers that you're just trying to get them not to lick the ice."

She also runs power skating sessions for local hockey teams, including her own children's teams. All three — Ryleigh, 14, a freshman at South; Liam, 11, a sixth-grader at Pierce Middle School; and Teagan, 8, a third-grader at Maire Elementary School — play for the St. Clair Shores Saints. Ryleigh and Teagan also figure skate.

Life as a coach and mom "running (three kids) all over the place to all their activities" is crazy, but fun, O'Donoghue said.

The family lives in Grosse Pointe Park. Her husband, Patrick O'Donoghue, is an engineer at General Motors Corp. The two met at Excalibur in the Park — "at the library is what we tell our kids," O'Donoghue joked — and married in 2003.

O'Donoghue said her husband typically doesn't join the family on the ice.

One time he tried and fell. At 6'4", "it was a long way down," she said.

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"The Michigan State Police along with the Grosse Pointe Department of Public Safety are conducting the investigation," Poloni said. "We're waiting on different test results and lab results and reports from Michigan State Police at this time before we're able to finish our report and give a definitive

conclusion on the accident."

The 15-year-old, a sophomore at South, died Sunday, Oct. 13.

Beth Walsh-Sahutske, head of South's counseling department, said Cleminson Hall was open the day after the accident, Saturday and Monday for drop-in grief counseling and group discussion.

"I think that's been helpful to kids to have that available to them," Walsh-

Sahutske said. "We're putting together a group of resources on the South webpage for parents. We have sent home information to parents with a list of resources and some guides to support their kids at home and in the community.

"Beyond that, we've been doing a lot of work individually with the students that had Finn in class, Finn's siblings and the driver just to talk about anticipated concerns and supporting best possible transition back into school and normalcy with support so that we can do our best to try to make them feel comfortable and able to be in a loving, supportive community," she added. "Every time we try to put ourselves in the position of different people and their perspective

and try to think about how can we best support those people."

The community at large has united in support of the Grosse Pointe Park resident and his family by creating a hashtag — #Finnitforward — in his honor.

According to Laura Vandeputte, a friend of the family, "The #Finnitforward is a movement that essentially started with members from the 2022 class painting the school rock to honor and support their friend. From there, not knowing how to best help the family, a hashtag was created."

The hashtag, Vandeputte wrote in a widely shared Facebook post, was to celebrate Finn's legacy as "an amazing son, brother and friend who not only loved science and math (he was

instrumental in developing the Science Olympiad at South), but saw the good in everyone and everything. He loved without boundaries, he was kind without judgment and he saw the value in everyone. These three things are his legacy and he exemplified them daily through his acts of kindness. #Finnitforward is a movement to keep the world (as Finn saw it) a world of love and kindness. We are asking people to perform random acts of kindness in his name and honor."

The Campus Shop in Grosse Pointe is helping this movement by offering #Finnitforward items for sale along with business cards to be given to the recipient of an act of kindness — and passed along to the next person.

Cards will be available at businesses throughout the community, including Savvy Chic Boutique, Park Grill and Zealous Root.

The family is donating Finn's organs to Gift of Life as another way to preserve their son's legacy.

— *Laurel Kraus contributed to this story.*

## CRASH:

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exit gate.

When the officer made it to the scene, the vehicle's airbag had deployed, but the driver was no longer in the vehicle.

Farms public safety requested officers from the City, Shores and Woods through their mutual-aid agreement. Responding officers conducted a search of Pier Park for approximately an hour until a car equipped with infrared optic was able to locate the driver at the southwest corner of the park by the kayak slots.

The man was arrested for narcotic equipment — paraphernalia, resisting officers, fleeing or eluding police, parole violation, reckless driving and property damage.

After being transported to the Farms station, he initially appeared to be uncooperative, before officers realized he was suffering from a deteriorating medical condition. He was transported to Ascension St. John Hospital, where he currently remains.

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Zielinski also came from the Hamtramck Police Department, joining Farms public safety in 2000.

His experience includes traffic safety officer, commercial vehicle officer, vehicle maintenance officer, fleet purchasing and maintenance and special response team member. He currently is the special response team commander.

Shimko's wife, Kelly, and Zielinski's wife and daughter, Rita and Fiona, had the honor of pinning on the men's new badges, before they were congratulated by council members and Mayor Louis Therios.



## City of Grosse Pointe

## Kick in the trunk

When a 33-year-old Park woman was attempting to park at a store in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 1:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, another vehicle came the wrong way in the parking lot.

The 47-year-old Detroit driver then began to yell obscenities and threats at the woman as she entered the store, before kicking the trunk of her car and causing damage, for which he was arrested.

— *Laurel Kraus*  
Report information about this and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Citizen policing

A note and photo were left on a 48-year-old Farms woman's vehicle while she was inside a restaurant on The Hill at approximately 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, stating a suspicious male had taken pictures of her license plate and VIN plate before signaling a thumbs up and leaving the area. The unknown witness also provided a registration plate number for the man.

Officers have located the suspect and are following up to determine the reason for the suspicious behavior.

## Disorderly

While officers were conducting a traffic stop at a gas station in the 19000 block of Mack at 6:01 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, a 31-year-old Harper Woods man, who was previously given a trespass warning for his role in a retail fraud at that location, began yelling at them about not being allowed there.

His speech was slurred and he smelled of intoxicants.

The man then began to cross Mack as he continued to yell at officers, stumbling in the roadway and falling onto a vehicle that was stopped at the red light.

He was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct.

## Heroin overdose

Officers were dispatched to a Muir Road residence at 8:06 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8,

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for a possible overdose. The 41-year-old Toledo, Ohio man was found barely breathing and turning blue.

Officers administered two doses of Narcan to reverse the overdose and the man was transported to Ascension St. John Hospital.

He was issued a citation for possession of heroin and possession of syringes.

## Unlucky lottery

At 5:10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, a 60-year-old Mount Clemens man was pulled over at Mack and Allard for multiple violations of the motor vehicle code.

A LEIN/Secretary of State check showed fraudulent insurance and that his license plate expired in 2017.

A search of his person revealed two folded lottery tickets filled with cocaine in the man's front pocket, for which he was arrested.

## Vehicle larceny

An unknown suspect set off a 41-year-old Farms man's car alarm at his Barclay residence at 4:33 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11, but did not appear to take anything except spare change.

Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the person.

## Stolen property

Between 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, and 9:28 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11, a 23-year-old Farms woman mistakenly left her vehicle unlocked in her La Belle driveway and multiple items, including her Social Security card and credit cards, were stolen.

## Fleeing husband

Officers were conducting a traffic stop on Moross

at 6:44 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, when a 29-year-old Detroit man approached, saying the driver was his wife.

When an officer went to run his name, the man fled northbound into backyards.

When officers caught up with him, the man said he ran because he had misdemeanor warrants. He was arrested for the warrants as well as for obstructing a criminal investigation.

## Close call

A 59-year-old Farms man received a phone call from his bank at 6:34 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, regarding multiple checks totaling \$27,700 being withdrawn from his account.

The transactions occurred in Columbus, Ohio, and the man was told his money would be refunded to his account.

## Trick-or-taking

A 21-year-old Detroit woman was arrested at a gas station in the 19000 block of Mack for attempting to steal three items of food in her backpack at 4:02 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

## Money for nada

An unknown suspect attempted to use a counterfeit \$100 bill to pay for a single can of beer at a gas station in the 19000 block of Mack at 8:57 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

When confronted by an employee, he ran out of the store in an unknown direction, leaving the beer behind.

## \$15,000 fraud

An 80-year-old Farms woman received a phone call Friday, Oct. 11, by someone claiming to be her grandson, who said he was in a car accident and

needed money.

She then received a call from someone who claimed to be the grandson's attorney and instructed her to send \$15,000 cash via UPS overnight to cover the legal bills.

He added that she was under a 24-hour gag order and was not allowed to speak about the matter to anyone.

When he contacted her again the next day asking for an additional \$10,000, she became suspicious, but the prior funds already had been delivered.

## Pulled self over

At 10:40 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, officers were dispatched to Kerby and Beaupre for a report of a vehicle swerving all over the roadway and almost striking objects.

The 22-year-old Macomb woman already was pulled over because she had a flat tire due to hitting a curb.

Her speech was slow and slurred, her eyes were red and watery and a preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content was .13 percent.

She was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

## Break-in?

A 48-year-old Farms woman found her entry door handle lying in her Merriweather driveway at 11:53 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, and the damage appeared to be made by blunt force.

The home has an alarm and no neighbors saw or

heard unusual activity.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Wrong way

At 12:18 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, an officer noticed a vehicle traveling 47 mph southbound on Lakeshore with the right blinker on.

During a traffic stop, the 40-year-old Clinton Township woman had watery, bloodshot eyes and smelled of intoxicants.

She first said she was headed home, but when the officer informed her Clinton Township is in the opposite direction, she said she was going to her parents' house, also in Clinton Township.

A LEIN/Secretary of State check showed the woman's operating privileges are revoked and she has four prior operating while intoxicated convictions.

Preliminary breath test results showed her blood alcohol content at .200 and she was arrested.

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Laptop lifted

An \$800 laptop was stolen from the 1400 block of Roslyn sometime between the night of Thursday, Oct. 10, and the morning of Friday, Oct. 11.

The 35-year-old owner

of the computer drove to work Oct. 11 before realizing the laptop had been stolen from his vehicle, which was parked in a driveway.

The black laptop was marked with the words "Ascension Health."

## Van theft

A 2012 Chrysler Caravan was recovered in Eastpointe after it was stolen from the 1800 block of Hollywood around 6:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11.

The vehicle's 43-year-old operator was contacted early in the morning by his mother-in-law, to whom the vehicle is registered, after she was called by police in Eastpointe later in the day.

Three suspects were arrested and the vehicle was impounded.

— *Eddie B. Allen Jr.*  
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Stolen car

A 2018 Dodge Charger has been recovered after it was stolen from the 700 block of Westchester between the night of Saturday, Oct. 12, and the morning of Sunday, Oct. 13. The vehicle was found by Detroit police around 10:45 a.m. near Gratiot and East Grand Boulevard. A rear passenger window in the vehicle had been broken.

— *Eddie B. Allen Jr.*  
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## OUR VIEW

School millages:  
Vote YES on both

**T**here should be no argument that the schools need the millage renewals on the Nov. 5 ballot. That doesn't make their language any less confusing.

The renewal requests may also seem like a good target for people angry with the Board of Education's plan to close two elementary schools for the next school year. But there's no good argument for depriving the district of the money it needs to operate. First, the nuts and bolts.

One ballot issue contains the local operating funds for the Grosse Pointe Public School System, in two parts.

Its first section, generally known as the non-homestead millage, allows for an 18-mill levy on businesses, rental property and second homes — anything that isn't an owner-occupied, principal home.

However, to offset the potential for future rollbacks under the Headlee amendment to the state constitution, voters are asked to OK up to 19 mills. That's designed to keep the levy at 18 mills, or as close as possible, in the outlying years. This language has become common throughout the state, and every district's voters have to re-authorize the non-homestead levy, generally every five years.

The other piece of the first ballot issue is renewal of the district's so-called hold-harmless millage, also for five years. The millage was designed to keep the district's operating funds at a level consistent with what it was when Michigan reorganized school finance in 1994. Districts spending more than the state average were allowed to levy an extra millage so they would, in effect, be held "harmless" by the change. That levy renewal, which falls on homeowners, is 7.8763 mills.

The second ballot issue seeks renewal of the millage used for the district's sinking fund, which pays for repairs and routine upgrades to facilities throughout the district. Voters are asked to approve a 1-mill levy, the same amount they've approved previously. This will represent a minimal tax increase because the expiring levy, after rollbacks, is 0.9687.

Complicated language aside, both ballot issues are routine renewals with almost zero effect on current tax bills. Voters can support them with confidence.

Finally, if voters are looking to express displeasure with the decision to close schools — or the handling of the bond vote and enrollment figures — this is the wrong place to do it.

The operating millage is essential to keep the district functioning. It is estimated to raise \$22.3 million a year, nearly a quarter of the schools' general fund. Work paid for by the sinking fund, with its levy raising about \$3 million a year, would otherwise need to come out of the general fund, further crimping classroom spending.

The state foundation grant for each student is built around the assumption that all the districts in Michigan will levy the non-homestead tax. In Grosse Pointe, specifically, the per-pupil grant also is built around the assumption that the district will maintain its hold-harmless millage.

The school system has already gotten squeezed financially by declining enrollment; a drop in the per-pupil allotment would be disastrous.

Whatever some voters may think of the board's decision to close schools and move fifth-graders to the middle schools, less money would only make the district's problems worse.

Rather than questioning the millage levies, dissatisfied residents need to air their complaints at school board meetings, contact board members or plan their own run for the board. If newcomers take board seats next year, they surely would want to enter office with a fully funded budget — not face the horror of cutbacks upon closures.

The Grosse Pointe schools are not alone in dealing with lower numbers of students — a problem state lawmakers may never have anticipated back in 1994 when they changed to a per-pupil funding system. But it's probably futile to expect help from Lansing; in the meantime, the best voters can do is fully fund their share of the system as it exists today.

Vote yes on both school district proposals.

Pure  
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Pointe

For "Throwback Thursday," we have Harry and Lynn Kurtz, of Grosse Pointe Shores, picking up on an old tradition by posing with a copy of the Sept. 12 issue of the Grosse Pointe News before embarking on a WindStar Cruise to Rome from Barcelona in September.

## OUR VIEW

## 1 mayoral, 5 council endorsements

**S**ome 30 candidates are on the Nov. 5 General Election ballot. Offices range from mayor to city council to municipal judge. Of the four Grosse Pointes in which the mayors' seats are up for re-election, only one has a challenger. However, all five Grosse Pointe city councils have contests.

In elections where there are contests, the Grosse Pointe News policy is to endorse incumbents first in recognition of their mostly unpaid service to their respective communities. Following are endorsements in contested races.

**City of Grosse Pointe:** First-term mayor Christopher Boettcher is the only Pointe mayor to face a challenger this election cycle. Mid-term Councilwoman Sheila Tomkowiak tossed her hat into the mayoral ring. Both candidates no doubtedly can serve well as mayor; however, we see no reason to digress from our incumbency policy and hereby endorse **Chris Boettcher** for a second term as mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe.

With incumbent Andrew Turnbull deciding not to run for re-election, voters have a vacant seat to fill on city council. The two incumbents seeking re-election are Donald J. Parthum Jr. and John Stempfle. As incumbents and in recognition of their combined nearly 30 years in service to the City, we endorse **Donald J. Parthum Jr.** and **John Stempfle** for re-election to Grosse Pointe City Council.

For the third, open seat, we have three candidates — an automotive parts supplier, a Department of Defense logistics manager and lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and a lawyer and self-employed consultant.

While all three candidates are uniquely qualified to serve on the council, we choose to endorse the lieutenant colonel, **David T. Fries**, for Grosse Pointe City Council. We liked Mr. Fries' pro-business sentiment, his support of the Main Street Program and Mack Avenue zoning study and, in particular, his idea of building condominiums above the businesses

on the lake side of Kercheval between St. Clair and Neff in The Village.

**Grosse Pointe Farms:** Mayor Louis Theros is running unopposed for his second term. All three city council incumbents are running for re-election. We therefore endorse **Sierra Leone Donaven**, **Joe Ricci** and **Lev Wood** for Grosse Pointe Farms City Council.

Also in the Farms, there are six candidates running to fill the partial term left by the death of Peter Waldmeir. They include a Grosse Pointe Woods detective, a clock collector and two past school board members. While all the candidates are well qualified to serve their city, we give our endorsement to **John W. Steininger**, who served on the school board, including as president, for the partial term on the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council.

**Grosse Pointe Park:** In the Park, Mayor Robert W. Denner is running unopposed. Two city councilmembers, **John E. Chouinard** and **Daniel E. Clark**, are running to keep their seats on the council. They have our endorsement for re-election. For the open seat vacated by Barbara Detwiler, we endorse **Michele Hodges**, a well-known community leader and president of the Belle Isle Conservancy, who was listed among Crain's Detroit Business's 2018 Notable Women in Nonprofits.

**Grosse Pointe Shores:** Mayor Ted Kedzierski is running unopposed for mayor. Among the three city council seats up for re-election, only one incumbent is running to keep his seat. Therefore, we endorse incumbent **Doug Kucyk** for Grosse Pointe Shores City Council.

**Grosse Pointe Woods:** Mayor Robert Novitke is serving mid-term and, consequently, does not have to run to keep his seat this year. Municipal Judge Ted Mety is running unopposed.

For city council, all three incumbents are running for re-election. Therefore we endorse incumbents **Art Bryant**, **Michael Koester** and **Richard Shetler Jr.** for election to the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council.

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Huge 'Thank You'  
from Racing For  
Kids!

**To the Editor:**  
The 13th annual Racing For Kids to The Hill was even more thrilling and popular than we had hoped for, and for that we would like to thank our amazing friends from the Hill Association, the City of Grosse Pointe Farms and the community at large for the remarkable coming together that makes this such a wonderful event each year.

First of all, we would like to thank our steering committee members — chairs Tom Buhl and Ed Russell and members Greg Corbett, Dan Jensen, Bob Jewett, Dan LaLonde and Kristin Townsend. These individuals meet regularly with us for a full year planning

all the various elements that add to the overall success of this event.

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We were delighted to have the restaurants from The Hill district again as our Pit Stop Sponsors and to put on a gourmet feast — Café Nini, Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, Luxe Bar and Grill, The Hill Seafood and Chop House, Jumps and Fresh Farms Market.

Additional thanks to Morning Glory for the delightful Racing For Kids cookies.

Particular thanks to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, which allowed us to close off Kercheval for the street fair and reception, and is always so supportive of our efforts, particularly the crew from the department of public works as well as Public Safety Director Dan Jensen and his excellent officers. Once again they did a masterful job.

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

# Oh, the questions they'll ask!



What do the Grand Canyon in Arizona, Glacier National Park in Montana and Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado have in common?

Other than their ability to suspend your jaw with awe at their grandeur and beauty, I have worked at all three parks.

The first park I worked and lived at was the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. I met people from all over the world — dignitaries, politicians, movie stars and rock stars. I went to my first powwow at the Grand Canyon, and it was mesmerizing. The colors, the drums, the singing, the dancing.

Working in a national park is like its own little world. Time suspends

itself, and you often have to look at a calendar to check what day it is.

When people visit a national park, they don't realize it's not a neighborhood green space. Nor is it a zoo. The animals are wild; the land is wild, and both need to be respected.

Something happens to people's thinking when they visit a national park. Maybe it's the altitude. The questions visitors ask park employees are sometimes insightful but many times are ridiculous.

So my co-workers and I compiled a list. For instance, a tourist at the Grand Canyon wanted to know how long it took to build the canyon. Really? Do you think sculptors went down there and chiseled for years? It's nature, wind and water that created that masterpiece.

At the Rim, the canyon is about 7,000 foot elevation, and when you're that high up you need to give your body time to acclimate. You'll need more water than you normally drink; alcohol

will affect you differently and when you hike; you need to do it in the proper clothing and footwear.

When I lived there, a lady hiked down the Bright Angel Trail, or tried to at least, in 4-inch heels. Seriously. Then there was the performer who saw some litter on a ledge below, climbed down to get it and ended up having to be rescued because he couldn't get back up.

Suffice it to say national parks are not Disneyland. Think before you speak or act is always good advice.

Glacier National Park was the second park I worked at, and it was like living in a postcard. I marveled at the fact that every day when I woke up I could see beautiful mountains out my window without getting out of my bunk. Abundant wildlife, Lake McDonald were just feet away.

Lake McDonald Lodge sits on the shore of Lake McDonald, which is about 9 miles long, a mile wide and 400 feet deep. There is a tour boat

that takes visitors around the lake, and you can also swim or take out a rowboat on your own.

The tourists at this park didn't disappoint with their crazy questions. We added them to my list from the other park.

"Do you drain the lake in the winter?" Really? And where would you put the water and the fish?

One day on the tour boat someone asked the ranger, "How much does a mountain weigh?" I was standing behind this person and thought, if they had asked me, I would have sarcastically said, "With or without trees?" Like it would matter. How could anyone know that answer?

Another tourist asked, "Do you turn the creek off at night?" (They were referring to a creek that drained into Lake McDonald.) Other questions asked were, "Do you let the animals out in the morning?" "How far is the 2-mile hike?" "How long is the 75-minute program?" "We pulled up and flashed our lights

and beeped our horn and no deer came out. Don't you have any deer here?" Seriously, you can't make this stuff up.

Later, when I was in college at Colorado State, I worked at Rocky Mountain National Park and loved it.

What made me want to work there other than the scenery, the mountains and the wildlife is the fact that one day when I was visiting the park with a friend, I saw a lady in a bright pink tracksuit feeding potato chips to a deer. I stopped my truck and told the lady you can't feed the deer or the wildlife because then they get used to it and won't forage for food in the winter; they become dependent on humans.

She said, "He likes it." I looked at my friend and said, "That's it, I'm coming back here and I'm getting an official union form and a radio." And I did.

My first day working there someone asked me the ultimate question, the question that is asked in many parks. "When

does a deer turn into an elk?" With a straight face I looked at them and said, "Shortly before it becomes a moose."

Eventually I had to tell them I was kidding, that they are in the same family but a different species. "Wow," they replied. "You were totally convincing." That question is asked so often it's on a plaque in Yellowstone. I've seen it.

Other crazy questions asked at this park and others are: Is the astronomy walk at night? Does it get dark here? When is the sunrise service? And, when math is not your strongest subject you ask a ranger who just told you a trail was a 4-mile-long loop, "If I go half-way then come back, how long would that be?" Sigh.

Hearing these questions was educating and entertaining, yet it reminds me to be mindful of what I ask when I go somewhere. So if you are going to visit a national park, think before you speak and be respectful of the park and its wildlife.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1944

75 years ago this week

**GLOVED BANDIT SHOT IN SHORES:** Quick thinking and straight shooting by Lt. Fred Duemling of the Grosse Pointe Shores police may result in clearing up many of the burglaries that have occurred in the Pointe area in recent months.

Residents in the 10 block of Lochmoor heard a prowler in the house at 5:50 a.m. and called police. Police arrived to see a vehicle speeding off.

Meanwhile Duemling noticed a car, with headlights off, pull into the driveway across the street from his own home on Vernier. Duemling grabbed his service pistol and ran out as the car was backing out. He was able to grab the driver from the car, but, during the struggle, the driver escaped and ran off. Duemling stopped the thief with one shot to the hip.

**MACK WIDENING APPROVED:** Grosse Pointe Woods was informed the county

offices are proceeding with the widening of Mack Avenue to a uniform width of 204 feet as one of the first items on its agenda of post-war work.

### 1969

50 years ago this week

**POINTE IS SAFE COMMUNITY:** Citizen concern over the alarming increase in violent crime in the United States — and increase which the Federal Bureau of Investigation claims has escalated at a rate 11 times faster than the population in the last decade — is at an all-time high throughout the nation; yet Pointe residents can take solace in the fact they live in one of the country's safest communities when it comes to crimes of violence.

Chances of meeting a violent crime in the Pointes is 1 in 2,140.

**SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES MODIFIED HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE:** High school students objected to a dress code approved by the board July 14 and wrote a modified code which

was presented to the board. The code approved Monday night was generally in line with what the students requested.

Boys may have sideburns and beards, if clean and well trimmed, but should avoid extreme hair styles. Eyes should be visible.

Girls' regular and culotte-style dresses will be permitted if no shorter than mid-thigh and tailored slacks, including bell bottoms, are now acceptable for girls if properly worn and in good taste.

Boys may also wear blue jeans if properly worn and in good condition. Shirts must be tucked in unless squared off at the bottom.

**Obituaries:** Genevieve Beaudin, Mildred Colbert, Dorothy Austin Currie, George Eggert, Paul Hahn, Vern Nevison, Edith E. Patterson, Mildred S. Poe, Sterling S. Richhart, Julie Ryde, Minert N. Thompson

### 1994

25 years ago this week

**NORTHERN LIGHTS**

**FINALLY HAPPENED:** Well, it's all over except the shouting, and Grosse Pointe North's first night football game seems to have gone off without too much trouble.

North officials estimated about 1,900 people attended the game, considerably more than North's average attendance figures.

Two night football games at Grosse Pointe South the past couple Fridays resulted in a single complaint from a lone Meadow Lane resident.

**ENROLLMENT COUNT FINDS MORE STUDENTS:** After counting all the students in all the Grosse Pointe public school buildings on Oct. 7, school administrators learned they had 65 more students enrolled than they predicted.

Administrators projected 8,022 students would be enrolled for

the 1994-95 school year. They counted 8,087 — with the majority of the increase at Grosse Pointe South High School.

**Obituaries:** Neil Richard Bock, Cecilia Kolka Bohn, Alfred W. Brush, Lawrence Arthur Combs, Emily B. Fitzgerald, Shirley Hudson French, Helen G. Gable, Pauline Mitchell, Dorothy Turner, Max E. Umbarger, Charlotte F. Walk, Audrey A. Zuehlke

### 2009

10 years ago this week

**'FOR LEASE' SIGN OUT AT VERNIER TERRACE:** With apologies to Mark Twain, reports of the demise of the Vernier Terrace townhouse complex have been greatly exaggerated.

However, the three-acre site was on life support for a few years as developers and Grosse Pointe Woods haggled over plans to tear down the townhouses and build senior housing.

But once the final deal was scuttled due to lack of funding, the owner decided it was time to rehab the units and the property located on Vernier near Morningside.

Work included new furnaces and air conditioners, new kitchens with stainless steel appliances and the addition of half baths on the first floor in several units.

Landscaping projects include new trees, hedges, flower beds and brick pillars at the entry ways.

**Obituaries:** Mary Domzalski, Mollie Watson Mackenzie, Helen Virginia Winslow — Karen Fontanive

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We would also like to thank Buhl Sport Detroit for the fun and exciting Global Rallycross cars and Indy cars. Also thanks to the Detroit Grand Prix for letting us display their fabulous showcar and to Chevy Racing and to the owners of the “dream cars” who brought their beautiful vehicles for display on The Hill.

We can't forget our tremendous emcee, Paul W. Smith, and our terrific auctioneer, Bob DuMouchelle, as well as our generous friends who donated the exclusive live auction offerings, including Crest Automotive Group, Benson Ford Jr, City Kitchen, LaLonde Jewelers, IndyCar, Mike's on the Water, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Refugio Ranch Vineyards and AHEE Jewelers. And additional thanks to the many merchants on The Hill and in the Grosse Pointe community, who contributed some of their best merchandise to our successful silent auction.

Additional thanks to the Dirty Dog Jazz Café for providing the Zen Zdravec Jazz Quartet and to all our supportive and caring volunteers who helped in countless ways.

Finally, thank you, Grosse Pointe, for supporting our mission and helping us to continue to brighten the days of hospitalized children in our community and across the country.

**PAT AND DEBBY WRIGHT, ROBBIE BUHL, KATHLEEN CONWAY, LINDA FINGER AND RICK MUZINGO**  
*The Racing For Kids Team*

**Thanks, runners!**

**To the Editor:**

I am writing to thank the nearly 400 runners and walkers who turned out on Saturday, Sept. 21, to make the one-mile, 5K or 10K trek along the gorgeous Lakeshore Drive course of the 40th annual Grosse Pointe Run.

Kudos and our gratitude also to the many volunteers, public safety officers, Adam Steiner for our cool shirts and John Minnis for our beautiful program book, which highlighted our generous sponsors who contribute so much.

Each year the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary is proud to sponsor this event, which allows us to support local and international charitable causes. Local recipients — such as Operation Warm Detroit, Kids on the Go, Kids Against Hunger and

annual college scholarships to deserving area teens who serve the community — benefit from the money we raise from the Run.

Internationally, we support the Guatemalan Literacy Project, Ghana Dental Clinic, and the flagship program of Rotary International, PolioPlus, which is intent on eradicating polio worldwide. And we are “thisclose!”

Rotary International is a volunteer service organization with 1.2 million members worldwide dedicated to providing humanitarian service and building goodwill and peace.

The Grosse Pointes are fortunate to have two Rotary Clubs. Most recently, our club was delighted to be able to contribute to the “other” Grosse Pointe Rotary Club's community enrichment project, the Tot Lot, for upgrades and to make it a more ADA/ADHD-friendly all-inclusive play park for kids ages 2-10 years.

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club meets each Tuesday morning at 7 a.m. at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, in the City. If that is not convenient, the Grosse Pointe Rotary meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore Drive, in the Shores. Both are friendly, welcoming groups of people seeking to do good deeds and make a difference in our world, while having fun and enjoying good fellowship along the way. Please consider joining either club soon!

**STEVE KOSINSKI,**  
PRESIDENT  
Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club

**LWV supports both GPPSS millage proposals**

**To the Editor:**

In this time of discontent, I/we hope that the voters of Grosse Pointe can see the absolute necessity of voting for both of the Grosse Pointe Public School System's millage proposals. The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe wholeheartedly and enthusiastically supports them!

The revenues from these millages represent a whopping 25 percent of the budget. If the proposals don't pass, we will have a disaster of epic proportions on our hands.

These millages do not represent new monies. They are continuations of monies that have been provided by the community for decades. They do not overlap with any other

monies such as the bond monies recently provided.

As a community, the school system is one of the cornerstones that make the Grosse Pointes the wonderful place it is to live. Our property values reflect that. Without the quality school system, our property values would plummet.

Whether or not you agree with the current state of affairs, namely the reconfiguration, please don't take it out on the basic necessity of providing the funds necessary to keep our schools at the accepted top-notch level that exists. Please don't take it out on our children.

Gary Niehaus, our superintendent, and Rebecca Fannon, community relations, are available to answer any and all questions. Call (313) 432-3003 to reach either, as I do. They are accessible to provide any factual information.

**TOM WELLS,**  
PRESIDENT  
*The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe*

**Millage vote a referendum?**

**To the Editor:**

I have been a resident of Grosse Pointe Park for 35 years and have always supported millage elections. However, the school board's recent premature and unnecessary abandonment of the children and property owners of my Windmill Pointe subdivision has caused me to rethink that support.

Time will tell if the loss of property value due to absence of a convenient primary school will result in an overall loss of tax revenue for the schools, but the immediate hardship forced upon children and parents in the Trombly area in the next school year will be real.

In a district without bus service, many families who used to have the benefit of allowing children to walk to Trombly will now be forced to drive them to school. It is over two miles to Defer from the furthest area of the Trombly district, not to mention the need to cross Jefferson. I am sure the parents of the Poupard students have similar concerns.

I have also been advised the current plan to move Trombly students to Defer will result in disproportionate class size when compared to other primary schools in the district.

The board would have done well to listen to the excellent information and advice provided by Dale Krajniak, but instead

chose to move ahead to a decision that did not need to be made.

The current millage election may well constitute a clear referendum on the board's action without the need for any recall. I would invite and encourage such a response.

**LEE STEVENS**  
*Grosse Pointe Park*

**Deeply moved**

**To the Editor**

Thank you so much for Mary Anne Brush's (Oct. 3) article about the St. Paul community and school rallying around young Payton Shock.

In times of difficulty the faith and determination of God's people always shines through. To bear others' burdens, be of comfort in sorrow and encouraging in the face of what may seem overwhelming odds is truly Christ at work through His Church and in His people.

I was deeply moved learning from the Grosse Pointe News about Payton and about what her classmates, teachers, pastors, church and school have all done to support her and her family.

I am sure Ms. Brush's article has inspired many throughout our community to keep Payton and her family in our prayers.

**ED BRAY**  
*Grosse Pointe Farms*

**Why?**

**To the Editor:**

Before residents vote to approve either of the school millages, they should be asking:

◆ Why is the district closing two elementary schools when the current kindergarten class is between 65-80 students greater than the Plante-Moran 2019-20 projected number of 410?

◆ What is the transportation plan for all these children and how much is the annual cost?

◆ What will be the total cost of moving the fifth-grade classes into the middle schools?

◆ In fact, where is the itemized list of savings that will accrue from closing Trombly and Poupard?

◆ With the current \$2.3 million surplus in the operating budget, why is the district closing schools at all?

◆ Instead, why is over \$2 million in taxpayer-provided operating funds being paid to Rocket Fiber for the construction of a fiber ring which Rocket will own?

**KELLY BOLL**  
*Grosse Pointe Park*

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## WOODS:

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ment to supporting residents.

"I think I would continue to do a good job and I'd be a good councilman to have," added Bryant.

## Kenneth Gafa

As a negotiator for one of the largest organizations in the country, Gafa says he's unusually qualified to represent the interests of residents in the Woods. His experience as an international representative for General Motors through the United Auto Workers would improve council's collective leadership, he said.

"I'm able to work with people of different agendas, with different goals, to try and form agreements that bring mutual benefit," he said. "I've been able to do that pretty well for a number of years."

Originally from Center Line, Gafa became a Woods resident 23 years ago. As a first-term council member his efforts would include reducing commercial vacancies on Mack and promoting business to help residents and visitors "enjoy the shopping and dining experiences we have to offer."

Connecting with other communities and promoting their proximity to the Woods would be beneficial to the city, he said. "That's the part that worries me. It seems like we're the best-kept secret in the southeast Michigan area. Everybody knows about Royal Oak, everybody knows about Birmingham. We want people to know they don't have to live way out in Birmingham. They can live right here in Grosse Pointe Woods and get to downtown Detroit for plenty of activities."

Another strength the Woods should promote is its attractiveness to multiple demographics, Gafa added.

"If I'm a senior or if I have a family, I can live in a stable environment and get the things I need," he said. "That's what Grosse Pointe Woods is ... a great residential community."

Gafa's other concerns include improving an "antiquated parking meter system" and increasing support to youth recreation leagues, the NAACP and other community organizations.

"They're woven into the fabric of what our community really is," he said.

## Michael Koester

Born in Chicago, Koester has spent all but two years of his life as a Woods resident. He cites his full-time job as a patent inspector for the U.S. Trademark and Copyright Office as reason for his attention to legislative detail. An example was his successful advocacy for city enterprise funds, which have limitations in how they can be used, to refurbish parking lots in the Woods about three years ago.

A finance committee member, detailed fiscal management and sustainability would be centerpieces of Koester's next term if he's re-elected, he said.

He says he'll bring balance to the council: "I have a wonderful awareness of the traditions of the community. At the same time, my wife and I are expecting our first child. We're going to be in the Woods another 30 years. So I have a sort of forward-looking view."

The Woods should maintain a collaborative



Art Bryant



Michael Koester

relationship with surrounding cities, as it does through mutual aid agreements with other public safety departments, he added.

"I've always had the view that we're neighbors in our community and we're neighbors with others around our community," said Koester.

"Synergies" are important, he said, adding that he's not even "a fan" of privacy fences or other barriers between residents on their property.

The Woods should establish "tot lots" in city parks, so families with children 2 to 5 years old can better enjoy their neighborhoods, Koester said. He also advocates continued implementation of the 2020 Plan for overall development in the Woods.

"I find it a privilege to represent the community," said Koester. "The honor is something I take seriously."

## Richard Shetler

A third-generation Grosse Pointe Woods resident, Shetler's family has lived in the community since 1949. Among his goals if re-elected to council for a third term are promoting local business and improving infrastructure.

"Everyone in Grosse Pointe Woods knows of my concern for the city," Shetler said. "That hasn't changed in eight years."

Shetler's 25 years of experience in the private sector, working at a family-owned, multi-million-dollar manufacturing firm and his current position as a manager at Royal Oak-based Freund & Associates add valuable knowledge he brings to city council, he says.

Business development along Mack Avenue, where he said residents have spoken to him about the need for updated parking meters, would be a priority for Shetler's third term.

"It is my feeling that this is a much needed opportunity," he said. "There needs to be new thought in terms of how to approach it."

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Main Street model should be incorporated to expand and further advance the business district on Mack, said Shetler.

Along with focusing on the improvement of roads, water, sewer pipes and city services, he would also work to support a human resource: city employees. The Woods has more than \$100 million in unfunded liability, or legacy costs, that must be addressed, he said.

"The city has a AA-plus bond rating right now," he added. "We want to keep it that way. We want to be proactive rather than reactive."



Kenneth Gafa



Richard Shetler



Seth Winterholler

"What I've learned after eight years is that we have a lot of work to do," said Shetler. "I very much want to be a part of that work in the future."

## Seth Winterholler

Reducing crime and improving community policing are goals Winterholler hopes to bring to a first term with city council. With 14 years experience in law enforcement, the Lincoln Park native says safe neighborhoods and financial management by leadership are keys to a good quality of life in the Woods.

"With my education, training and work experience, I've learned ethical decision-making, leadership and sound judgment," said Winterholler, a six-year Woods resident.

His education includes a bachelor's degree in public administration from Liberty University in Virginia. A federal employee, Winterholler says the Hatch Act, a 1939 law designed to keep government functions non-partisan, makes him cautious about discussing his specific position and duties. But his professional background and continued interest in crime data and neighborhood engagement are assets he would use if elected, Winterholler said.

"Sometimes when I've gone knocking on doors for signatures I've talked with neighbors about how a lot of it isn't 'crime' crime — it's things like bikes being stolen," added Winterholler. "We, as leaders of the city, need to take a greater role in making sure the residents are vigilant."

Winterholler said vigilance in exploring city bids and purchases of property also should be exercised more carefully.

An advocate for community engagement through social media and similar tools, Winterholler said the Grosse Pointe Woods website should be updated and made more user-friendly to residents.

His independence as a candidate should be attractive to potential supporters, he added. "I'm a complete political outsider and I am funding my own campaign. So, for that reason, I'm not accountable to anybody except the voters."

## MAYORAL:

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election to finish the job he started, he added.

"I'm here for the people, being a lifelong resident," Boettcher said. "... It's strictly volunteer and when I made this commitment, my commitment was to help see these projects through. ... Everything would finish in the next term and after two more years, I think the city will be in a strong place and it will continue to thrive."

The projects he's referencing include the Michigan Main Street Program, construction on the new public safety and public works buildings under budget and a redesign of the city's website.

"The community is constantly looking for change," Boettcher said. "And not super change. They want things to stay the same, but they want us to change with the times and I think that's really important that you never let your guard down. I'm here to serve."

He also sees importance in keeping citizens reassured throughout the "once in a hundred years cycle" of rebuilding infrastructure to ensure the City is able to continue providing the same level of service.

"It's pretty clear from a common sense perspective of what we're supposed to do," Boettcher said. "Just take care of the residents and continue to provide for those people that live in our community. Safety and security first, public works second and then employment third."

## Sheila Tomkowiak

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism, Central Michigan University; Design & Observation Workshop with Milton Glaser, School of Visual Arts; Knight Digital Media News Entrepreneur Boot Camp, University of Southern California; Professional Development Independent Study, Macomb Community College

Age: 65

**Occupation / Profession:** Principal and creative director, Grayton Integrated Publishing; adjunct instructor in journalism, Wayne State University; past art director, copy editor, photo editor, contributing writer, Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News; past design department director, The Publications Company; past co-founder/associate publisher, GrossePointeToday.com

**Volunteer/Charity Work:** Vice president/president-elect, The Family Center Board of Directors; 2007 past commodore, Grosse Pointe Boat Club; 2004 advisory board member, Neff Park New Marina Committee; 2000-2010 advisor, Grosse Pointe South Literary Magazine

Tomkowiak is in the middle of a four-year term on council and has been a City of Grosse Pointe resident 32 years.

"I'm passionate about what the city has been, what it is now and what it can be and my vision is for a vital, vibrant and thriving Grosse Pointe that preserves meaningful traditions, practices informed decision mak-

ing and positions us for success," she said.

Tomkowiak's top priorities are to ensure safe and secure neighborhoods, preserve and enhance property values, strengthen investment in the City's business districts, maintain the highest standards of fiscal responsibility and increase collaboration with the surrounding communities.

"I really feel as though we need to make sure that we are prepared for change," she added. "Change comes whether you want it to or not and I want us to look forward and position ourselves so that we manage that change and we control our destiny rather than having that change happen to us in a way that we can't control."

Team building and leadership experience; project, budget and client relationship management; and research and analysis skills that lead to good critical thinking and decision making are all aspects of Tomkowiak's career experience she will bring to the position.

"My professional and city council experience, strong work ethic and communication and collaboration skills will move the city forward into a future that we can shape together," she said.

"And that pulling together and shaping together and bringing community and bringing everyone together (is) under the fundamental principle that everybody matters and everybody belongs. That's really important to me. ... I'm doing this out of a sense of love for this community and particularly the City of Grosse Pointe."

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# Nine homeowners honored with beautification awards

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — City residents may have noticed members of the City Beautification Commission scoping out homes in mid-July and returning to those that piqued their interest a month later.

The fruits of their labor, the 2019 City of Grosse Pointe Beautification Awards Ceremony, took place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, at the collaborative meeting area in Kercheval Place, where nine homes and their owners were honored.

“I want to thank everyone for coming and I want to thank the homeowners for the lovely job that they do keeping their homes as lovely as they are,” said Susan Budrys, Beautification Commission co-chairwoman. “I’d like to say that this is my favorite duty as a City of Grosse



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

**The home of James and Marian Roberge middle, was built in 1926 and they’ve lived there for 19 years. Beautification Commission Co-Chairwomen Susan Hartz, left, and Susan Budrys, right, present the award.**

Pointe beautification commissioner. It’s really fun to drive around and look at all the homes.”

Any home selected within the past five years is ineligible to be chosen again, Budrys explained,

however a few of the night’s honorees still found themselves selected for the second or even third time.

“We are the landscapers and the weeders and designers,” Honoree

Francine Gough said. “This is our second (award) also. When we first bought our house, it was a foreclosure. I think it was the only one in Grosse Pointe 28 years ago. It was a disaster. You couldn’t even see the front of the house. So anyways, we started (landscaping) and got one (award) then and then I’m kind of surprised that we got one again and I’m thrilled.”

The homes are judged on three overarching areas: structure, landscape materials and lawn. This includes whether all paved areas are in good condition, whether there is a balanced variety of evergreen and deciduous plants and trees and if the lawn is properly watered.

“We look at the structure, we look at the landscaping, we look at how well it’s maintained, the overall aesthetic appearance of the home and we look at seasonal color,” Budrys said. “That seems

to weigh heavily for a lot of the commissioners.”

The honorees were given a certificate with a photo of their home, as well as a City of Grosse Pointe Pewabic tile.

“We’re moving to Ann Arbor because my job has changed, so sadly, right around the time we actually got the award, we had to put the for-sale sign out front,” Honoree Marian Roberge said. “What a lovely thing though for us to take with us.”

Along with Beautification Committee members, Mayor Christopher Boettcher, Councilwoman Sheila Tomkowiak and Councilman Don Parthum also were in attendance.

The 2019 winners were James and Shauna Tepel, 2 Cameron Place; W. Vitito, L. MacNeil and S. Kornblum, 1 Dodge Place; Jacqueline Goyette, 769 Loraine; Michelle Smith, 424 Rivard; Donald and Joellen Ulrich, 7 Sycamore Lane; Robert and Francine Gough, 780 University Place; Tim and Susie Vaneckoute, 24 Village Lane; James and Marian Roberge, 436 Washington; and Chez Lou Lou, 16900 Kercheval.

“I want to congratulate everyone who won awards today and hope that they’ll continue their hard work in their yards

## Help wanted

Volunteers and sponsors are needed for Project Bloom, a beautification committee-run project to supply and plant flowers in The Village and Neff Park.

“All of the flowers are purchased with donations from residents and business owners,” said Susan Budrys, Beautification Commission co-chairwoman.

Project Bloom raised \$5,000 last year and planted 116 flats, 585 7.5-inch petunia pots, 136 geraniums and 167 other plants.

“As you can imagine, it takes an awful lot of hands to plant all those flowers,” Budrys said. Project Bloom is in its eighth year, after beginning when the housing crisis caused the city to have reduced revenues and cut flowers from the city budget.

“This is a really big endeavor and something that I’m really proud of and I know that everyone else on the beautification commission is also,” Budrys said.

Anyone interested in volunteering or being a sponsor for Project Bloom can contact Budrys at [suebudrys@gmail.com](mailto:suebudrys@gmail.com) or (313) 882-9816, or Susan Hartz at [susanhartz@att.net](mailto:susanhartz@att.net) or (313) 886-8982.

and I’m sure they will,” said Susan Hartz, Beautification Commission co-chairwoman. “I think that people who don’t keep up their yards have no idea how much work it takes. You all do know. So that’s a good thing.”

## FOIA:

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dents received a solicitation of support from Shetler in their email inboxes last month. The email addresses were provided to the councilman as a result of his own FOIA request, but were later determined to be exempt from disclosure.

Cries of foul from supporters of council candidate Kenneth Gafa, who’d been denied a FOIA request for the same list Shetler received, followed a second email from Shetler after he’d been told not to use the list again. Shetler said a third email sent Oct. 4, which also sparked criti-

cism, was based on a list he’d used before submitting the original FOIA request.

“FOIA is very complex and nuanced, as I’ve mentioned before,” Berschback told the council.

Council members Michael Koester and George McMullen and others discussed whether further safeguards or possible action in response to Shetler’s second email could be taken. “This is very difficult for me to talk about, a fellow council member,” McMullen said.

Mayor Robert Novitke said concerns about future policy to safeguard both resident privacy and fairness to candidates would be adherence to all

exemptions.

“I don’t mean to sound flippant, but the policy should be, ‘Don’t let it happen again,’” said the mayor.

Enlisting Belisle’s expertise through the Troy law firm McGraw Morris was granted as an additional option to Berschback, if necessary. Belisle’s biography on the McGraw Morris websites states she “frequently lectures on labor and employment issues.” Included in her speaking engagement topics list are the subjects “FOIA and Electronic Documents (2009)” and “Michigan Open Meetings and FOIA (2008).”

But the discussion’s outcome left Woods resi-

dents Glenn Stevens and Pam Hedman dissatisfied.

Pointing out the value of a private citizens’ email distribution list in marketing industry corners, Stevens said the accidental leak gave a clear advantage.

“The other issue that comes up is how does that impact the fairness of the election process?” Stevens asked during a public comment segment.

Hedman suggested the city participated in a campaign finance violation by providing something of value to Shetler’s campaign.

“Saying, ‘This won’t happen again,’ isn’t the answer,” added Hedman. “It might be part of the answer.”

## WEBSITE:

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\$24,700 agreement — a third of which will be covered by the Downtown Development Authority — with Revize Website Design at the March 18 meeting. A \$4,900 annual hosting fee is an additional cost, but a complete redesign is included in the agreement if the city stays with Revize five years.

“The new website will have a fresh, updated appearance,” Dame said. “It will be easier to navigate and find information and the big difference in website design from 10 years ago is that most people now use their phones to access information, so this’ll be mobile-friendly.”

The improvements also include meeting Americans with Disabilities Act standards for accessibility; being a more secure website and server to avoid being hacked, which happened a few years back due to dated HTML language;

adding fillable and submittable forms online, such as to apply for city jobs; and improving email communications.

“The system that we have now to send out email blasts is very hard to use,” Dame said. “This one is easier to use for staff, but also the users can sign up to manage their own choices for what they want to be sent. For example, you can sign up on the agenda page to automatically (be) sent an email of the agenda anytime we post a new (one).”

It also will be easier to add video components and will offer a new feature promoting commercial property site listings for sale or lease.

Additionally, outdated features are being removed such as old documentation, including project development site information about the “new” Kroger going into The Village.

“I’m particularly enthused about getting this high priority project completed,” Dame said.

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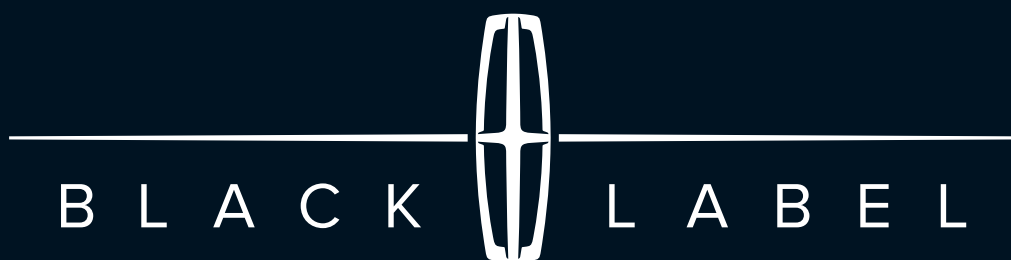
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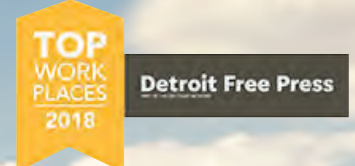
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## The volunteer difference

*Elementary school PTOs raise funds, build community*

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

From fundraisers to fun fundraisers to friend fundraisers, the parent-teacher organizations play a major role in elementary schools across the district. Funds raised support whatever initiatives schools need that year, from new lunch tables to white board tables, enhancing technology or providing much needed classroom materials. Events bring families together to create a sense of community.

“Our school is an extension of family,” said Ferry Elementary School Principal Jodie Randazzo. “We all benefit the more

we’re able to listen, learn and work together for our kids. Aside from the many hands to help our school goals, kids see a collaborative effort from adults who care deeply and prioritize their success.”

“Our volunteers are incredibly important to our school and our community,” said John Kernan, principal of Richard Elementary School. “We work hard to ensure that our students have the best learning environment and opportunity possible. Our volunteers help us reach this mission and go above and beyond to include our families and community into the effort.”

### A parent resource

Mason Elementary School’s PTO “is all about building community,”



PHOTO COURTESY OF DANA ZARZYCKI

Maire Elementary School held its annual Fun Run, organized by the PTO, Oct. 11. Above, students burst through the start line. Right, students celebrate a successful event, which exceeded the \$45,000 fundraising goal.



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according to Principal Roy Bishop, “dedicated to helping make Mason the greatest educational institution possible for all our learners.”

It’s also committed to diversity in every way possible, he added, from creating a diversity chair position on the PTO board to sponsoring school-wide diversity efforts. “Mix it Up” days for students “recognize that diversity is one of our greatest assets and it must be nurtured,” he said.

While all parents are encouraged to join the PTO, participation ranges from attending meetings and serving as a classroom representative to

taking on a leadership role. This is typically a three-year commitment. Volunteers serve one year as vice president and one year as president, followed by a year as past president.

At Ferry, the PTO is looking to move the past president into a membership and recruitment role, according to Leslie Genest, current president. This helps with a common goal among PTOs — to increase membership.

Even as one of the larger schools, Monteith Elementary School PTO President Stephanie Boedeker said membership isn’t where it should be.

“We want to see everyone join the PTO. We want to engage as many families as we can,” she said.

A primary focus — beyond even raising money — is serving as a resource for families as well as teachers and staff, Genest said, from welcoming new families at the start of the year — answering “questions from the parking situation to how conferences are run” — to helping families adjust to changes in school attendance and boundary lines as a result of reconfiguration.

Ensuring a successful transition for next year is a major goal for both Monteith and Mason,

with plans underway for welcoming new students, families and staff members from Poupard Elementary School in fall 2020.

Kris McKean, president of Mason’s PTO, said they’re waiting until after the holidays to blend families from the two schools. In the meantime, “it’s business as usual,” with a successful Fun Run raising at least \$20,000. Each year Bishop creates a critical needs list for the PTO to fulfill, McKean said. This year, volunteers decided to wait until they have a full understanding of the needs of the new students from Poupard.

“Nothing really changes

except when we get into spring ... we’ll want to do some things that will pull us together so that everyone is comfortable in September,” McKean said.

Defer Elementary School also is preparing for new students from Trombly Elementary School next year — and for the departure of current students as district lines are redrawn.

“Defer is in a unique position where we know right now a majority of Trombly is going to come to our school,” said PTO President Dani Rather. “We also know that there’s a potential of current fam-

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## School district seeks renewal of ballot proposals

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus made the rounds last week to ask voters for their continued support of two millage proposals up for renewal on the Nov. 5 ballot.

He and Community Affairs Specialist Rebecca Fannon spoke before the Harper Woods-Grosse Pointe chapter of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors at its annual meeting Oct. 8, and on Oct. 11, Niehaus addressed the topic at the annual GPPSS Community Luncheon hosted by Brownell Middle School.

### Hold harmless

The operating millage restoration and extension is a homestead millage of 7.8763 mills to be levied on primary residences and a non-homestead millage of 18 mills to be levied on rental properties and businesses.

The homestead millage allows funding to remain at pre-Proposal A levels, generating \$1,893 per student annually. The state requires all school districts to levy the non-homestead millage to ensure full state aid funding.

First approved by voters in 1995, these millages make up 25 percent of the school district’s \$100 to \$110 million operating



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Signs to support the two Grosse Pointe Public School System millages on the ballot are popping up around the Pointes prior to the Nov. 5 election.

*‘If you take away 25 percent of our budget ... what you’re doing is taking away our school district.’*

DR. GARY NIEHAUS  
GPPSS Superintendent

budget — or approximately \$25 million.

“Before 1994, back in the day, taxes were paid directly to the school district,” Niehaus told attendees at the GPBR meeting. “After Proposal A, taxes go to the state and the state redistributes those monies back to us. Every student we have in the seats ... is what we get paid from the state.

“We have the highest foundation level of any school district in Wayne County,” he continued.

“We have one of the top foundation levels in the top 25 in the state of Michigan. What does that mean? It means we have about \$2,000 more per student than other school districts in the state.

The reason we have that is because we have a hold harmless. Back in (1994), they allowed us to put the hold harmless millage in to be able to not take away the money that we were already generating. So if you take away 25 percent of our budget and/or you take away that difference between what we get and what the foundation level is — roughly \$2,000 a student — in essence, what you’re doing is taking away our school district.

You’re taking away our chance to recruit the best administrators, the best teachers, the best employees. You’re taking away the opportunity for us to have the programs we have currently. We won’t be able to afford to have all those things. And we won’t be able to keep moving forward.”

### Sinking fund

The other proposal is a 1 mill sinking fund, of which .9687 is a renewal per the Headlee Amendment. The proposal seeks to restore and extend the levy to 1 mill. Revenue will be used for priority projects outside the scope of the bond and, in accordance with new Michigan legislation, to extend its use to include technology and security equipment.

In the past, sinking fund revenue has been used for facility repair and replacement projects, including replacing roofs, boilers, flooring, windows, restrooms, concrete and tuck-pointing.

“We’ve been asking since 2004 for a sinking fund,” Fannon said. “That’s something that we can do to keep our beautiful buildings in shape, but it’s only \$3 million of the \$10 million that we have to spend every year in order to keep ahead.

“People say: ‘Why do you need a sinking fund when you just passed a bond?’” she continued. “The bond — the \$111

million — addressed the critical needs we had to do within one to three years. We’re already into year two. This would start chipping into the deferred maintenance we didn’t even look at. We felt that was too much to ask from the community all at one time.”

*‘It would be a drastic change to the way we do education here in Grosse Pointe.’*

BRIAN SUMMERFIELD  
President, GPPSS Board of Education

### A dire picture

GPPSS Board of Education President Brian Summerfield painted a dire picture if voters reject the proposals.

“It would be devastating,” he said.

To put it in perspective, he said projected savings of closing Poupard and Trombly elementary schools is \$600,000 or \$700,000 for each annually.

To reduce the budget by \$25 million, “You’d be talking about closing (more) schools,” he said. “You’d be talking about increasing class sizes so you could cut teacher staff because the staff is the biggest part of our budget (at approximately 85 percent). You’d be looking at

cutting salaries. You would look at eliminating the sports program, which is about \$1.5 million. But even then you’re way short, so you’d have to figure out a lot of other ways to save money. It would be a drastic change to the way we do education here in Grosse Pointe.

“Three years ago, we struggled to come up with \$3 million (in cuts),” he added. “We didn’t touch class sizes and we didn’t touch teacher salaries.”

While salaries were frozen that year, for 2019-20 teacher contracts the board approved step increases while also increasing the top step and starting salaries for new teachers. Even so, salaries haven’t returned to the level they were before an across-the-board pay cut in 2011-12. “There’s literally no way you could possibly cut \$25 million out of this budget without causing extreme pain to many people,” Summerfield said.

While Summerfield understands there’s a concern voters may not approve the millages due to some of the divisiveness resulting from school closures, he said he hasn’t “talked to anybody personally that would say that voting no is a smart thing to do. Most people that I talk to understand that this is very important for this district to have this.”



# Car lover's dream comes true

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

For Paul Lyke, cars are more than just a passing interest. The 12-year-old, a seventh-grader at Brownell Middle School, seeks out car shows to attend with his father on weekends. He also loves "to hit the drag strip in Milan, Flat Rock Speedway and sometimes even MIS (Michigan International Speedway)."

But most of the time, he likes "to walk the car lots at my favorite dealerships and see what's new," he wrote in his submission essay for General Motors' YM@D (You Make a Difference) 2019 program for students in grades 7 to 12. "Whenever my family is together driving, it's not unusual to hear me yell from the backseat, 'Wait, go back! I just saw a modded-out High Country,' or 'I need to see that Vette!'" Basically, I am happiest when I'm surrounded by cars. I love everything about them and would love to be a car designer and design my own souped-up pickup or muscle car one day.

Walking the lots as much as he does, "you start to come up with new design ideas," he continued.

"Becoming an automotive designer would be a dream come true for me," he concluded in the closing paragraph of his essay.

Lyke will take a significant step toward achieving that dream when he begins GM's automotive design program, a 17-week course in auto-



COURTESY PHOTO

Paul Lyke, pictured at the Grosse Pointe Concours d'Elegance at Pier Park last year, attends as many car shows as he can. The Grosse Pointe Farms resident also pays frequent visits to his favorite dealerships to see what's new. "When you spend as much time walking the lots as I do, you start to come up with new design ideas," he wrote in his submission essay for GM Design's 2019 YM@D automotive design program.

motive sketching and sculpting on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at the GM Design Center in Warren. Lyke will work side by side with a team of experts to bring one of the sketches to life.

After sharing some of his design ideas in his submission portfolio, Lyke learned in early October he had been accepted into the program.

According to an email from the GM Design YM@D Mentor Team, "The portfolio review team was very impressed with your work and essay submission and they look forward to further supporting your skill development during the program."

"For years I've been trying to get somebody to take me up on the GM automotive design program," said his art teacher, Jane Plieth. "Thursday nights they go and get mentored by a designer, sculptor and engineer. They get their own team of helpers. These people are dedicated to helping students become automotive engineers and sculptors. They work with the students to help them take their ideas and turn it into a clay model and schematic marketing plan."

Students learn the art and science of how to create a vehicle exterior based on their own influences and ideas. The course starts with basic

perspective drawing and shading on paper and moves to sculpting 1/10 scale models. Students "compete for the brief" and select their preference for working in teams of two as either a creative sculptor or creative designer.

After working with Lyke on his sketches — often meeting at lunchtime — Plieth presented him with a pit racing shirt and hat to celebrate his acceptance into the program.

"This is your sport from now on," she told him. "You go all in."

Kathy Englehart, YM@D program administrator, commended Plieth for taking "an active role in helping students find opportunities like YM@D to explore future careers."

"Mrs. Plieth has been a wonderful mentor to Paul," said Lyke's mother, Ann Lyke. "She spent a lot of time with him helping to put his portfolio together. I can't say enough about her. She's a very dedicated and talented lady."

"He's going to be a superstar," said Plieth of her student. "It's going to change his life."

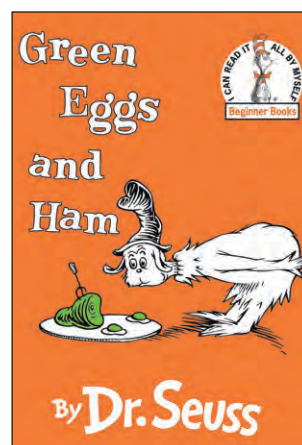
# South students host book drive

Some of Audrey Becker's favorite childhood memories involve books. That's why, when the Grosse Pointe South High School junior and her friend, senior Kate George, saw some statistics about a dearth of books for children in Detroit, they knew they wanted to help.

According to research, kids in Detroit share one age-appropriate book for every 300 children. By third grade, only 14 out of 100 kids read at grade level. Eighty-six out of 100 kids do not.

Becker and George are determined to make a difference. They're collecting donations of newly purchased or gently used books for children age 0 to 8 (up to third grade) through Friday, Nov. 8. Their goal is 1,000 — and with the help of Grosse Pointe South, Kerby Elementary and Brownell Middle schools, they're a quarter of the way there.

"I grew up with a certain amount of children's books that would get read every night," said



Audrey Becker said "Green Eggs and Ham" was a staple in her childhood. "I must have read it a hundred times between school and at home!"

Becker. "I can't imagine how difficult it would be to learn as quickly with such a lack of books at home and at school."

A drop-off bin is located at El's Boutique in The Village, 17110 Kercheval. The books will be given to the Detroit Institute for Children.

For more information, email [ajbeck1122@gmail.com](mailto:ajbeck1122@gmail.com).

— Mary Anne Brush

## Week Ahead

### FRIDAY, OCT. 18

◆ The Grosse Pointe Chamber's annual North vs. South community tailgate is held on the front lawn of Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., 5 to 7 p.m. featuring food, drinks, games and entertainment.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY, OCT. 19-20

◆ The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors hosts a Mega Open House weekend 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday to see homes for sale or lease. Visitor passes for all five lakefront parks are available for pick-up at open houses for use on Sunday only. Open house times vary. Check [gpbr.com](http://gpbr.com) for a current list.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 25

◆ University Liggett School features Marat Paransky in its guest artist series at the Manogian Arts Gallery through Oct. 28. An opening reception is at 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 26

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School band and orchestra programs present Pops & Pastries 7 p.m. in the gym, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets, available at the door and at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20381 Mack in the Woods, are \$15 for general admission and \$5 for students and senior citizens 65 and over. Children 5 and under are free. Pastries are included with admission.

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ilies leaving our school. There's heightened anxiety, so as an overall goal of our PTO, we really want to focus on being inclusive and welcoming. We want to welcome new people, but we also want if there are families that unfortunately end up leaving Defer, given whatever decision the school board makes, we're able to give them that support wherever they go — be it Maire, Richard or whatever programs they follow through-out the school district."

**Fundraisers**

Many schools have adopted a "one and done" approach to fundraising. The Fun Run typically takes place early in the fall as a fun event to kick off the year, while providing funds early in the year to support the PTO operating budget and dedicated projects.

Best of all, "We don't have to keep bugging people for money," said Boedeker.

Monteith, the first to roll out the run some years ago, according to Boedeker, held its Fun Run Sept. 30, achieving its \$30,000 goal.

This year organizers tried something new. Using an interactive website that tracks what state and even country the money is coming from, they set a challenge to receive donations from every state in the U.S.

People reached out to friends and family members across the country, with ultimately every state represented along with Canada, Mexico and Australia.

The plan is to use the money to convert from a traditional library into an inviting and interactive media center, Boedeker said.

"Having over \$30,000 is a pretty monumental amount of money," she said. "It can go a long way, especially for bigger projects that are needed in our school. Our schools are old, so things are always needed."

Maire Elementary School's exceeded its \$45,000 fundraising goal at its third annual Fun Run Oct. 11, according to PTO President Jeff Mertz.

"The Fun Run is to promote an agenda that provides enrichment for the school," said Mertz.

The focus this year is on supporting the development and expansion of a 21st-century educational makerspace creating a hub for hands-on, project-based learning, creation and invention.

The PTO works closely with Principal Ryan Francis and Maire faculty to find ways to support the school, Mertz said, adding fundraising is secondary to the organization's primary focus.

"We primarily are looking to increase parent involvement, which is a huge positive for any school, but clearly this is where Maire thrives," he said. "Parents attending school events, creating school involvement or supporting a school financially. Our PTO looks to harness that energy and continue to allow Maire to be a thriving institution."

Activities leading up to the run included four weeks of fun incentives and rewards, such as classroom pizza parties, colorful bracelets to collect, extra recess time and gift cards to earn. Francis rewarded stu-



dents with a bagel breakfast and sundaes and even let the PTO 'slime' him when the kids raised \$20,000 in the first week of fundraising, according to Fun Run organizer and parent volunteer Dana Zarzycki.

Total donations exceeded 1,000, with students reaching out to family members and neighbors for support. Businesses responded with cash and in-kind donations.

"We are fortunate to live in a community that values an excellent public education and realizes funding from the state just isn't enough," Zarzycki noted.

"The fact that one small elementary school has been able to raise \$150K in less than two years demonstrates the strong culture of giving in our neighborhood and its commitment to GPPSS."

Defer converted to the Fun Run two years ago.

"It helps support our operating budget and every year we get to commit a large portion of it to the school," Rather said. "Whatever the school needs. One year we provided a bunch of iPads and the carts. Another year we bought a piece of huge playground equipment for the school because we realized there was a need for certain grade levels. Last year we replenished a whole bunch of outdoor play (equipment)."

Rather said it's important to Defer's PTO that when families are asked to donate to the school, they see that money "going immediately to their kids."

Richard hosted its first Fun Run this fall, raising more than \$22,000, according to PTO President Holly Bayster. Smaller fundraisers include bake sales and a fall "Art to Remember" drive, in which students may order holiday ornaments from class art projects.

PTO annual priorities include monthly assemblies and providing beginning of the year gifts to teachers to spend in their classrooms "as they see fit," Bayster said. A longer term goal, which may require several years of fundraising, is playground improvements.

In lieu of a Fun Run,



Poupard hosts a fall cookie dough fundraiser and spring popcorn fundraiser. The top seller receives a VIP package to the Detroit Pistons to sit front row, center court with their parents, according to PTO President Shantelle Bryson.

The money is used for special assemblies, the fifth-grade camping trip, back-to-school BBQ, a Winter Wonderland breakfast before Christmas and a combined mother/son and father/daughter Ties and Tiaras dance.

The focus of the PTO this year is to make these events free for everyone. "Those are our big goals this year — to be able to assist financially where needed and (pay for) the events that previously people have paid for so no one has to miss because of money," Bryson said.

include a pajama dance, Scholastic book fair with a movie night kickoff and staff appreciation breakfasts and lunches.

"We try to do something every month for (staff), whether something small or large," said Kerby PTO President Kate Walczyk.

The PTO also supports teachers with a classroom allotment of funds to use for discretionary spending, Walczyk said.

In addition to its usual back-to-school party, walk-to-school night, Haunted Garage event, book fair and progressive dinner for parents, Trombly is focusing this year on combined events with Defer, according to PTO President Patrice Arend. She and Rather collaborated on a joint movie night between the

Ferry's Super Boys and Leading Ladies Family Night unites boys with a mother, grandmother, aunt or friend to play dodgeball, kickball and other games.

Kerby Elementary School hosts a welcome breakfast for new families at the beginning of the year and a family carnival with a silent auction in the spring. Events throughout the year



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Clockwise from top left: Kerby's Scholastic book fair kicks off with a movie night; Ferry principal Jodie Randazzo agreed to be "slimed" if students met their goal; William Bryson, pictured with his mother, Poupard PTO President Shantelle Bryson, sports a bow tie for the school's Ties and Tiaras dance, a mother/son and father/daughter soiree; and Monteith principal Shelleyann Keelean poses with the school mascot during the annual Fun Run.

two schools and are planning a skating event.

"A big goal this year is going to be community building so we can get people together — parents and kids — to make the transition easier so that when they go to school next year, they can see some familiar faces," said Arend. "And there's also some community healing that has to take place."

**Key to success**

Benefits of these volunteer efforts go beyond money raised or events planned, in the principals' view.

"Having parent support for school initiatives is key to a school's success for

many reasons," said Kerby Principal Sara Delgado.

"When parents and community members contribute to the efforts going on in a school building, buy-in is higher and collaboration is more effective. When school and home are on the same page, the chances of student success are higher. We are very lucky at Kerby to have high levels of parent involvement and volunteerism."

"Our PTO truly represents a parent-teacher organization who work together to create an environment that enhances the learning experience of all students," said Shelleyann Keelean, Monteith principal.

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# Together we will

## Community leaders gather at luncheon

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Printed on placemats at the ninth annual Community Luncheon at Brownell Middle School Oct. 11, was the school's motto, "Together We Will." It was a fitting motto for an event that unites community leaders throughout the Pointes to celebrate education and share a message about the power of working toward a common goal.

"It's more than a motto; it's a culture," said Brownell Principal Rodger Hunwick during his opening remarks. "Let's make a difference now. Let's not wait till tomorrow."

Behind him, sticky notes printed on banners promoted positive messages from students throughout the district on ways to "pay it forward."

Hunwick recognized organizers Alicia Carlisle, director of the district's community service organization, SERVE, and parent volunteer Helen Srebernak, along with event sponsors.

Special mention was given to Brownell student helpers and performers. Instrumental music students played for guests during their arrival and the eighth-grade girls' and seventh- and eighth-grade boys' choirs provided entertainment during lunch. Afterward, students were on hand to give tours.

The luncheon, held at a different school each year, was hosted by the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Grosse Pointe News, Pointe Magazine and the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. TCBY provided dessert and centerpieces were courtesy of Allemon's Landscape Centers.

Attended by mayors, police chiefs, judges, city managers, clergy members, Board of Education members, principals

from local public and private schools and other educators, business and nonprofit leaders, it was a 'Who's Who' of local movers and shakers.

"This is a OneGP event and it's good to be here among our community members and our friends," said GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus. "... It's important for us to have this opportunity to be together and talk together, to communicate together and to network. It's so important for us as a community to understand how valuable one another is and also how valuable it is to work together to make something positive happen."

Niehaus introduced special guest and keynote speaker Senator Debbie Stabenow, who began her remarks recalling a 2006 visit to Grosse Pointe when she

*'Let's make a difference now. Let's not wait till tomorrow.'*

RODGER HUNWICK  
Principal, Brownell Middle School

worked with Grosse Pointe South High School students and Habitat for Humanity to build two houses for families who lost their homes during Hurricane Katrina.

Stabenow also acknowledged student reporters who interviewed her prior to the luncheon.

"They were very smart and they were very tough, by the way," she said. "Tough but fair. ... And they had very good questions." (See related article on page 17A.)

"The truth is that young people are looking to us for how we react in times of stress and crisis," she continued. "I think we also need to understand the only way we are going to get things done

is if we find common ground and work together and use common sense, which is not so common these days. But the truth is that that is how we get things done ... in the schools, in the community, in government."

Areas of common ground were supporting public education — "which is so critical and the great equalizer if we do it right" — lowering the cost of college, creating a pathway for young people into skilled trades and advanced education other than the traditional four-year college track, tackling climate change and its impact on the Great Lakes, the importance of clean energy, innovation and job creation and the cost of health care, in particular prescription drugs.

Stabenow particularly emphasized the importance of mental health, questioning, "What we can do with young people to give them permission to talk about their feelings ... to reach out to one another ... to show there's no stigma in reaching out for help?"

She commended the school district for its recent efforts to address anxiety and depression among young people.

Making progress on all these issues requires working together, she said.

On the good news front, Stabenow noted Michigan is No. 1 in the Midwest in clean energy jobs and third in the country in metro Detroit in creating new patents.

"I believe change happens for the better when we're all engaged with whatever we can do," she concluded. "That means in our daily lives and it starts with how we treat each other ... It's paying it forward like these young people are doing. That's how we make positive things happen."



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Brownell Principal Rodger Hunwick welcomed guests to the ninth annual Community Luncheon hosted by the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Grosse Pointe News, Pointe Magazine and the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.



Special guest and keynote speaker Debbie Stabenow, seated next to former Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Suzanne Klein, listens to introductory remarks during the Community Luncheon.

# Teacher of THE WEEK



## Carla Schultz

**School:** St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School  
**Years at St. Paul:** 15  
**Grade/Subject:** Grade 6 homeroom, religion, math and science; grade 7 social studies  
**Nominated by:** Tina Forsythe, principal  
**Principal's quote:**

"Carla Schultz is a teacher who loves her students and her subject matter. She shows strong interest in her students and plans her lessons with each child in mind spiritually, academically, emotionally and socially. Carla is very well organized and her classroom is very inviting — a place all students want to sit in and learn."

**What motivated you to become a teacher?**

Way back when I was originally asked, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' the answer has always been a teacher. I never wavered from that thought. I always knew teaching is what I wanted to do. I love learning and I wanted to give that same passion for learning to

my students. It might sound cliché, but when students have their 'light-bulb' moment, I am so excited for them that the pieces of the puzzle are coming together.

**What are some of your inspirations?**

My parents have always inspired me. They have always allowed me to be myself, and they have showed me how to look at all situations with faith and kindness. My three children and my students also inspire me. As they experience the world with wonder, awe and excitement, I am driven to be a better teacher to help them become the best version of themselves. I work with some amazing educators who inspire me every day with their love of teaching and encourage me to try new things, which allows me to help my learners reach new goals.

**What advice would you give a new teacher?**

Take time to get to know your students as people and build a com-



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munity in your classroom. This is paramount for you to help your students reach their full potential. It is OK to be human and make mistakes. Take a few moments, reflect upon them and learn from them. The education process is a learning process for everyone involved. Allow yourself to grow and evolve, because the kids you teach are doing that every day.

**Favorite quote:**

"Be who you needed when you were younger."  
— Ayesha Siddiqi

**Favorite book:**

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# Up close and personal with Sen. Stabenow

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Student reporters from Grosse Pointe South High School's Tower, Grosse Pointe North High School's Northpointe and Brownell's TV production program had the opportunity to interview Sen. Debbie Stabenow prior to the Community Luncheon Oct. 11. Summarized below is a sampling of questions and responses, edited for brevity.

**Q: Recently you released a report on Oct. 4 detailing how climate change directly affects the people of Michigan. I was wondering if you could provide a little environmental context to how climate change affects Michigan.**

We've had about 100 years of carbon pollution. It came about with the industrial age. We benefited from the internal combustion engine and the industrial age. ... In the process of that, there wasn't a lot of attention paid to the fact that there was pollution being created over that time. ... All kinds of things are happening right before our face that are alarm bells that we have got to go to cleaner forms of energy that don't produce carbon.

The good news is that we can also create jobs by doing that in Michigan — whether it's cleaner vehicles with better fuel economy or electric vehicles.

The other thing we're seeing is that allergy seasons last about a month longer than they used to. There's more asthma



Sen. Debbie Stabenow spent a few moments chatting with Brownell students on her way to the Community Luncheon.

PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

because of the smog; we're seeing more disease-bearing mosquitoes. ... It's because seasons are longer in changing. Because we're warming up in every part of the state and the lakes are warming up, we're seeing more invasive species and ticks and those sorts of things that are wreaking havoc with our public health as well as with the economy.

**Q: I read that you've enforced the need for skilled workers over a straight, traditional college undergraduate path. Why do you see the skilled trades as a priority for Michigan right now?**

I think we need to make all the choices available for students. We, of course, have wonderful community colleges and universities and it's a very important

track. But for a lot of years now we've really presented it as the only choice. Now we're at a point where we have all kinds of new technologies; we have all kinds of new jobs and skilled trades and we have fewer and fewer people to fill those jobs — good paying jobs — which is affecting Michigan as a high-tech manufacturing state. New technologies may not take a traditional four-year path; it may take a different path.

What I'm concerned about is that you know all the choices. We for years now have moved to measuring schools solely based on how many students go to college as opposed to how many students get advanced learning degrees and get good jobs. I'd like to see us broaden that because

we're seeing all kinds of new opportunities. Some are appropriate for a four-year college and some are not.

**Q: Do you feel that STEM subjects and the lack of involvement for women and minorities is one of the biggest concerns in education right now?**

I think a very important issue is getting more women, more people of color, into science, engineering, math — all the STEM areas. This is regardless again if you're in a technical job or a skilled trade — by the way, using math or science — or whether you're on an engineering track or some other track.

These are very important areas for the future, for our economy. They're real opportunities for every-

one. We need to make sure the door's wide open.

**Q: Michigan has lost over 5,000 manufacturing jobs this summer. What do you propose to stop this flow of all these people leaving the state?**

It's really a mixed bag for us because we do have people coming and we do have jobs leaving. It really depends on the moment. There are a lot of factors right now that relate to what the current administration is doing around tariffs and different trade wars with other countries that are creating uncertainty for our manufacturers.

But I will say this: Michigan is still the hub of advanced transportation for the country. We are No. 1 in the Midwest in new clean energy jobs.

When you look at one of those new wind turbines, people think about using wind energy. I look at those and see 8,000 parts and my response is: we can make every one of those in Michigan. Those are jobs. And the same thing with solar panels and geothermal technology and hydrogen fuel cells.

We are still the experts in advanced manufacturing moving forward as well as traditional manufacturing. The world is changing very, very fast. We've got to make sure our trade laws are fair. We've got to make sure we're creating a level playing field for our businesses and our workers.

But we still have the best workers. We still

have the best innovators. In metropolitan Detroit, we are No. 3 in the country in new patents for new clean innovations.

So I'm still betting on Michigan.

**Q: You've been an active player in Michigan politics since your time spent in the Michigan House of Representatives. Considering your experience, why should teenagers include and involve themselves in politics and stay abreast of the topics that are occurring in our nation?**

You need to stay involved because it affects you and it affects you whether you're paying attention or not ... particularly with the kinds of issues that we have going forward that we need to address — the ever-changing economy, the cost of college, which is way too high and we need to make that a top priority.

What's happening on the climate crisis, protecting our Great Lakes, which represent 95 percent of the country's freshwater. These are big issues. How we're going to interact in the world. How we're going to treat each other.

... All of these things — somebody will decide. Somebody. The question is who and you need to be involved to make sure you're a part of that.

*Sen. Stabenow is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan. A member of the Democratic Party, she is Michigan's first female U.S. Senator and was elected to the Senate in 2000.*



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“Where do you find the money to maintain an adequate police force, yet at the same time have money for other projects?” he asked as an example. “So the city has to face a lot of different issues and it’s a big juggling act.”

As to what Chalut can offer council, “I think I’m very qualified,” he said. “I have the educational background and I see things differently being on the inside, so to speak, as a municipal employee, especially in public safety. Even though I feel that the current administration in the Farms police department has done a wonderful job, it doesn’t hurt to have someone else there also who knows what you’re talking about, who knows what’s going on and who can contribute.”

**Andrew Dervan**

**Education:** Bachelor’s degree in chemistry, Bridgewater State College; master’s degree in chemistry, University of Detroit

**Age:** 67

**Occupation / Profession:** Retired chemist, Ford Motor Co.

**Volunteer/Charity Work:** Volunteer, Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society; committee member, National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors

Dervan is a retired chemist and has been attending Farms council meetings since 2011.

“I think the fact that working as a chemist, you have to pay attention to details and follow orderly

processes, so you become very, very disciplined and I think that’s a big help through whatever you do after,” he said. “... I’ve been attending the Farms council meetings since 2011, after the sewer flood, and so ... now that I’m retired ... I always attend all the meetings because I want to understand what’s going on in our city and I have a little more time now, so that’s why (I’m running).”

Dervan’s main priorities include maintaining infrastructure, an inland sewer separation project, managing the increasing pension and healthcare costs for city employees and maintaining city equipment.

“The Farms is pretty well maintained, but you’ve got to be careful,” he said. “Any hiccup in the economy like we had 10 years ago ... some of the cities in the Pointes really had a very difficult time recovering from that. The Farms is in pretty good financial shape right now. ... There’s a lot of activities going on, but I’m more interested in making sure it’s well-managed and well-run.”

Dervan added voters should vote for him because, “I’m going to pay attention to details, because the fact is I’ve attended the meetings for a long time, I understand a lot of the city issues, I know a lot of the city people and I know most of the council members.”

**Beth Konrad-Wilberding**

**Education:** Bachelor of Science degree in radio, television and film, Indiana State University; Master of Arts degree in communication, Wayne State University

**Age:** 69

**Occupation / Profession:** Principal and owner, Konrad Communications and Consulting, LLC; adjunct professor, Wayne State University Department of Communication; president, Society of Professional Journalists Detroit Chapter; former senior vice president of public affairs and government relations, NBD/First Chicago; former vice president, WTVS - Detroit Public Television; former director of public affairs programming and editorials, WDIV TV

**Volunteer/Charity Work:** Member, Grosse Pointe Farms Communication Committee; volunteer and sponsor, The Family Center; member, Wayne State University Alumni Association Board; former member, Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education; former member, Grosse Pointe Library Commission; former board member, Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce; former board member and vice president, Detroit Economic Club; former board member, St. John Hospital Medical System

Konrad-Wilberding grew up in the community and decided to run for council after various Farms officials suggested it to her.

“I was a fan of Pete (Waldmeir) and I think that he offered the council a number of different things that I can bring as well,” she said. “He was a critical thinker, a fact finder and he was a collaborator and knew the understanding and the value of being fiscally sol-

vent for a municipality, but he also realized that we’re in a changing climate, so we need to have more collaborations with our outside communities, with our state, with our county and even with our federal government.”

Konrad-Wilberding’s main priorities include sustainability and infrastructure, specifically in regard to roads, the Lakeshore breakwall, which she said is not an impossible undertaking even with the county’s major fiscal problems, and creating a separate system in the inland district.

“How do you get those funds without having to surpass the millage rate that we have?” she said. “I think that you have to do it in a very, very fiscally solvent way. That you have to take a look at some of your funding mechanisms that are in place, but also what are you getting as far as your fair revenue sharing from your state, from your county and from your federal government?”

Other priorities include maintaining the low crime rate through public safety and exploring technological advances to interface with in the digital age.

“I’m running for this position because I think that I am the most qualified for this two-year seat,” Konrad-Wilberding said, “but I’m also running for this position because I think there is a certain affinity, a certain unbelievable jewel in Grosse Pointe Farms. It is a very unique place. It has a quality of life that is the envy of so many suburban communities.”

**Catherine F. Saurbier**

**Education:** Bachelor of Science degree in medical record science, Mercy College of Detroit; master’s degree in public administration, University of Michigan

**Age:** Did not disclose

**Occupation / Profession:** Manager of the health consulting division, Deloitte; director of the medical record department, Sinai-Grace Hospital; assistant director of the medical record department, Henry Ford Hospital

**Volunteer/Charity Work:** Board member, Southwest Detroit Mental Health Agency; chairman of the board, Wayne

County Community Services; foster home, Purebred Collie Rescue Group

Saurbier decided to run for council after becoming interested in the city’s budget.

“I am very, very adamant that our tax dollars be spent judiciously and it doesn’t matter if it’s 35 cents or \$350,000, it all adds up and we have to be good stewards of that money,” she said.

Saurbier feels the city’s priority should be on basic services to the residents first, followed by exploring if there’s room for other things.

“People talk about infrastructure and I hate that word because if you were to ask many people on the street, they couldn’t tell you what that means,” she said. “What it really needs to do is, the city needs to plan not just next year or five years, but 10 years out to take a look at the water supplies because this is an old city. I live in a house that’s 92 years old. I know how things fall apart.”

Examples of this include looking at the roads, the water pipes, sewer separation and Lakeshore erosion.

“I think we also have to be good friends, if you will, with neighboring communities,” she said, “because there are issues that the communities have to address either if they’re adjacent to one another or all together.”

What she personally will bring to the position, Saurbier added, is doing what she says she will, telling the truth and being a good listener.

“I believe that the city of Grosse Pointe Farms is doing an excellent job and it’s a question of maintenance,” she said, “because there are so many challenges now. To me, I believe that Grosse Pointe Farms should continue to be one of the best cities to live in the state of Michigan, so if I were a council member, that would be my goal.”

**John W. Steininger**

**Education:** Bachelor’s degree in education, Wayne State University

**Age:** 69

**Occupation/Profession:** Executive and owner, Grosse Pointe Moving and Storage

**Volunteer/Charity Work:** Past trustee and 2010-11 president, Grosse

Pointe Public School System Board of Education; through his business, supported more than 200 Neighborhood Club teams

Steininger has been a member of the community 63 years, created the Blue Devils Coupon Book 13 years ago as a way to raise money for the football team and was president of the Grosse Pointe school board 2010-11.

“That format is almost identical to the city council format,” he said. “On the school board we dealt with a budget approximately \$100 million a year ... The budget for Grosse Pointe Farms is \$15 million, so that’s another reason I could step right in. I have that budgetary experience. It’d be easy to step into those budget discussions.”

One of Steininger’s main focuses is on making city services more senior-friendly, including in regard to the challenges because of infrastructure repairs and improvements.

“I personally would like to see a better form of dialogue between all the Grosse Pointes and the contractors so that those situations are less encumbering,” he said.

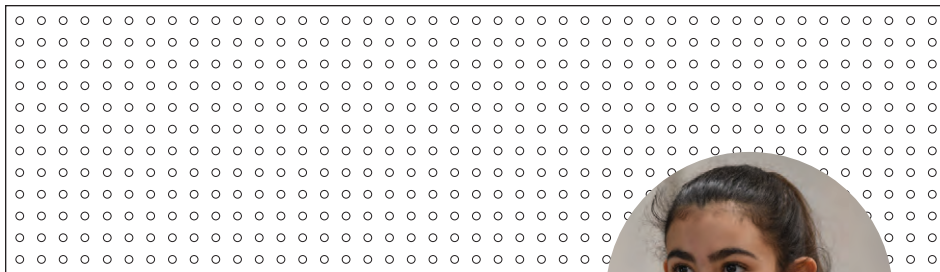
Another concern is why the city isn’t separately metering landscaping water usage, Steininger said.

“You’re paying a sewage charge on every single gallon of water that comes through your pipes, but there should be no sewage charge attributed to landscape watering because that just goes into the ground,” he said. “... Other communities charge 50 percent on dedicated sprinkler usage, so ... why (do) the residents that go that extra mile to water their lawns and keep it green all summer ... have to pay that sewage charge?”

Public safety challenges such as the car chase that ended in Pier Park and the recent Moross crash also have his interest.

“I don’t know what it is specifically that could be changed, but I’d certainly like to do a brainstorming session with the powers to be and see if there’s any way we could eliminate some of that,” he said.

*Jamie Dingeman also is running to fill the partial-term council position, but did not respond to interview requests.*



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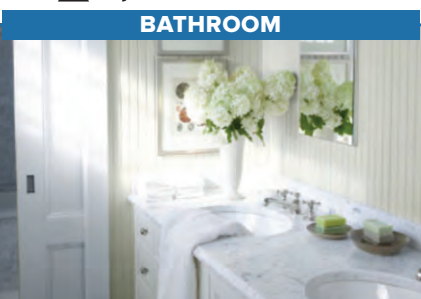


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so I now want to be more active," he said. "I want to have that responsibility of hearing what the community has to say. What do our people actually want? What do they want us to spend our tax income on? How would they like to see the city move forward?"

Boddy's campaign focuses on the issues of technology, infrastructure, transparency and becoming more green and carbon neutral.

"I'm offering a different viewpoint on things that may resonate with what does the City of Grosse Pointe look like 10 years from now?" he said. "How do we update our master plan to reflect possibly these changes that, instead of being a follower or late to, how do we take the lead? How do we drive the other communities to become engaged in these types of activities?"

Implementation ideas include a city app that could schedule time in the park, renew boat slips and purchase city services, as well as hosting small community meetings with three or four blocks at a time to build collective opinions on the needs and visions of residents.

"Perhaps the message of these types of activities, investment, infrastructure, green carbon neutral, I'm hoping that those messages will resonate with the people and inspire them in some way to move forward with voting for me," Boddy said.

## David T. Fries

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts degree in public administration, Associates Degree in business administration, Associate degree in communication, University of Detroit; certified acquisition professional

Age: 67

**Occupation/Profession:** Level three integrated logistic support manager, Department of Defense; owner, Home Management Services LLC; Lt. Col., U.S. Air Force Reserve; nuclear, biological and chemical instructor, U.S. Air Force

**Volunteer/Charity Work:** Board of directors, Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club; base community council, Selfridge Air National Guard Base; Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce member; Grosse Pointe Foundation member; past foundation representative, 2013-14 governor, Optimist International Michigan District; past president, Lake Shore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe

Fries served in the U.S. Air Force 35 years and moved to Grosse Pointe as a young adult.

"One of the passions that I have, besides serving, is to

improve people's lives," he said.

Fries is pro-community, citing goals such as improved citizen communication and transparency with city council, lowering taxes and reducing citizen red tape petitioning city council.

"I'm all about transparency," he said. "I want clear communication with the citizenry. If they're suffering because Maumee is taking so long to be surfaced, then I'm suffering with them. I have a lot of empathy for people and I feel that we need to communicate with the citizenry as much as possible."

He also is pro-business, running on issues including supporting the Michigan Economic Development Program and Main Street Program, increasing foot traffic in business districts, reducing government red tape, improving parking availability, keeping the business district clean, providing adequate law enforcement, promoting the Mack Avenue zoning study with Detroit and creating interest for younger generations to shop in The Village.

"The business community wants to feel appreciated, they want to feel included," Fries said.

One idea he supports is building condominiums on the lake side of Kercheval over T.N. Thai Bistro down to Panera Bread, as well as putting parking sheds behind the buildings.

"I think it would be a privilege and an honor to serve," Fries said. "I've served in the military. I've served overseas. I've gotten a campaign ribbon. It's just an honor and a privilege to have responsibility like that and to be entrusted with it. ... I've had a lot of authority and a lot of 'power,' but I've always used it very judiciously and I only want to help people regardless of where they come from or who they are."

## Donald Parthum Jr.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, Central Michigan University; juris doctor, Detroit College of Law

Age: 61

**Occupation/Profession:**

Practicing attorney more than 25 years, Gregory and Meyer P.C.; positions in shows and exhibits, fleet sales and auction departments, General Motors; assistant manager, C.A. Muer Corp.

**Volunteer/Charity Work:** Member, City of Grosse Pointe Budget Committee; member, City of Grosse Pointe Planning Commission; member, City of Grosse Pointe Beautification Committee; City of Grosse Pointe representative, Grosse Pointe/Clinton Township Refuse Authority

Parthum has lived in the City since 1992 and has been on council 12 years.

"I think we have issues that we've worked long and hard on that have not yet been completed," he said, "primarily the ongoing construction of the new public safety and public works projects. I think it's imperative that we continue to monitor those and make sure they're completed on time and at or under budget."

Other areas Parthum is invested in include the Michigan Main Street Program, addressing the rezoning issues on Mack, a more user-friendly city website and communication with residents.

"I think communication is an ongoing challenge that needs to be enhanced and get better so that our citizens know what's going on as opposed to being confronted with something and saying, 'I didn't know about that,'" he said.

Ways to address this issue, he added, could include individual email bursts to specific residents who will be impacted by a situation and having general information accessible on the city website.

"There's always challenges," Parthum said. "It's how you meet them. ... Trying to be proactive and stay on top of them as opposed to being reactive is how you overcome that."

He added, he is level-headed, readily accessible and open-minded.

"I think I'm uniquely qualified based on over 60 years of living in this area to preserve and enhance our city's reputation with its residents (and) the neighbor-

ing communities," Parthum said. "... I care about my city. That's the reason why I ran the first time."

## John Stempfle

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in psychology, University of Michigan; law degree, St. Mary's University

Age: 72

**Occupation/Profession:** Attorney in private practice in juvenile law 25 years, in the courtroom of Judge Karen Braxton

**Volunteer/Charity Work:** Member, Parks and Harbor Commission; board of trustees, Alzheimer's Association; member, Michigan State Board of Optometry; member, the Detroit Community Initiative; member, Eastside Advisory Council for Wayne County Community College; past board of trustees member, Services for Older Citizens; board of directors, Christ the King Lutheran Church; representative assembly, State Bar of Michigan

Stempfle has been on council 16 years and works as an attorney representing abused and neglected children as well as delinquent children or young adults.

"I've spent my professional career basically helping others," he said. "... The courtroom I'm in is the largest docket in Wayne County Juvenile Court and (it) handles more cases than the rest of the state combined."

Stempfle is running for council again because there is still a lot he wants to accomplish.

This includes continuing with the Michigan Main Street Program to revitalize The Village, monitoring the building of the new public safety and public works buildings under budget, continuing the city website

upgrades to make it more user-friendly, especially for younger generations, and upholding the City's AAA rating, which he said shows the council is "very prudent in spending the taxpayers' dollars."

He also has been involved with signing a letter in which council urged the school board to keep Maire Elementary School open and with addressing Lake St. Clair's rising water levels.

"As we're all aware, the water levels are the highest they've been in 20 or 30 years and all the piers were flooded," Stempfle said. "I'm a member of the Parks and Harbor Commission and some of the individual boat owners, and there are many of them, were starting to pay for the risers on the docks. I made the motion the city should pay for that and it passed."

In Stempfle's 16 years on council, he has never missed a meeting.

"I enjoy being on the council," he said. "I am a strong believer in public service. I've served with some great council members through the years."

## Terence A. Thomas

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts degree in American history, Albion College; juris doctor, University of Wisconsin Law School

Age: 50

**Occupation/Profession:** Founder, Thomas Group Consulting Inc.; counsel, The Clairmount Group, PLLC; past chief advocacy officer, senior vice president of advocacy and corporate responsibility, senior vice president of external affairs Michigan Ministries, Ascension St. John Providence Health System; past commercial litigation, intellectual property,

emerging business development, multiple finance, Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLLC

**Volunteer/Charity Work:** Board of directors chairman, ThinkDetroit/PAL; board of directors, Loyola High School; board of advisors, University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy; Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce; Detroit Economic Growth Corporation

Thomas has co-owned a consulting practice since 2011, which helps clients build relationships and trust with the community, as well as improve branding and business development.

"I decided to run because over the last few years, there's been a lot of talk about what should happen in The Village and I thought that my experience, which really is also collaborating with broad groups of people and coming up with a plan to get things done, might be an asset to this council," he said.

Thomas' objectives are streaming live or on demand all public meetings; getting citizen input on all major development projects and appropriate social media platforms to keep citizens engaged and informed; and working with appropriate stakeholders to improve business promotion and the City as a great place to live.

He feels there is more that can be done to promote the City as a place to live amid the population decline, as well as in terms of raising property values.

"I think voters should vote for me because I have just enough experience to work on those things I identified," he said. "I know what good government looks like. ... I think that my experience as a lawyer, as

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# Pediatric dentistry just around the corner

By Paul V. Biondi  
Special Writer

The doctors and staff at Growing Smiles Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics want to make a visit to the dentist fun, not something to fear. They also want to instill that feeling of fun at an early age — as early as when a child's first tooth erupts.

"Pleasant visits to the dental office promote the establishment of trust and confidence in your child that will last a lifetime," said Kristy Slanek, who co-owns the new St. Clair Shores location with her husband, Jared, and several area partners. "Our goal, along with our staff, is to help all children feel good about visiting the dentist and teach them how to care for their teeth. Our motto of 'Starting early is best' means they are comfortable with the environment as an infant and can start preventative care and good oral hygiene from the start, which will create a healthy smile for their entire life."

Pediatric dentist Dr. Gia Duong further explained, "Prevention is the best treatment. We encourage parents to bring their children in from 6 months to 1 year and have the opportunity to go over oral hygiene, diet and habits to avoid. It's always best to catch something early to ensure optimal oral health as patients are going through stages of development. Furthermore, it is very



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For its grand opening, Growing Smiles awarded one new patient a Nintendo Switch video game console. Pictured is the winner, Marin, in front of the angel wings mural at the new office.

important to establish a dental home early so that children can get familiar to the dental office setting, thus reducing dental fear and anxiety."

A key element of keeping children engaged in caring for their teeth is providing a warm and welcoming "kid friendly" atmosphere. "Dr. Duong, Dr. Angelique and our entire staff greet everyone with a smile," Slanek said. "They even sing songs and always ask about what the child likes and is currently excited about in their life. We have Legos, books and videos in the office and our entire staff has extensive training with children. An environment of warm people, state-of-the-art technology and care is what we provide. We have a prize tower for the kids, as well as beautifully painted angel wings on the outside of the office where kids can have their photos taken."

While their goal is fun first, pediatric dentistry

and orthodontics is a serious topic and Growing Smiles has highly trained dental professionals who have dedicated their careers to being the first and best option for parents seeking the latest procedures for their children.

"Growing Smiles has pediatric dentists treating children; this is different from family or general dental offices because pediatric dentists only treat children," Slanek said. "After completing a four-year dental school curriculum, two to three additional years of rigorous training are required to become a pediatric dentist. This specialized program of study and hands-on experience prepares pediatric dentists to meet the needs of infants, children and adolescents, including persons with special health care needs. Training in pediatric dentistry also covers child psychology, growth and development

and caring for special needs patients. Pediatric dentists are well prepared to help anxious or frightened children feel at ease and to provide a positive experience for them."

Growing Smiles also has an onsite orthodontist who treats both children and adults — a benefit to patients and the Grosse Pointe community.

"The biggest benefit of providing in-house orthodontics is that it is extremely convenient for both the patient and parent," said Dr. Angelique Teasley, onsite orthodontist at Growing Smiles. "All of their dental needs

can be managed in one place where the patients feel welcomed and comfortable at each visit. It also allows us the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with each family while providing high-quality dental care. That is always our No. 1 priority."

As residents of Grosse Pointe Shores, the Slaneks understand the importance of the community.

"We came to Grosse Pointe because we fell in love with the learning concept and sense of community at University Liggett School," Slanek said. "Liggett ultimately brought us to Grosse Pointe; however, community-based activities, the lake and churches, among the strong sense of family values, kept us here to raise our family."

Expanding Growing Smiles to serve Grosse Pointers was an important part of their business' growth strategy.

"We float between all of the Pointes and the constant question we had was, 'Where should I take my kids for their teeth? Your office is too far from here,'" Slanek said. "We wanted to share quality dental care that is personalized with our

friends in the Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores communities."

The Slaneks also are active community philanthropists. Their most recent program will benefit 10-year-old Payton Shock, a student at St. Paul Catholic School diagnosed with a rare bone cancer. Shock currently is undergoing an aggressive 32-week treatment program at Children's Hospital in Detroit.

"Each year, Growing Smiles does a candy buy-back program the first week in November," Slanek said. "This year, we are doing Halloween 'Candy for a Cause.' For every pound of candy turned in at any one of our Growing Smiles offices, \$1 will be given directly to Payton Shock. This will help create a sense of love and support by all of our communities for a beautiful child in need. Our offices will accept candy the first week in November. We are hopeful we will get a great turnout and more support for Payton."

Growing Smiles Pediatric Dentistry is located at 22524 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. For more information, call (586) 800-4769.

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## 45 years

La Societe des Jardinieres celebrated its 45th anniversary Sept. 11, with dinner and festivities at Lakeshore Village. Two of the club's founding members attended the event — Dianne Bautista as a special guest and Helena Thurber, a lifetime member.

Pictured standing, from left, are Pat Hays, Helena Thurber, Joanne Niederoest, Sharon Lutz, Madeleine Phillips, Sandy Magreta, Lyn Gordon, Clementine Rice, Carla Butterly and Dianne Bautista; seated, from left, are Tina Olofsson, Mary Lou Smith, Cheryl Nelson, Phyllis Kerslake, Karen Kolp and Kathie Smith.

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## Get rejuvenated with the newest technologies at Skin & Laser Center

Under the same roof as Ferrara Dermatology Clinic, the Skin & Laser Center of Grosse Pointe offers top-of-the-line care for its patients' cosmetic dermatology needs. Among its newest procedures and services are CoolSculpting and CoolTone — two technologies that put the Skin & Laser Center at the forefront in skin care.

CoolSculpting, said Dr. Katie Caretti, a board-certified dermatologist, is a non-invasive, no down time, fat-freezing technology that removes stubborn pockets of fat under the chin, thighs and abdomen, along with bra fat, back fat, underneath the buttocks and upper arms. It has become the No. 1 non-surgical fat-reduction treatment because of its proven clinical results, she said.

CoolTone is a new FDA-cleared device that tones and strengthens the muscles of the abdomen, buttocks and thighs by using electromagnetic stimulation to selectively target the muscle layer, causing muscle contractions.

"It's similar to muscle contractions performed during exercise, but at a much higher and more effective intensity," Caretti said. "The body's response to these contractions is to strengthen muscle fibers, leading to a more toned and defined appearance. Skin & Laser Center of Grosse Pointe is one of the first sites in Michigan to offer this technology to our patients."

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**Dr. Katie Caretti**

CoolSculpting and CoolTone are a better fit for today's fast pace, Caretti said.

"People live busy lives and are drawn to procedures that are nonsurgical and without down time," she said. "The key to success with these non-invasive technologies is being able to combine modalities to achieve optimal results. CoolTone is a great compliment to CoolSculpting, so we can remove fat, strengthen muscle and truly help our patients reach their goals."

Additionally, CoolTone has 50 percent more magnetic intensity than the leading competitor.

Another popular treatment Caretti is excited to offer is Alastin TransFORM Body Treatment, a first-of-its-kind topical body treatment that works in tandem with nonsurgical body fat reduction to optimize results. When applied post-treatment, TransFORM helps accelerate the body's natural removal process of post-procedure fat debris, Caretti said. It also can be

used as a standalone skin-tightening treatment to address lax, crepey skin texture by supporting new collagen and elastin production.

Caretti, who has worked at Ferrara Dermatology Clinic and the Skin & Laser Center of Grosse Pointe four years, understands firsthand why technologies like CoolSculpting, CoolTone and TransFORM are a priority.

"As a busy, full-time working mother to two young daughters, I can relate to the struggle to eat healthy, exercise and try to stay in shape," she said. "So if I can try CoolTone, a safe, non-invasive treatment with no downtime to feel a little more toned and defined, then why not? We are really filling an unmet need with this CoolTone technology and I think our patients will absolutely love the results."

Patient care also is a priority for Caretti, a lifelong Grosse Pointer.

"Growing up in Grosse Pointe and now living here with my husband and two young daughters, I feel uniquely connected to my patients and the community," she said. "I really enjoy reminiscing with patients over common interests and our experiences within this wonderful community."

The Skin & Laser Center of Grosse Pointe is located at Ferrara Dermatology Clinic, 20043 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (313) 884-5100.

## Why Beaumont recommends getting an annual breast cancer screening starting at age 40

Breast cancer is the No. 1 most commonly diagnosed cancer in women, according to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. More than 250,000 women are diagnosed every year in the United States.

Fortunately, the prognosis is good for women who detect the presence of breast cancer early via a mammogram screening. There is strong evidence that shows regular mammography can save lives.

Yet there's some confusion about the age women should be screened — and how often.

Beaumont recommends all women age 40 and over get an annual screening mammogram. That's what the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and American College of Surgeons also recommends.

Others, including the American College of Physicians, recommend getting screened every two years, starting at age 50.

### Which is right?

Randomized clinical trials have shown a 30 to 40 percent reduction in breast-cancer deaths among women who had screening mammograms between ages 40 and 49. Women in this age group tend to develop more aggressive forms of breast cancer. Regular screenings can help



**Dr. Dharti Sheth**

catch the disease early.

There are no clinical trials to support getting screened every other year.

"The data has not changed, but the perspective changed with the creation of the new screening guidelines," Dr. Dharti Sheth, a breast surgeon at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe, said. "The emphasis was placed on decreasing false positives, but no one can argue we have saved lives with early detection and treatment. That's why we still recommend starting annual screening mammograms at the age of 40 for average risk patients."

Annual mammograms are recommended for women at low or average risk of breast cancer. Women with one or more risk factors, including a family history or certain genetic mutations, should talk

with their doctor about when to start mammography screenings.

"Women with dense tissue or who are at high risk for breast cancer should also talk to their doctors about using 3D technology for their mammogram. Whole-breast ultrasounds, in addition to mammography, should also be considered," Dr. Sheth said.

### Early detection is key

Detecting breast cancer early means smaller tumors and less involvement of the lymph nodes, giving the woman more options for treatment and increasing the likelihood of remission.

"It's important for patients to be their own advocates for health and regular screening," Dr. Sheth said. "At Beaumont's Comprehensive Breast Care Center in Grosse Pointe, we strive to provide the most up-to-date breast screening technology for early diagnosis. As a surgeon, finding cancers early allows me to provide a less invasive and more personalized treatment plan for my patients, optimizing their prognosis."

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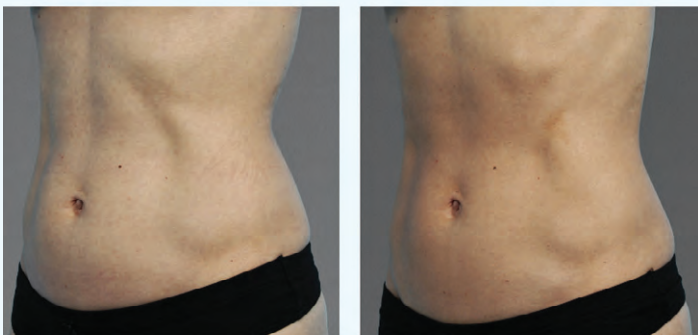
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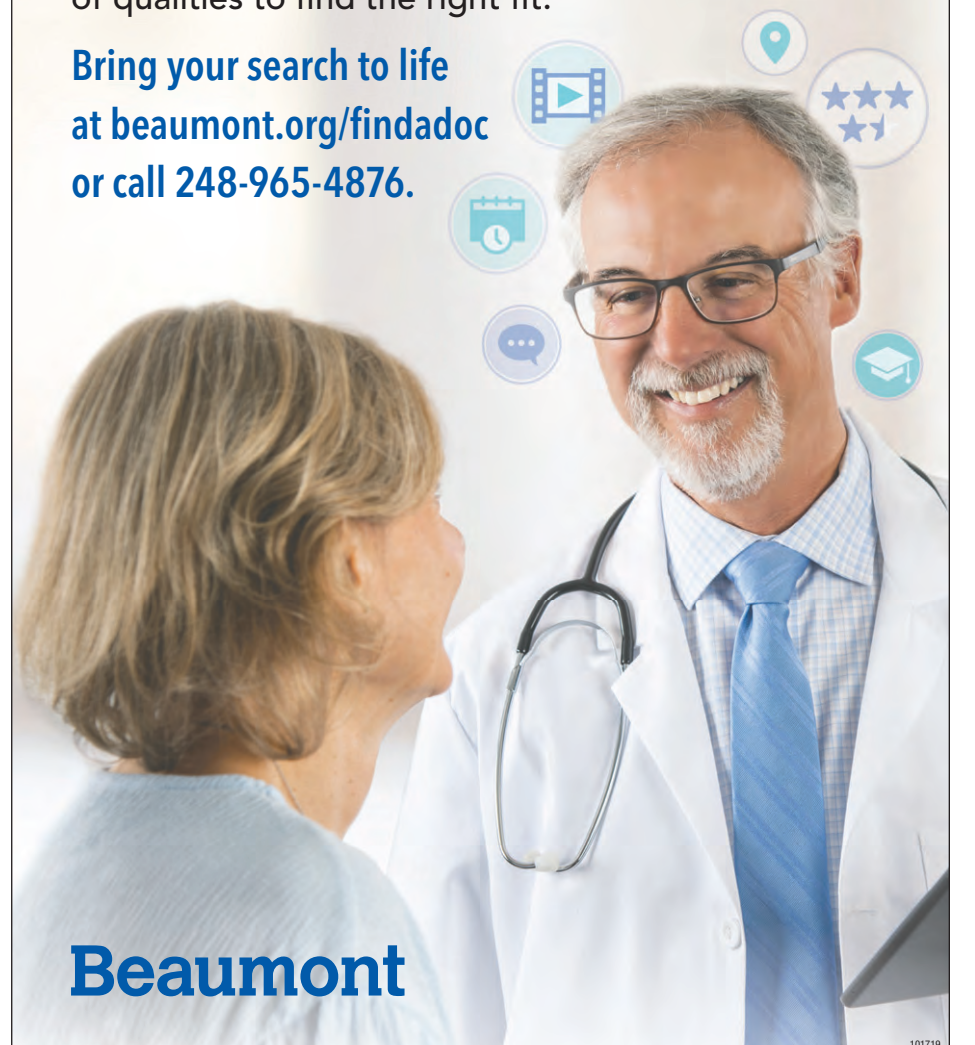
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# Former MSU receiver opens fitness facility

Barré Mackie, a former Michigan State University football player and fitness specialist, has opened a fitness facility at 17243 Mack Avenue in Detroit. New clients are welcome at A1 Performance and Fitness, a 5,500-square-foot gym that focuses on training not only the body, but also the mind.

A membership to A1 Performance and Fitness features personal training, fitness classes, massage therapy, a sauna and more. There even are youth classes that develop and implement a strong foundation for a child's agility, speed and overall fitness.

But what makes A1 Performance and Fitness different from other facilities is the attention given to the client's overall health and well-being. Mackie, who has an undergraduate degree in kinesiology and a master's degree in sports performance psychology, works with clients on the development of their mental health as well as their physical fitness.



Barré Mackie

Mackie has coached and trained D1 athletes and has athletes playing at the next level in various sports coast to coast. He continues to work with numerous athletes involved in all sports at all three Grosse Pointe high schools, as well as families of all ages in the community.

The mind-body connection is essential, Mackie said.

"Too often when we talk about optimal health, we only talk about the physical. There is another component and that's the mental component," he said. "At A1, that is something we stress."

For example, to help a client psychologically, Mackie will provide encouragement to build self-esteem. He listens to clients and learns about their life. Once he has built that trust, he works on coaching the person. He's more like a life coach than a personal trainer.

Succeeding mentally was important for Mackie, who played football at MSU from 2004 to 2006. He was a smaller player who had to overcome the doubt in his own mind, he said.

"Once you succeed mentally, the physical part is easy," he said.

Mackie is a Detroit native who has served as a mentor, coach and teacher. He has developed a number of fitness-related patents and is excited to unveil his newest accomplishment — A1 Performance and Fitness.

At the fitness facility, which opened in March, new members receive a complimentary personal training session. There's secure parking surrounding the building. Visit today or call (313) 926-6050.



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## Seniors celebrated

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its Senior Citizens Day Sept. 7, which included bingo, a Coney Island lunch and ice cream, as well as door prizes. Jim and Sue Brewer get ready to enjoy their Coney Island lunch. For more photos from this event, visit [grossepointenews.com](http://grossepointenews.com).



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An exam room at the pediatric clinic.

## Peter Slaughter pediatric clinic a one-stop shop

By Karen Love  
Guest Writer

"I have four children all under the age of 12 and no transportation," said Rashida Johnson. "It has been a blessing to have the Dr. Slaughter pediatric clinic in the neighborhood. I can bring all of my children in on the same day for school physicals and any paperwork that the school may need. I can get them vaccinated in addition to pediatric care for the baby."

"Providing pediatric care for all children where there is everything under one roof is paramount at the Peter Slaughter pediatric clinic," said Sherry McRill, president and CEO of Northeast Integrated Health, formerly Northeast Guidance Center.

"Children's primary health issues may come from a variety of sources," said Caitlin Vanderwindt, pediatric nurse practitioner. "For instance, a constant stomachache could be a sign of depression, anxiety or even bullying. By providing everything under one roof to address health issues such as pediatric services and psychiatric consultation, to conferences with medical professionals on the



A scale to weigh a child.

spot and lab work, we can provide services for the entire family. For a mother with lot of children, being able to get everything done in one stop lifts a burden."

The clinic provides services for children and youth from newborn to age 21 and offers teen health care, including sex education and counseling. It also provides teen health care based around behavioral issues, in addition to pregnancy tests and birth control.

"Providing integrated health care is no longer in a silo," said Catherine Spinney, program director for Intake, Access and Crisis. "We try to reach as many in the community, including NIH consumers, as possible. We can

provide services for the entire family."

Wayne W. Bradley Sr., president and CEO of Detroit Community Health Connection, stated, "The integration of health care and behavioral health care with Northeast Integrated Health started in 2010 and the process has become a reality when the third element, pediatrics, is added to the Federally Qualified Health Center operation, fulfilling the obligation of a FQHC."

The Peter Slaughter Health Center is a shared Integrated Clinic & Behavioral Health Clinic site with Detroit Community Health Connection.

There is a sliding scale fee and people can pay a minimum; walk-ins are welcome. The center is located inside Northeast Integrated Health, 20303 Kelly, Detroit. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (313) 347-2116.

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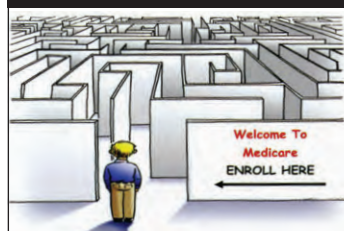
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# Ascension Online Care: Providing 24/7 access to a doctor

By Joseph Cacchione  
M.D., FACC  
Guest Writer

Healthcare consumers are evolving and their expectations for convenience, affordability and quality are redefining how they engage at each stage of care. Virtual doctor visits, in which a patient can see a doctor or other care provider via smartphone for a “face-to-face” visit, are radically transforming care delivery. Interest in visits among consumers is rising, with expected annual growth between 27 and 32 percent until 2025.

While treatments and technology have evolved, the experience of patients has not been dramatically altered. Health systems have an increasing need to create an ambulatory care model portfolio, which consists of multiple ambulatory access points, each focused on meeting the unique needs of population segments.

As telemedicine grows in influence, the consumer benefits are apparent — saving time and money when needs can be met through a virtual visit. This approach to healthcare allows patients to have reliable access to care at a price that is both affordable and consistent.

Three important virtual care delivery models include:

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tory infections; eye infections; allergic reactions; sore throat/strep/cough; cold/flu and more.

Direct-to-consumer virtual care is just one of the innovative care models that we are implementing to better support convenience and integrated care for patients in need.

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## Celebrating 60

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The Grosse Pointe Senior Men’s Club hosted a luncheon on the back lawn of The War Memorial Sept. 10, to celebrate its 60th anniversary. Guest speaker Phoebe Wall Howard, a business and auto writer with the Detroit Free Press, talked about the state of the big three automakers and what might be in the future for electric cars.



The event was well attended by club members and their guests.



Phoebe Wall Howard speaks during the luncheon.



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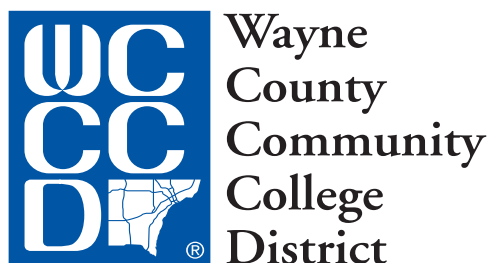
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## Heart of the matter

### Pointer uses time on transplant list to inform, inspire

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Lifelong Grosse Pointer Victoria Wyatt has been piecing together a bucket list.

She wants to go back to school — nursing or mortuary science, potentially — travel the world with her new husband, Jeff, and renew their vows.

“Jeff and I got married at the Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall in a small ceremony this past April,” she said. “(We’d like to have a bigger celebration with our family and friends once I’m well enough.”

Wyatt currently lives at Spectrum Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids while she awaits a new heart. Diagnosed at age

14 with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, or HCM, the now-29-year-old is in end-stage heart failure, but is on the transplant list. While waiting, the 2007 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate is doing some of the things she loves the most — namely raising awareness of her condition.

“Presently, one of the things I’ve found that fulfills me and helps me feel like I am contributing and doing something useful is documenting my journey online, as well as my role as one of the moderators of a Facebook patient support group for HCM,” she said. “I have always been the kind of person that loves to help and support others, and I enjoy writing, so to share and help others in these forums has been good for me. I also have done more crafting in my free time, dabbling in cross stitch, quilting and others. I find that they are good, relatively low-impact ways to express my creativity.”

HCM is the most common genetic heart condition, but still is misunderstood by many doctors, even cardiologists, said Wyatt, who also volunteers for the Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association. She’s heard from other HCM patients that they frequently were mismanaged or misdiag-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF VICTORIA WYATT

Victoria Wyatt awaits a new heart at Spectrum Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

nosed before finally finding proper care. HCM is believed to occur in one in 200 to 300 people, up from previously accepted figures of one in 500. It is commonly at fault when a young athlete suddenly dies, she said.

“At this time, I receive my care at a Center of Excellence for HCM and am lucky that Michigan has two such centers — Spectrum Health and

University of Michigan,” Wyatt said. “I feel like it’s important to share my story because I have come across this stigma that illness, especially heart failure and heart disease, are things that only affect old people or people who don’t live good/healthy lives. Unfortunately, HCM and many other diseases are genetic and can affect anyone from babies to

senior citizens and can start causing problems at any age. HCM does not discriminate between men or women, age, race, good diet, exercise or anything else. If I am wearing clothing that covers my scars from my previous surgeries, I look healthy and able-bodied, but looks can be deceiving and I’ve seen and per-

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Jeff and Victoria Wyatt

## Documentary details little-known Naval crash

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Phoebe Wall Howard is getting used to the array of emotions from viewers of the documentary, “As if They Were Angels,” which makes its metro Detroit debut at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, and Tuesday, Oct. 22, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The film tells the story of the February 1942 shipwreck of two Navy ships — USS Truxtun and USS Pollux — and the heroic efforts of the miners and fishermen in two small Newfoundland towns to save the lives of American sailors.

“It’s a story of U.S. soldiers navigating a brutal winter storm,” said Wall Howard, associate producer of the film. “Something went wrong. They crashed up on these cliffs that couldn’t be scaled, not only because they were so high, but they were covered in sheets of ice. The film illustrates the



PHOTO COURTESY OF PHOEBE WALL HOWARD

Director Terry Strauss, left, with Phoebe Wall Howard at the Mill Valley Film Festival screening.

power of faith and hope and the relentless will to live.”

The story was documented by director Terry Strauss, whose father was among the sailors rescued from the shipwreck — one of the worst non-combat disasters in the history

of the U.S. Navy and one of the greatest rescues in military history, Wall Howard said. More than 200 sailors perished, but 186 were rescued by the efforts of townspeople in Lawn and St. Lawrence.

“These were miners,” Wall Howard said. “This

is part of the world that is the strongest, physically. By the grace of God it’s where the crash occurred.”

Added Strauss, “This is a little-known story of courage, tenacity and heroism that should be celebrated. While it’s a story of disaster and tragedy — two American Navy ships broken apart in the frozen seas off the cliffs of Newfoundland — it’s also a story of great heart, especially the heart of miners and fishermen from two small towns, who risked their lives in that brutal storm, to rescue American sailors. My father was among those rescued American sailors. This is, he always said, a story of man’s humanity to man.”

It took Strauss 30 years to bring the film to fruition. She received help from Wall Howard, who served as associate producer and raised funds for the project.

The documentary largely was shot in Newfoundland, though



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The USS Pollux, shipwrecked on the rocks of Lawn Point, Newfoundland, in February 1942.

some of it was filmed in the United States.

While the rescue is memorialized every year in Newfoundland, “No one in America knew about this,” Wall Howard said. “All these years, the children and grandchildren of these soldiers go to Canada and thank them.”

During its two-day run at The War Memorial, Strauss will be on hand to field questions after the screening. Additionally, the Consulate General of Canada Detroit will be

on hand to honor the filmmaker.

“I’m excited to screen this film in Grosse Pointe during a month when the project has been selected to show at two other film festivals — Heartland International in Indianapolis and LA Femme International in Beverly Hills,” Strauss said. “It’ll be fun to talk with Grosse Pointe families who come out to see the film and share their stories. Having the

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◆ "The Glory of Bookbinding with Nikos Karabetsos," 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 17, 24 and 31, and Nov. 7.

◆ "A House is not a Home, Charcoal/Acrylics with Liz Frankland," 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fridays, Oct. 18 and 25, and Nov. 1 and 8.

◆ "Composition for Painters with Vienna Szabo," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 19 and 20.

◆ "Halloween Costume Create and Swap," 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21.

◆ "Memories in Collage and Pastel with Pat Duff," 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 23 to Nov. 13.

◆ "Encaustic Collage Workshop with Candace Law," 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2.

◆ "Painting the Textures of Fall Florals," 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3.

### Libraries

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following programs at its branches:

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

◆ "Fun After Hours @ Central," 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18. Teens are invited to play games, go on a scavenger hunt and solve puzzles.

◆ "The Fabulous Life of Amelie Poulain," 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26.

Ages 17 and older are admitted to this film, presented by the Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe. Discussion follows.

**Woods — 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 343-2072**

◆ "Detroit in World War II," presented by George Sumner, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17.

◆ "Makerspace Battles," 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. Teens create race cars or catapults.

### BNI

The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

The Business Network International East Side-Launchpad Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

### Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Elder Bill Ball, chairman of the personnel council at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, speaks about the Presbyterian process of replacing the head of staff at the church. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not

required and first-time guests eat free.

### Friends of Art and Flowers

The Detroit Institute of Arts' Friends of Art and Flowers hosts its annual Betsy Campbell Lecture, featuring Paul Zammit, who will discuss container gardening, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19. The lecture is free and open to the public.

### The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

◆ The Classic Book Club, "Runaway" by Alice Munro, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21.

◆ Dinner with a Doc, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, with Dr. Paul Cullis. Cost is \$35.

◆ "Getting Started with eBay," 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24. Cost is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members.

◆ Friday movie, "Instant Family," 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25. Cost is \$2 for snacks and the movie, \$5 for lunch and the movie for members. Cost is \$3 for snacks and the movie, \$7 for lunch and the movie for non-members.

◆ "Ballroom Dancing II — Partner Movement Skills," 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 29 to Dec. 5, with instructor Andreas Browne.

◆ Halloween Party, 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30. Cost is \$7 for members, \$9 for non-members. Don Stidham entertains.

◆ Michigan Veterans Center—Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Wednesday, Oct. 30, with facilitator Gerald Thomas. Learn about veteran services and benefits.

Registration is required for all of these programs. Call (313) 882-9600.

### NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

### Herb Society

The Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe Unit meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, at The Helm Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. This will be a work meeting for the Herb & Holly Boutique, set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Cook Schoolhouse, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods. A business meeting will follow.

### Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A representative from the Mackinac Center for Public Policy speaks.

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. The visiting Rotary district governor speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit [grossepointerotary.org](http://grossepointerotary.org).

### Blood drive

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, Henry Ford Medical

Center—Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, Lakeview High School, 21100 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

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

### Gilda's Club, Lake House

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, Lake House, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, offers the following programs:

◆ Noogiefest, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23. The event includes food, crafts, activities, treats and more. All ages are welcome.

◆ Bollywood Dancing, 6 to 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

◆ Holy Yoga chair yoga, 1 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month.

◆ Game Night, 6 to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

◆ Art Night, 6 to 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

◆ Writing for Wellness, 6 to 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

◆ Newly Diagnosed Cancer Support, 6 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month. Anyone within the first year of diagnosis is welcome.

For more information about these activities, call (586) 777-7761.

### Ascension St. John

Ascension St. John Hospital and the Detroit Police Department's 5th Precinct are partnering with the Michigan Opioid Prescribing Engagement Network to host a Medication Take Back event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, in the

lobby of Professional Building One, 22101 Moross, Detroit. The community is encouraged to bring in opioids and other unused and expired prescription medications for proper disposal. For more information, contact Bob Haddad at [robert.haddad@ascension.org](mailto:robert.haddad@ascension.org) or (313) 343-7893.

### Toastmasters

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

### Senior Ladies

Groups of ladies are invited to join the Grosse Pointe Senior Ladies Club for lunch and card games 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$13. Call (313) 881-5931.

### Overeaters Anonymous

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

### H3

Hope, Healing and Health offers its Healing Hearts Circle open bereavement support group 6 to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 22811 Greater Mack, Ste. L2, St. Clair Shores. Call (313) 335-2006.

### Van Elslander

The Van Elslander Cancer Center offers free 45-minute gentle yoga classes for female cancer patients and survivors 12:30 to 2 p.m. Mondays, followed by a short support session. The class is appropriate for people in or out of treatment; physician clearance is required. Call Jessica Chapman at (313) 647-3004.

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# All are welcome to 'Explore GP' this weekend

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

A combined effort to showcase the many opportunities available in Grosse Pointe comes to fruition during Explore GP, a mega open house weekend Oct. 18 to 20.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors, Grosse Pointe Public School System and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce once again have banded together to offer a variety of special events and opportunities for Grosse Pointe residents and visitors alike.

The weekend kicks off Friday, Oct. 18, with the North vs. South football tailgate at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

"The tailgate is an event bringing together fans from Grosse Pointe North High School and Grosse Pointe South High School to share in some great food served up by 10 local restaurants," said Jennifer Boettcher, chamber president. "The crowds will be entertained by The Boys of Summer, while playing games and activities provided by a variety of vendors."



The fun takes place 5 to 7 p.m. on the front lawn at South. The public is welcome and tickets for food will be sold at the event, Boettcher said.

Saturday, Oct. 19, features a variety of offerings throughout the community, including tours from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, and from 1 to 4 p.m. of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Various businesses are expected to offer specials and discounts, though a list of participants has yet to be finalized.

The fun continues Sunday, Oct. 20, with Authors to the Pointe at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe

Farms, beginning at noon, and Festival of Tables, also at The War Memorial, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Both Saturday and Sunday, the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors invites guests to view homes for sale or lease throughout the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Open houses are planned from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. This year's open house list will be available online at gpbr.com, as well as available in print at the tailgate and during the school district open house, also slated for Sunday.

"Every year we've had at least one student enroll immediately after visiting the schools," said Rebecca Fannon, GPPSS community relations specialist. "Gaining one stu-

dent covers the cost of the entire program. But just as important, this event offers an opportunity for our senior citizens to come in and experience what our students are learning each day. The staff is wonderful about showcasing the breadth of educational opportunities. Our students are amazing ambassadors sharing what they love about our schools. People can experience the support our PTOs and the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education wrap around our students and staff. It is a celebration of our community's commitment to lifelong learning.

"This year is particularly important as it will provide opportunities for families to ask questions about transition activities," she continued. "We are encouraging families to visit the next school on their educational path — for fourth- and fifth-graders to visit the middle school and for eighth-graders to visit the high school. We also reach out to our local K-8 private schools and encourage their eighth-graders to visit North and South." Trombly and Poupard ele-

mentary schools have decided not to be open that day, Fannon said, but instead are encouraging their families to visit Defer, Mason or Monteith elementary schools, or Parcels or Pierce middle schools. The administration building also will not be open.

All other school buildings are open 1 to 3 p.m.

New this year, those who attend an open house sponsored by a GPBR Realtor will receive a one-day, all-access pass — valid only Sunday, Oct. 20 — for all five lakefront parks.

Information about events and opportunities throughout the weekend — including participating businesses, available open houses and a schedule of events — is available online at explore-gp.com.

"This is an informative and exciting weekend showcasing Grosse Pointe's fabulous schools, beautiful homes and parks, while also enjoying the wide array of attractions, including historic tours, shopping and dining," Boettcher said.

Added Fannon, "These partnerships help tell our community story."

## Reflection on Life Remodeled

By Howard Hill  
Guest Writer

During the week of Aug. 5 to 12, more than 10,000 volunteers from metro Detroit played their part in making Detroit a better place to live, focusing on 300 city blocks around the old Central High School and Durfee Elementary.

More than 75 of those volunteers were Grosse Pointe residents who worked various shifts on Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. clearing overgrown brush and trash. Many Grosse Pointers worked in a block-long alley that at the start was so overgrown you could only see 10 feet in front of you. After several cuttings, mounds of trash, old furniture and an abandoned car were discovered. (No one dared look in the trunk!) The area was ripe for predators to hide.

The Grosse Pointe volunteers represented themselves and a variety of community organizations like Rotary and Habitat Detroit, as well as various churches like St. Clare of Montefalco, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

The origins of Life Remodeled are a fascinating study of the power of one individual to inspire multitudes to act, or as its byline states:



A large contingent of Grosse Pointers participated in this year's Life Remodeled project Aug. 7.

"Remodeling Lives — One Neighborhood at a Time." The founder of Life Remodeled, Chris Lambert, related his story at a forum between services at Memorial Church on July 28. Chris is originally from Indiana and had eventful teenage and early 20s years, including a move to California. At some point, he felt called to become a minister and, with a gift for speaking, led to a large congregation. Yet he felt directed by God to explore another mission — move to Detroit where he had no family or connections, but felt driven by a desire to participate in Detroit's comeback.

His plan was to live in Detroit and help revitalize neighborhoods and schools which had fallen into decline. For the first few years, they would focus on a weeklong cleanup in a different part of the city each year. Two years ago, in the area near the riots' origin, Detroit had three schools built to house 3,000 students from K-12, which now had shrunk to only 300 students. This led to consolidation into one building.

Durfee School was then rented to Life Remodeled for \$1 per year, plus the repair and maintenance costs for the building, which were substantial. With this, Life Remodeled refocused on one neighborhood, now known as the Durfee Innovation Center, reflecting its multitude of community offerings such as after-school tutoring, computer skills and start-up business opportunities.

Memorial Church is one of a coalition of



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### Volunteers work to clear brush.

groups who support Life Remodeled with both funds and people. While the next clean-up effort will not happen until 2020, there may be ways in which volunteers with certain business skills — such as finance and marketing and trade skills, like plumbing and electrical — are needed during the year.

If you missed this year, plan to join your neighbors next year. When the

dates are set, they will be widely circulated.

Once you've volunteered, your life will change. It will be reaffirmed how blessed we are to have safe, clean neighborhoods, but you'll also feel compelled to follow the commandment "to love our neighbors as ourselves."

Hill is a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and frequent Life Remodeled volunteer.

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By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

After years of admiring the magnificent anchor that graced the grounds of the 104-year-old Edison Boat Club, Grosse Pointe Shores resident Ed Kriese didn't have to think twice about buying it when the club closed last month.

"I'd seen it for years down there," Kriese said. "When I heard they were closing, I asked a member what would happen to the anchor. ... I thought it would be a shame to see it go to the scrap heap at the steel mill to be melted down. It has an antique design. It's easily 150 years old; they're not going to make them anymore."

So he had a friend with a Bobcat help him relocate the anchor to his front lawn.

Kriese said many of his neighbors on Clairview have gotten a kick out of his addition to the neighborhood.

"You can see the lake from here," he said. "This anchor goes with the whole nautical thing. One of my neighbors said it's keeping with the character of the neighborhood."

Upon acquiring the anchor, Kriese contacted "the oldest member of the Edison Boat Club," to see what he could learn. "He's 91. He said it's been in front of the club as long as anyone can remember."

While the club had nothing in its archives about the anchor, Kriese, who belongs to Bayview Yacht Club, did learn that Edison was formed as a working man's club. It originally was meant for employees of Detroit Edison, but eventually

was made open to the public. More recently, most of the property was sold to Fiat Chrysler Automobiles. Since its closure, the clubhouse and nearby power plant are scheduled to be razed to clear the land for FCA, Kriese said.

Kriese next contacted the Dossin Great Lakes Museum and Detroit Historical Museum to attempt to get more information.

"It's what they call an admiralty or fisherman-style anchor," Kriese said, "a design that became popular in England in the 1840s and migrated to America. It's 7 feet and, according to specs for this type of anchor, weighs about 1,400 pounds."

"There are no markings from a ship or a foundry," he added. "I think it's a forging, which



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Ed Kriese stands next to the 1,400-pound anchor he acquired from Edison Boat Club.

is different than a casting. They do that for extra strength. It's from the Civil War era, so between 130 to 170 years old."

While Joel Stone, senior curator with the Detroit Historical Museum, said there's no way to know exactly what ship it came from, he gave Kriese an educated guess.

"To say they were a dime-a-dozen is not far

fetched," Stone wrote in an email to Kriese. "Every medium schooner and small lumber hooker had several — one on each bow, perhaps one at the stern and one or two in storage. Unless it has any foundry markings, it's hard to tell where it was made or used. And with an anchor, it could have been used on several vessels."

"However, this one has a different pedigree," the

email continued. "It sat in front of Edison for many years, perhaps a century. Therefore, its historic value is greater in Detroit."

Kriese is happy to have a piece of local history on his front lawn.

"It's a nice, pretty old anchor," he said. "I wish the anchor could talk. It would have some interesting stories to tell."

"And it just looks cool. Why be boring?"

# Youth in transition promotes independence in young people

By Karen Love  
Guest Writer

The term "aging out" refers to children within a state's foster care system who are still in the system when they reach the age of majority or when they have gradu-

ated from high school. Foster children reach the age of majority like all children. Historically the government has taken the position that it no longer should be responsible for them once they reach the age of majority. In essence

they are adults who have "aged out" or are in transition. Without the stability or safety net of foster care they are forced to fend for themselves, which often creates a homelessness issue. A study by Columbia Law School found that one of every four aged-out adults ends up in a homeless shelter within three years.

Fortunately for some youth there are programs such as Youth In Transition, or YIT, at Northeast Integrated Health — formerly

Northeast Guidance Center — especially designed for young people between the ages of 18 and 25. This program is geared to promote greater independence while the youth meet new people with like ideas and have fun doing it. Ultimately, the goal of the program is to foster early intervention and provide preventive health services while building relationship skills.

"Currently NIH has 120 youth who are engaged in mental health services with many of the refer-

rals provided by the county, or they have been referred by hospitals where they have been under psychiatric care or Detroit Wayne County Mental Health," said Almond McSwain, NIH case manager. "The youth at YIT are living at home, in shelters or places like Covenant House — a faith-based organization that provides shelter for homeless, runaway, trafficked and at-risk youth — or they are couch surfing."

YIT focuses on social, educational, vocational and recovery-oriented support. Its main objective is to help the youth

develop strategies to avoid or reduce substance abuse traps and learn through experiential activities the importance of planning and psycho-education in reaching goals and living lives with a sense of purpose and meaning while attending to their mental health needs.

"Heather Kohl, NIH outreach team lead for adult services, is available to meet with and assess the needs of the youth individually and help them to prepare documents," said Ida Colquitt, clinical psych-

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# Family historian documents grandfather's life

By Amy Fortune  
Special Writer

Upon speaking with Grosse Pointe Farms resident George Sutton and his sister, Colorado resident Barbara Watson, it is clear the siblings are eager to tell their grandfather's story, which is not unusual. Grandchildren often are proud of their grandparents and enthusiastic about sharing details of their lives. However, in the case of Sutton and Watson, getting their grandfather's story out to the world has historical significance.

John K. Calder was a beloved grandfather, father and husband. He also was a successful engineer in Detroit and key player in Russia's industrialization efforts that were integral to Joseph Stalin's Five Year Plan. Working directly with the Russian government, Calder directed the construction of the Stalingrad Tractor Plant that was ultimately completed six months ahead of schedule.

"He helped the Soviets beat the Nazis," Watson said. "He helped them leap from an agrarian to industrialized country. In

World War II, his first project, the Stalingrad Tractor Plant, was able to switch from building tractors to T-34 tanks. This empowered Russia to stay in the war. The battle of Stalingrad, where Stalin defeated Hitler, was a pivotal battle in World War II."

Calder was born and raised in Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada. Before assuming his role in Russia, he was the chief construction engineer for the Bryant and Detwiler Co. He supervised the erection of the Ford Motor Co. River Rouge Plant and was essential to the completion of other important building projects in and around metro Detroit.

"After engineering the River Rouge plant for Ford, he went to Russia and built the Stalingrad Tractor Plant at record speed," Watson said. "He was promoted to chief technical consultant for the Russian steel industry and went on to lead their Five Year Plan to industrialize the country. Within four years he led building another tractor plant in the Ural mountains at Chelyabinsk, the second



PHOTO COURTESY OF GEORGE SUTTON

## John Calder

largest blast furnace in the world at Magnitogorsk, Siberia, and the gigantic Salda bridge plant and a copper smelting plant at Lake Balkash in the central Asian desert."

Calder also is credited with helping the Soviet Union achieve record-breaking speed in industrialization.

Through the building of these state-of-the-art factories that exponentially increased productivity, the country became fully industrialized in just 20 years.

Spending time in Soviet Russia and working closely with Russian workers, Calder gained a

unique perspective on the country, government and effects of Communism on the Russian people. As an engineer, Calder embraced logic and was particularly adept at objective analysis. He gave credit where it was due, stating in historic family documents that, "In Stalingrad, I lived in comfort, occupying rooms in an apartment building. I ate good food, the quality being equal to what I would have in this country. There were no bread lines or soup kitchens and no want that I saw."

This assessment likely would have pleased Stalin, who implemented the Five Year Plan in 1928, going into effect in 1932. Ideally, Stalin wanted to launch a "revolution from above" to transform the Soviet Union into an industrial leader. Previously, Russia had struggled as a nation under the New Economic Policy as a poorly organized and weakly controlled agriculture state. However, Stalin had big plans for the country and was determined to realize his vision quickly. Against all perceived odds, he would make an industrial

powerhouse out of the Soviet Union within five years, so he very much needed the talents and expertise of individuals like Calder.

Some Americans may have balked at the idea of working so closely with the Soviet government in Russia. They also may have had misgivings about adapting to the inevitable lifestyle changes that would accompany an extended residency in Russia at the time. However, Calder was fearless and his love of travel, general trust in people and desire to play a role in the creation of history won out. By all accounts, including his own, adapting to life in the Soviet Union was relatively easy for Calder, even when it came to maintaining his religious practices.

"He cared nothing for politics or Communism, but was a mason/dedicated engineer and an active Episcopalian in Russia," Watson said. "My husband is amazed he was able to get out and come back as Stalin became more and more ruthless in

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# LifeBUILDERS receives funding from MSHDA

Representatives from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority visited the headquarters of LifeBUILDERS last month to present the non-profit organization with a \$50,000 check to carry out housing and public ame-

nity improvement projects. Working to reclaim, empower and build in Detroit's Regent Park neighborhood, LifeBUILDERS has been undertaking many of these projects the past few months.

Joining MSHDA repre-

sentatives and LifeBUILDERS co-founder and Executive Director Larry Johnson were Regent Park homeowners and Detroit Councilman District 3 Scott Benson.

"MSHDA's Neighborhood

Enhancement program began in 2016. It's designed for quick-turn, high-impact neighborhood projects aimed to enhance and stabilize communities," said Pierre-Denise Gilliam, housing specialist with MSHDA. "It's our hope

that when you drive through the neighborhoods and communities that people can tell we've been there and made

some much needed improvements."

"I want to thank MSHDA for its confidence in LifeBUILDERS and its continued partnership," Johnson said. "This grant

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gram director for adult services.

There are students in the YIT program who attend college at Wayne County Community College and Oakland and Wayne State universities. The youth are building solid relationships with persons who are pivotal in linking them with the resources needed to meet their life goals.

"YIT services fill the needed prevalent gaps in the lives of youth," Colquitt said. "It provides encouragement and promotes positivity, teaches conflict resolution and helps with the conflict they may be experiencing with their families that they have been dependent upon and teaches them how to be independent. Again, it is

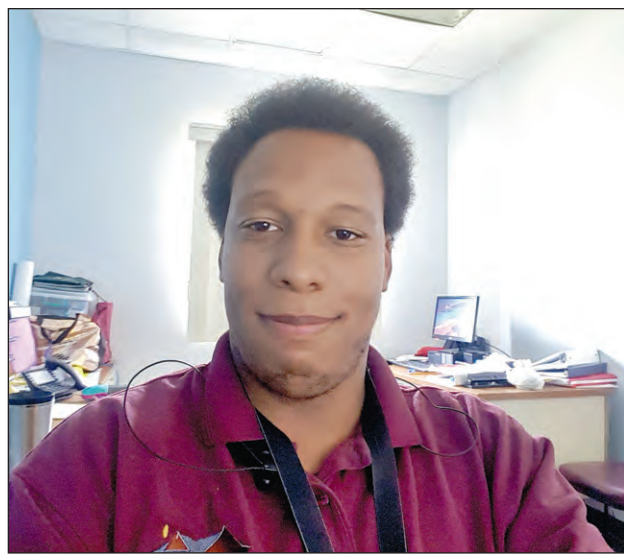


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## Jason Williams

critical in this program that we help sway them from substance abuse ills."

One of YIT's positive outcomes is Jason Williams, who has been with NIH since 2013. Williams was involved with YIT two years and is

now a full-time employee at The Clubhouse. He also has been a youth peer specialist since 2018 at Camp Kelly.

Williams aged out of foster care at 18, is a graduate of Southeastern High School and has spent time at Wayne

County Community College.

"I plan to go back to school and receive a degree in some special computer tech field and work for NIH forever," he said. "I came to NIH from the Children's Center in Midtown and I am now a certified peer support specialist for adults working on certification for youth. I appreciate my co-workers at NIH and how they have helped me to obtain insight into who I am and that's just not being a kid who aged out of a foster home."

For more information about the Youth In Transition program at NIH, call (313) 308-1400 or visit [neguidance.org](http://neguidance.org).

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# OBITUARIES

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## Christer Dillon Lucander

Christer Dillon Lucander died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019, after suffering a stroke at Medstar Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D.C., surrounded by family. Chris was a dedicated community banker and financial executive, successful entrepreneur, world champion sailor, talented handyman, a cappella music lover, active Scouter and proud Swedish/Finnish-American.

Born Feb. 18, 1957, in Detroit, to Barbara and Nils Lucander, Chris graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biopsychology at Tufts University. There he was president of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, whose members he served many years later as a consultant, and was on the sailing and swimming teams. After earning an MBA at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Chris joined the National Bank of Detroit, serving in progressively more senior commercial lending and information technology positions over 22 years as the bank went through a series of mergers. After the bank was buffeted during the 2008-09 recession, he followed his inner entrepreneurial voice and joined a new de-novo bank in Detroit. That led to a CFO stint for an automotive stamping company, reflecting his lifelong passion for manufacturing and the auto industry.

Chris' extensive experience working with economically distressed areas in Detroit led to an offer in 2015 to join City First, a growing Washington, D.C.-based community bank, where he was senior vice president. There he dedicated himself to assisting Washington-area small- and medium-sized businesses grow, as he had throughout his career in Detroit.

Always focused on helping people, Chris became as active in Washington as he was in Grosse Pointe and

Detroit, serving on the executive committee of Scouts National Capital Area Council and as chair of the finance committee, usher and acolyte at Christ Church Georgetown. In 2018, the Boy Scouts of America honored him with the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award — he earned his Eagle at age 13.

Chris was a member of the Prismatic Club of Detroit, which has met weekly since its founding in 1867 to discuss literature, art, science, travel and politics. Chris was a past member of the Detroit Athletic Club, where he served as the intermediate group's president. He inherited his love of sailing from his father, a naval architect who emigrated from Finland via Canada to Detroit after World War II. Chris was on the crew that won two Etchells class E-22 World Championship races — in 1986 in Toronto and 1987 in Marblehead, Mass. — from his base at Bayview Yacht Club. He served on the BYC board for six commodores and received the club's coveted Sailor of the Year award. He was a life member of the National Eagle Scout Association, U of M Alumni Association and National Rifle Association.

Chris is survived by his children, Catherine and Eric, of Grosse Pointe Farms; sister, Kirsti Jurgens (Brian), of Grosse Pointe; brother, Nils Lucander (Karel), of Davidson, N.C., and sister, Ebba Lucander (Keer), of Seattle, Wash., as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms.

He will be interred at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chris Lucander Scouting Memorial Tribute at bit.ly/LucanderScouting or The All Saints' Fund at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd. Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

## Walter Briggs Connolly Jr.

Former Grosse Pointe resident Walter Briggs Connolly Jr., 76, passed away peacefully Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019, surrounded by family.

Walter was born June 10, 1942, in Detroit, one of five children born to Walter Briggs and Anne Riordan Connolly. He attended St. Paul Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Farms and Austin Catholic Preparatory School in Detroit, where he was on the all-state ranked basketball team and participated in other activities. He attended Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and the University of Detroit where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1964. He earned a Juris Doctor degree in 1967 from the University of Southern California Law school and later earned a post-graduate master's degree in labor law from Wayne State University.

Following law school, Walter returned to Michigan, went into private practice, specializing in labor law, and was a member of the State Bar of Michigan, District of Columbia Bar, California Bar and American Bar Association. He authored numerous publications on labor law, some co-authored with his brother, Michael Joseph Connolly, and was on occasion an employment mediator. Walter's proudest achievements were his children.

Walter was an active community member over the years of both Grosse Pointe and Bloomfield Hills. He built friendships that spanned decades with an engaging wit and personality. Walter enjoyed participating in a variety of sports and was an avid follower of the University of Notre Dame teams. He was proud of his Irish heritage and had a passion for travel, especially to Paris, which he visited often throughout his life.

Walter is survived by his beloved wife, Robin Anne (nee Rusinow); children, Walter Briggs Connolly III (Azucena-



Christer Dillon Lucander



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Arthur Samuel Linzell

Beltran), Colin Patrick Connolly (Stephanie), Ryan Ruga Connolly (Renee), Bridget Connolly (Josh Clarkson) and Madison Snyder; stepdaughter, Rachel Anne Lombardi; sister, Geraldine Anne Connolly; brother, William Riordan Connolly (Josephine); stepmother, Mary Louise Connolly and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Michael Joseph Connolly and Richard Patrick Connolly and his parents.

Donations may be made in Walter's name to Cameron-Cann Foundation, P.O. Box 373, Riverside, IL 60546.

## Arthur Samuel Linzell

Arthur "Art" Samuel Linzell, 96, died peacefully Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019, at The Inn at Apple Ridge in Richfield, Ohio.

Art was a beloved father, husband, grandfather and great-grandfather and a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Woods. Art's warm spirit, bright smile and bellowing laugh could light up any room. He had a wonderful sense of humor and always enjoyed a good story. Art deeply loved his family and greatly valued his many friendships.

Art was born in 1923, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, the oldest of five children. He grew up in Columbus, Ohio, and served as an officer in the U.S. Navy. Art attended The Ohio State University for two years, where he was a member of the varsity swim team that won the NCAA Championship.

In 1945, Art graduated from Yale University with a degree in mechanical engineering and joined Hydraulic Press Manufacturing Co., where he enjoyed a successful career of almost 40 years as a sales engineer and head of the Detroit office.

In 1951, Art married his beloved wife, Grace. They settled in Grosse Pointe Woods, where they raised three children and enjoyed 63 years of marriage prior to Grace's passing in 2014.

Art was one of the longest-running members of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and he delighted in spending time boating and near the water with his family and friends. He was an avid sailor and raced 13 times in the 217-mile Bayview Mackinac Boat Race to Mackinac Island. Art also was a Shriner, active member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and major sports fan, particularly football and tennis.

Art is survived by his sister, Betty Jean Giffen; son, Ron Linzell; Ron's wife, Robin Wright Linzell, and their children, Sheri (husband Aaron Swerdlow) and Leanna; son, Richard



Virginia McCaig

Linzell; daughter, Lori Stewart, Lori's husband, Ken Stewart, and their children, Lindsey (husband Craig Maurer and son Hayden Maurer), Hailey and Carley.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25, 2019, at Bath Church, 3980 W. Bath Road, Akron, Ohio. Art will be buried next to Grace in Moore's Chapel Cemetery in Bath.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association at warmemorial.org.

## Virginia McCaig

Former Grosse Pointe resident Virginia "Ginny" McCaig, 91, passed away peacefully Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019, at Glacier Hills Nursing Home in Ann Arbor.

Born Dec. 6, 1927, to Nettie and Carl Howe, Ginny graduated from Oberlin College and earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan. In 1949, she married Roger McCaig, with whom she had three children. Together, they traveled to several cities in Europe to see several world championships in track and field and also to Australia to watch the 2000 Olympics. Later, Ginny suffered a severe stroke and after surviving in several hospitals and attempting to live at home, she eventually entered Glacier Hills, where she stayed until her death.

Ginny is survived by her husband, Roger; sons, Scott and Douglas; grandsons, Brian and Steven and great-grandson, Cameron. She also is survived by her sister-in-law, Jo Howe; nieces, Jackie Hurst and Julie Stewart and nephew, Raleigh Howe.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Gail, who was killed by a drunken driver; brother, Robert Howe and nephew, Randall Howe.

Ginny served as a critique teacher in the education department at U of M for students attempting to earn a teaching certificate. Ginny also was a strong advocate for the welfare of children, traveling numerous times to Lansing to meet with members of the House and Senate, urging them to pass legislation to protect children, especially for safer car seats for young children. Her



George William Bente

efforts were recognized when she was awarded a Concordant Resolution by the House of Representatives. She also received an award from the Grosse Pointe Public School System for her assistance in establishing a latch key program for the children of working parents. Ginny also was renowned as a moderator in debates for those running for political offices. For this and other accomplishments, one year she was named the foremost member of the League of Women Voters in Michigan.

Her life will be celebrated in a private ceremony by her family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Public School System, 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

## George William Bente

George William Bente passed away Friday, Oct. 4, 2019, at age 78.

He was the beloved husband of Anne for 55 years; loving father of the late William, Tracy Rhodes (Gary Bresnahan), Mark (Lindy) and Adam and cherished grandfather of Nicole, Jimmy, Alicia, Cassidy, Scotty, Sheyenne, Sophia, Jacob and Madison.

George was the proud owner of George Bente Cadillac and Oldsmobile dealership in downtown Detroit for many years. He and Ann took part in the first Detroit Grand Prix, driving behind the wheel of the pace car. They loved to travel the world visiting unique and far-off places, although Aruba became his favorite getaway.

George was an avid boater and longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. He was truly happy behind the helm of his various watercraft. He always kept busy — golfing, playing tennis and also serving in the U.S. Army National Guard in the Rifle Battalion.

George leaves behind a beautiful, loving family and friends and will be missed.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association at heart.org.

## Mary Elizabeth Szymanski

Mary Elizabeth Szymanski passed away during birth Monday, Oct. 7, 2019.

Mary had been diagnosed with Trisomy 18 and had several health challenges, but she was perfect in every way.

Mary will always be loved and missed by her parents, Trevor Szymanski and Kathleen Reagan of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mary is also survived by her grandparents, Charles and Joan Reagan of Grosse Pointe Farms and Marianne Garascia of St. Clair Shores; great-grandfather, Verne Garascia of St. Clair Shores; aunts and uncles, Kristin Reagan of New York, N.Y., Katyn Oakley (Adam) of Deer Park, Ill., and Raechel Walker (John) of Ramsey, N.J.; and cousins, Winston and Tucker Oakley and Jack Walker.

She was predeceased by her grandfather, David Szymanski.

A private funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 11 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic

Church, Grosse Pointe Farms and Mary was inurned in the St. Paul Columbarium immediately following, where she will see the sun sparkle on Lake St. Clair.

Mary's family wishes to thank the Rev. Rich Bartoszek, Dr. Brian Mason, Dr. Jeanne Lewandowski, Dr. Ida Lippincott, Linda Kammer-Nelson, family members, friends, co-workers, nurses, caregivers and even perfect strangers who have extended love and support.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mary's name to Team Heart at teamheart.org/donate/, a medical organization focused on bringing cardiac care to the people of Rwanda. Mary's father, a cardiac anesthesiologist, traveled to Rwanda with Team Heart in 2013 to care for patients during their cardiac surgeries.

Arrangements entrusted to Chas. Verheyden, Inc. www.verheyden.org.





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**Jim Selmo**

Jim Selmo, 78, of Tellico Village, Tenn., passed away Saturday, Aug. 10, 2019, surrounded by his loving family.

Born and raised in Iron Mountain, Jim graduated from Western Michigan University and the University of Detroit. After graduation, Jim taught high school math for 31 years in the Grosse Pointe public schools. He left a lasting influence on many of his students and was well respected and admired by his colleagues for his dedication to teaching.

Left to remember him are his wife, Carole, the love of his life for 55 years; loving children, David and Kristina and cherished granddaughters, Abigail and Nicole Kropa. He also is survived by family members, Donald Levinthal, Delores and Bruce Benton, John and Kay Magyari, Stephen Magyari and 14 nephews and nieces.

Jim was predeceased by his parents, Silvio and Rose Selmo and sister, Rosalie Levinthal.

Jim had a great sense of humor and loved to make people laugh. He could be found most days tinkering at his garage workbench fixing clocks, sharpening tools and fixing all things electrical. His zest for life will be

missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

A Celebration of Life service was Sept. 21, at the Community Church at Tellico Village with the Rev. Stephen Prevatte officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Jim's life by sending a memorial gift to Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department, 210 Chota Road, Loudon, TN 37774 or Christopher Reeve Foundation at christopherreeve.org.

Share a memory at [clickfuneralhome.com](http://clickfuneralhome.com).

**Anne Fragel DiCicco**

Anne Fragel DiCicco, 94, passed away Monday, Oct. 7, 2019.

She was the beloved wife of the late Fred and was formerly married to the late William H. Fragel. She was the dearest mother of Mary Hogan (Les), Mark Fragel (Deborah), William Fragel III and Patrick Fragel (Robyn) and proud grandmother of 11.

Anne graduated from Grosse Pointe High School, class of 1943. She was a longtime legal secretary for the Veterans Administration.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 11 at St. Kieran Catholic Church, Shelby Township.

Donations may be made to St. Kieran Church, 53600 Mound, Shelby Township, MI 48316.

Share a memory at [wujekcalcaterra.com](http://wujekcalcaterra.com).



Jim Selmo



Anne Grace DiCicco



Ruth Jacqueline Beck

**Ruth Jacqueline Beck**

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Ruth Jacqueline "Jackie" Beck, 87, died peacefully Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019, in her home surrounded by love and family.

She was born Aug. 30, 1932, in Highland Park, to George Harold and Mary (nee Ferguson) Marshall. After graduating Highland Park High School in 1950, she attended Eastern Michigan University to study pediatric physical therapy.

She married the love of her life, Daniel Ryan Beck, June 26, 1952 at Central Woodward Church. They celebrated with a reception at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and a months-long honeymoon throughout the British Isles and Europe before starting their family.

Jackie loved to travel — venturing as far from home as Japan and circumnavigating the globe on her journey. She promoted cultural exchange

as President of the Grosse Pointe North High School Chapter of the American Field Service. She welcomed many students from countries like Holland, Switzerland, Scotland and Sweden — hosting some students in her home and adopting their cultural traditions like St. Lucia's Day.

She loved to garden and recreated the formal gardens of Old Lyme, Conn., at her home which was included in community garden tours for many years and featured in the Detroit Free Press. She acted as president of the Grosse Pointe Garden Club, president of The Windmill Pointe Garden Club, vice president of the Grosse Pointe Unit of the Herb Society of America and member of the Detroit Garden Center at Moross House.

She loved the water whether it was sailing, meeting her swim club at the Shores Park on summer mornings, or introducing and teaching water aerobics (Swimnastics for Seniors) through the Grosse Pointe

department of education. She was an avid sailor of Georgian Bay, Lake St. Clair and waters beyond.

Jackie is survived by her sisters, Marjorie Angilly and Linda Baca; five of her six children, Katherine, Mary Martha, Daniel (Kimberly), Jane (Craig Winkelman) and Carole (Bob Durgy); 16 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and her dear friend since childhood, Sarah Frakes.

She was predeceased by her husband of 67 years; her parents and brothers, George and David Marshall; daughter, Kristin Beck Pogue and grandson, Daniel Arthur Pogue.

The family will hold a private celebration of Jackie's life. Interment will be in the Marshall family plot at Roseland Park Cemetery.

Donations may be made to The Herb Society of America at [herbsociety.org](http://herbsociety.org), The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

**CHURCH EVENTS**

**St. Ambrose**

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts its annual St. Vincent de Paul spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18. Cost is \$20 per person, free for children 12 and younger, and includes all-you-can-eat choices of pasta and sauces, garlic bread, salad, dessert and coffee. Tickets are available online at [stambrosechurch.com](http://stambrosechurch.com). Call (313) 822-2814.

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Meetings take place 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school's faculty lounge these remaining Thursdays: Oct. 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9 and 23, Feb. 13 and 27 and March 12 and 26.

To register, contact Deacon Bill Jamieson at [bjamieson@stpaulonthelake.org](mailto:bjamieson@stpaulonthelake.org) or (313) 885-8855, Ext. 145.

**Peacemakers**

Pilgrimage to Peace, an interfaith national tour presented by Churches for Middle East Peace, made a stop at The War Memorial Sept. 19.

The Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon, executive director of Churches for Middle East Peace, hosted a conversation with Rabbi Dr. Daniel Roth from Israel and Aziz Abu Sarah, a Palestinian-American, in a multi-faith dialogue and engagement in constructive conflict, peace and the reality of life in Israel and Palestine.

Pilgrimage to Peace began Sept. 18, in Farmington Hills and concluded Sept. 25, in Winston-

Salem, N.C. Formed in 1984, Churches for Middle East Peace is a coalition of 27 national church denominations and organizations, including Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant traditions. It works to encourage U.S. government policies that actively promote a just, lasting and comprehensive resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, ensuring security, human rights and religious freedom for all people of the Middle East.

The program was sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



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Above: The Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon, center, executive director of Churches for Middle East Peace, hosted a conversation with Rabbi Dr. Daniel Roth from Israel, right, and Aziz Abu Sarah, a Palestinian-American, left, in a multi-faith dialogue.

Top right: Rabbi Dr. Daniel Roth speaks. Bottom right: Aziz Abu Sarah addresses the audience.



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# G.P. Symphony opens 66th season with Oct. 20 concert

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

There's always something special in store during a Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra concert. From delightful compositions to talented guest soloists, fans of the orchestra have enjoyed more than six decades of music from one of the area's storied musical groups.

Grosse Pointe Symphony celebrates the start of its 66th season with a performance at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. The concert includes Bach's Sinfonia from Cantata 29, "Wir dranken dir, Gott," featuring organist Dave Wagner, as well as Prokofiev's Concerto No. 1 for Violin and Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, "From the New World."

"Those contemporary pieces take turns you don't expect," said Bill Hulsker, Grosse Pointe Symphony president, of the Prokofiev piece. "It's fun not only for the audi-

ence, but for the players as well. ... It freshens up the audience. That's why it's nice to do a contemporary piece every once in a while. Sometimes the pieces challenge the players in their techniques."

Also at its season opener, Detroit Symphony Orchestra violinist Will Haapaniemi is the guest soloist.

"The symphony is celebrating its 66th season, which is a big deal," said Leona Forbes, a member of the Grosse Pointe Symphony's board of directors. "We're very proud of that. It's been sustained since 1954-55, when it first organized a group of musicians into an orchestra."

Forbes, who played violin with the symphony its first two seasons as a high school student, said the group started off small, but grew considerably over the years.

"It didn't have a cellist, a bassoonist, an oboe player," she said. "It was very sparse. It built up to quite a respectable orchestra."

One strong suit of the

orchestra is its relationship with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Musicians from the DSO often are hired as substitutes or to fill out the orchestra when a larger piece is played. Oftentimes, DSO musicians are featured soloists for the Grosse Pointe group.

"We're really lucky to have that connection," Hulsker said. "When you have an orchestra like the Detroit Symphony, there's a lot of great talent buried in the section that never gets heard. They deserve a chance to be heard."

Added Forbes, "When you include Detroit Symphony musicians to strengthen sections of the orchestra, it becomes a semi-professional orchestra itself."

Hulsker, a bassoonist, has been involved with the group since 1964, first as a substitute, then becoming more involved the last 25 years. He's been president eight years, not quite as long as Joe Striplin has served as conductor.

Striplin's been a perfect

fit since he was first asked to guest conduct more than 12 years ago.

"He clicked immediately with the orchestra," Hulsker said. "He never talks down. He's always encouraging. Being a string player, he really can help with the strings. He played with the Detroit Symphony, so he knows the ins and outs of those instruments."

"He's helped in the search for additional players from the Detroit Symphony if we need a sub," he added. "Joe goes one step beyond. It's hard to find people like him that can bring the whole group on board."

That cohesiveness is evident in the loyal support the orchestra receives, not only through attendance, but also financially. Apart from ticket sales, the symphony is funded through general donations as well as advertisements in its program books, which are available at each concert.

"The program is essential to the audience to know more about the music," Hulsker said. "We have extensive program notes from Charles Greenwell."

Greenwell also gives a pre-concert talk one hour before each show, highlighting certain parts of the program, "so people can listen and relate to the music better," Hulsker said.

Hulsker noted the orchestra has several financial obligations to meet in order to operate year to year. Its biggest expense is the music.

"Sometimes we have to rent it; many are only available on rental," he said. "Some are still on copyright, which are very expensive to rent. Some we purchase, especially if we think we'll do it again. We recycle the music so we're not playing the same program every year."

Another expense is venue rental, not just for performances, but rehearsal space, too.

"It's also important to pay the conductor," he added. "You've got to have a strong figure at the top. And we pay the concertmaster. ... You need to have a strong person there, too."

Other odds and ends — like hiring musicians to

substitute or fill out the orchestra — add up as well.

Such expenses make donations "the very livelihood of the orchestra," Hulsker said.

Friend, Donor, Patron, Benefactor and Major Benefactor donation levels are available for those wishing to contribute.

Hulsker also has been building an endowment, which he hopes will make fundraising easier.

"We want to invest money in growth," he said.

Support also is needed in other ways.

"We welcome — and need — volunteers for the board and special projects," Hulsker said.

Guests will have plenty of opportunity to support the orchestra throughout the season. Its second concert takes place at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, at Star of the Sea, with guest soloist Shannon Orme, a clarinetist. Music from Gigout, Weber and Bach will mingle with a Christmas singalong.

The final two shows of the season — Sunday, Feb. 9, and Sunday, May 3 — take place at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The 7 p.m. Feb. 9 show features teen flutist Ian Planks, recent winner of the symphony's Thomas Nester/Bernard Whitley Memorial Scholarship, as well as works by Bach, Gounod and Rodgers. The 7:30 p.m. May 3 concert includes soloist Jing Zhang on violin, as well as works from Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn, Satie and Delibes.

Tickets are available online at [gpsymphony.org](http://gpsymphony.org), as well as at the door. Individual concert tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors. Season subscriptions are \$70 for adults, \$50 for seniors. Checks, made payable to Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, may be mailed to 235 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

"I'm looking forward to the concert myself and hope it's very successful," Forbes said. "I invite people to keep coming to the symphony. It's based in the community."

For more information, follow Grosse Pointe Symphony on Facebook.

## The soloists

◆ Dr. Dave Wagner will play the organ solo for Bach Sinfonia from Cantata no. 29. Wagner, a concert organist, previously has performed with the orchestra, as well as throughout the United States, England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, France, Hungary and Russia. He has a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Michigan, where he studied with Marilyn Mason.

In addition to his solo work, Wagner also played organ and harpsichord with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He is the recipient of the Palmer Christian Award from the University of Michigan School of Music, for postdoctoral achievement in the field of music performance, and the Arts Achievement Award from Wayne State University. He has a long association with classical music radio stations including WQRS, where he was known for an irreverent sense of humor and regarded by fans as something different in a format often derided as "staid" or "stuffy." Currently on WRCJ, Wagner instills his daily dose of good humor and informed commentary. He has been organist at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms and currently teaches at Madonna College.

◆ Will Haapaniemi is a violinist in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He will play the Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 1 — a first for the Grosse Pointe Symphony. The concerto has the two key characteristics of its composer in the 1910s — lyricism and spiky virtuosity. Haapaniemi was born in Los Angeles with Finnish ancestry. He joined the DSO in 2014 with his wife and violinist, Heidi Han. He wanted to be a violinist from the time he was 2 years old, when he saw Itzhak Perlman play on Sesame Street. Many other interests competed with practice time. Some of his favorites are the martial art Capoeira, dance and training for his glider pilot license.

Haapaniemi owes much to his master violin teachers, Yoko Takebe and Michael Gilbert of the New York Philharmonic while he attended Manhattan School of Music. In high school, he was fortunate to study with Mark Kaplan and fondly remembers lessons with Ruggiero Ricci in his home in Palm Springs. Also of great influence was his cousin, Paul Roby, of the Philadelphia Orchestra, as well as the support of his parents and aunt.

Haapaniemi is active as a soloist and chamber musician, occasionally throwing viola into the mix. An avid outdoorsman, he hikes and, paying homage to his Finnish heritage, skis during the winter.



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From left, Detroit City Councilman Scott Benson; LifeBUILDERS co-founder and CEO Larry Johnson; Pierre-Denise Gilliam, Housing Initiatives Division-Southeast Michigan Outreach, MSHDA; Edwin Harlin, MSHDA director of southeast Michigan; Regent Park residents Flowree Odom, Debra Pickett, Evelyn Colbert and Prempeh Kubi; and, standing behind the residents, Fred Durhal, MSHDA community liaison.

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is a testimony to our significant, ongoing investment and the transformational work we do to benefit the entire Regent Park community. ... We are well represented in the 3rd District by Mr. Benson. He's been an advocate of our work here in the community and we are grateful for his support."

Added Benson, "Everyone wants to talk

about home ownership and home repair and how we bring people into the neighborhoods. LifeBUILDERS is an organization that can get it done. Organizations like LifeBUILDERS and MSHDA are willing to make investments in our community and that's how we build a neighborhood and stabilize Detroit, one house, one neighborhood at a time."

Since 2005, LifeBUILDERS has acquired and preserved nearly 60 properties, two

apartment buildings, pocket parks and numerous vacant lots, and provided landscaping and beautification on several of those lots. It also acquired an abandoned Detroit Public Schools building and transformed it into a \$1.2 million, early childhood education center; repurposed a Chase Bank branch into a community center; and coordinated thousands of volunteer hours in cleaning up and removing blight that has plagued the Regent Park community.

## Tuesday Musicale hosts Oct. 22 concert

Tuesday Musicale of Detroit presents a concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian

Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The performance features Bruch's Double Concerto for Violin and

Viola movements 2 and 3. Joseph Deller, concertmaster of the Michigan Philharmonic, plays violin; John Madison, principal violinist at the Michigan Opera Theatre, plays viola; and Joshua Marzan, staff pianist at the University of Michigan, plays piano.

Also performing on piano is Joseph Lipare, a 2018 Washington International Piano Arts Competition finalist and winner of the Special Prize for Best Latin Period Piece. He will perform Ponce's Intermezzo No. 1, Scarlatti's Sonata in F Minor, K. 466 and K. 519, and Mendelssohn's Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 14.

Soprano Gretchen Wolff, collaborating with pianist Beach's Browning Songs Op. 44. Wolff, a

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# Nov. 7 gala celebrates 10 years of Full Circle

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

In celebration of its 10th anniversary, the Full Circle Foundation pulls out all the stops for its annual gala, "An Evening Under the Stars," which takes place 6 to 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at the Roostertail, 100 Marquette, Detroit.

"It's one of the marquee events in Grosse Pointe — upscale and black-tie optional. So much is going on," said Ted Coutilish, executive director of Full Circle. "It's typically sold out. Over 300 people show up to this."

Among this year's highlights, he said, is the entertainment. Unofficial: Full Speed Ahead is a nine-piece band that performs everything from Frank Sinatra to Bruno Mars.

The event also includes a sit-down dinner, open bar and silent and live auctions. Guests may bid on 40 silent auction items and 14 live items, including trips in Spain, Italy and Disney World.

"We'll have a giant cake celebrating our 10th anniversary, too," Coutilish said.

Fox 2 News anchor



Ryan Ermanni serves as emcee for the event, which also includes words from Coutilish, as well as Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus, former superintendent Suzanne Klein, Full Circle Board President Bill Mestdagh, event co-chairs Mark and Judy Weber and others.

"Another highlight is several of the kids have solos," said Sue Banner, administrative coordinator. "They'll be entertaining us along with the band. Yarnell Waller will be singing 'Amazing Grace.' Kids will also be dancing with Kercheval Dance; they've been practicing."

Waller, a longtime participant of Full Circle, has blossomed through the program, which provides employment and enrichment opportunities to young people with special needs.

"He's got cerebral

palsy and is in a wheelchair, but he's positive and inspiring," Coutilish said. "Look at him now. He's a sought-after preacher and singer at numerous different churches. He just wanted an opportunity to contribute to the community. We are that conduit. What a great opportunity that we can play a part in this role, for them to live more independent lives. Yarnell credits Full Circle for allowing him to mature, to think differently. We're providing opportunities for them to improve themselves and the community."

Proceeds from the gala will help Full Circle fulfill its programming goals.

"We always need funding for programming," Banner said. "Ninety-nine percent of what we do is not funded by anything but our fundraisers. We have services and programs — nine components — that have

to go on every day in some capacity."

This will be Banner's last gala as an employee of Full Circle. At year's end, she'll retire; however, she'll still be involved in the organization as a board member. "Watching how the kids respond to it," is a gala highlight for her.

"It's such a great thing for them to dress up and go out on the town," she said. "They just glow when they get there. And if they're in the program, it's fun watching them. It's also great to see everyone come together."

Added Coutilish, "When I talk to donors, supporters of Full Circle Foundation, they tell me they look forward to this all year round. The donors are really excited about coming here. It's a chance for them to reconnect with friends and celebrate with each other, with Full Circle

## Why it's important

Gala proceeds support the various programs offered at Full Circle, including:

◆ **Summer Activity Program** — The Summer Activity Program is an eight-week experience that involves learning while having fun. Tilling the Edible Garden, cooking, community trips, movie night, yoga and other activities provide participants with numerous fun-filled learning opportunities that keep them actively engaged and involved.

◆ **TEAM 26** — The Full Circle Foundation TEAM 26 Program is a membership-based opportunity that offers training and education to individuals. Curriculum-based learning modules offer participants valuable information in important life skills. Opportunities take place in Full Circle's original endeavor, the Upscale Resale store, as well as other programs, which operate onsite. Participants work with support coordinators who help identify meaningful goals and priorities for learning.

◆ **Edible Garden** — The Edible Garden is a three-acre site provided by the Riverview Rehabilitation Center in Detroit. Full Circle students learn about gardening techniques and producing fresh food. Crops are sold to area supporters and, in the future, Full Circle will develop a line of edible gifts for community members to purchase.

Additional programs include Upscale Resale, laundry, shoe shining, shredding and culinary skills.

and with young adults with special needs."

Coutilish also said he's looking forward to the community at the gala — his first as executive director.

"I'm excited to learn more about their perception of Full Circle," he said. "I'm excited about talking to the Grosse Pointe community and hearing their thoughts on how they think we're doing, what we can do

better, what they'd like to see. And we're celebrating and recognizing them for their support. Full Circle does not exist without their support."

Tickets for the gala cost \$175 and are available at Full Circle, 17006 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park; by calling (313) 469-6666 or visiting fullcirclefdn.org.

"We do sell out," Banner said, "so I encourage people to register soon."

## ASK JEFF AND DEBRA

# It's Recovery Month: Don't forget the children

**Q: We have successfully intervened on my husband and he is in treatment at a well-established, reputable treatment center. We, as a family, were exceedingly thorough on selecting the clinical interventionist we worked with, we followed all directions to the letter and we put considerable time and effort into selecting a treatment center of excellence, but also one that was the right match for my husband's needs and, yes, one that would also be a pleasing experience for him.**

The treatment center has a three-day family program, but our children, ages 10 and 12, are too young to attend. I've looked for Alateen and found meetings in Royal Oak and St. Clair Shores. But I feel strongly that my children also need something similar to my family program experience, but for kids. Can you steer us in the right direction? I want us to be in the best place possible when my husband returns home, for his sake and ours.

**A:** The best-kept secret in Michigan is that we have one of five Children's Programs designed by the Betty Ford Center

located at Brighton Center for Recovery in Brighton. The program is designed for children ages 7 to 12 and is a three-day program, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It meets once a month and there is no cost for participation.

We called Pat Schafer, the therapist who has facilitated the program since its inception, and asked her a few questions. Pat made a point of saying to parents: "When addiction is in your home or it's a problem with close relatives such as grandparents, the most

important thing you can do for your kids is to bring them to the Children's Program." She went on to explain that kids know more than we think they do. Even if they haven't seen the drinking or use of other drugs, they feel the effects emotionally and in the home. "Even if they are straight-A students, it doesn't mean they aren't affected," she explained.

The Children's Program helps a child separate the disease of addiction from the person suffering from it. "This program is not

about shame or blame," said Pat. She went on to explain that Brighton's Children's Program is designed for healing and

coming back together as a family. For details and to enroll a child, call (810) 220-1807.

Jeff and Debra Jay have

been helping families overcome addiction more than 30 years. Their best-selling book, "Love First," is a standard in the recovery field. The Jays live in Grosse Pointe Farms and their website is lovefirst.net.

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resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, is a soloist at Shrine of the Little Flower Church.

Lastly, pianist Matthew Wu performs Chopin's Scherzo No. 1 in B minor, as well as Prelude in F# major Op. 33 No. 7. Wu is a member of Tuesday Musicales's Student League.

Admission is free. For more information, visit tuesdaymusicalesdetroit.org.

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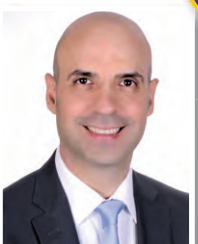
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Kara Campbell checks out a customer at the Full Circle Upscale Resale shop

# Full Circle Foundation: A 'truly remarkable' transformation

By Theodore G. Coutilish  
 Guest Writer



Kara Campbell began rocking back and forth on the floor and crying uncontrollably.

That was her first visit as a volunteer to Full Circle Foundation on Mack in Grosse Pointe Park in 2017.

Oh my, how she has changed.

Today, Campbell is one of Full Circle's most successful TEAM 26 members. TEAM 26 includes those who have left the school system, but are not fully ready to transition into jobs.

"She's made the biggest improvement," said Sue Banner, administrative coordinator at Full Circle. "She helps others and is a positive influence. She initiates conversations. She corrects grammar and spelling mistakes. She's a little dictionary and encyclopedia."

Her transformation has been "truly remarkable," according to Mary Fodell, founder of Full Circle.

"When she's on, you'd never know she has autism," Fodell said. "She's smart, hardworking, kind, insightful, quick witted, honest and caring."

At Full Circle, Campbell, 21, works at the cash register, puts together flower bouquets for businesses, processes donations and stocks the vending machines. Next up for her is selling donated items on eBay and other online selling sites.

Campbell is the daughter of Todd and Jill

Campbell of Grosse Pointe Park. She lives independently with fellow Full Circle TEAM 26 member and roommate Megan Wiley in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"There are people at Full Circle who are like me, who think like me, who teach me," said Campbell, who graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2016. "I learn a lot and have lots of important classes. TEAM 26 opens lots of important opportunities.

"Here, I am worth something. I don't feel lonely. I have friends. I like working here the best."

Inspired by the Full Circle Foundation, "Circle of Love" is dedicated to people with special needs living in the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities and those who love and support them. For more information, visit [fullcirclefdn.org](http://fullcirclefdn.org).

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### Melissa Rizer



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◆ **Title:** Youth services librarian at Ewald.

◆ **Job:** "Miss Melissa" started working as a substitute librarian in 2008. She also worked part-time at the St. Clair Shores Public Library. She's been full time at the GPPL two and a half years.

◆ **Education:** Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and master's degree in Library Science from Rutgers University.

"I had a teaching certificate in German," she said. "I taught for two years, but it was hard to find teaching jobs." She and her husband lived in New Jersey three years.

"I worked at the Princeton University Library."

◆ **Hobbies:** "I volunteer a lot and I read a lot." Rizer helps run the youth group for her church. She also likes to cook. "I have a Pioneer Woman recipe for giant cinnamon rolls. The icing has a little coffee in it. They're really delicious."

◆ **Favorite book:** "The Bean Trees" by Barbara Kingsolver and "Operating Instructions" by Anne Lamott. Her favorite children's book is "Mr. Tiger Goes Wild" by Peter Brown. "The art work is beautiful and I love the message — be true to yourself. Don't fol-

low the crowd."

◆ **Best part of the job:** "It's great to empower and encourage kids and adults," she said. "Collaborating with different community groups makes this a better place to live." She likes working in Youth Services because "it's a combination of teaching and the love of reading."

### Daughters of Penelope hosts Festival of Tables

The Daughters of Penelope Thamyris Chapter of Grosse Pointe hosts its 17th annual Festival of Tables Sunday, Oct. 20, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The annual charitable event, hosted in partnership with the Ascension SE Michigan Breast Care

Program and The War Memorial, has benefited women's organizations and positively impacted the local community since 2002.

Festival of Tables is a display of more than 30 dinner tables creatively designed by local women, area businesses and organizations. Table designers

have included Viviano Flower Shop, DuMouchelle Art Galleries and The Garden Club of Michigan.

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the mid-'30s."

As a devout Episcopalian, Calder was quick to point out he never felt repressed in Soviet Russia. He wrote, "I am an Episcopalian and I went to church. Other members of my party also attended church while we were in Stalingrad." He went on to

describe how his acquaintances and colleagues who were members of the Red Party also attended Christian churches and suffered no negative consequences for their practices.

In Russia, Calder went beyond overseeing the construction of these vital factories. His plans included small towns around the factories, including facilities to com-

fortably house at least 1,500 people. These small towns also included amenities such as firehouses, hotels, shops and restaurants.

Calder was and is a highly regarded figure in Russia. In fact, the popular and critically acclaimed Russian play, "Tempo," is based on his triumphs as an engineer and humanitarian in the country.

"While Stalin developed harsh gulag work camps to go rapidly from agrarian to an industrialized country, Calder was aggressive in caring for the workers," Watson said. "Around each plant he helped to complete a model city, so his workers had housing, food and clean water."

Described as a "retiring and taciturn man," Calder was an unflinching professional who seemingly had no time for failure. He worked tirelessly toward his goals and, through his grit and tenacity, earned the respect of the Russian workers with whom he worked so closely. Yet, this was no easy feat. When Calder arrived in Stalingrad, he found many workers were jaded against less than ideal working conditions and distrustful of Western outsiders.

However, even with his undeniable ties with the Russian government, Calder proved himself to be an advocate for workers. For example, at one point, in spite of ever-pressing deadlines, he refused to continue his work until the Soviet government agreed to create sanitary facilities for the workers who were losing their lives at an alarming rate due to drinking water that was heavily contaminated with copper. Calder



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**John Calder is the passenger on this camel-drawn cart.**

himself nearly lost his life to this poisoned water and faced many of the same battles and challenges endured by his workers.

While attempting to achieve the impossible, he suffered through famine, extreme temperatures that ranged from 48 below zero to 120 degrees and attacks from Kirghiz bandits. Yet, through it all, Calder would reportedly clamp down his teeth on his ever-present pipe and persevere. He was not afraid of firing workers who were considered important within the Communist party. The political leanings of these people were unimportant to Calder and he advocated on their behalf because he respected their integrity, stamina and human rights.

"He was incredibly brave and adventurous," Watson said. "The family all went to Moscow in 1929. I have a diary my mother kept on the train from Chelabinst to Odessa. Moscow was too harsh so my grandmother opted for Istanbul. My uncle went to high school there. This lasted about a year until my grandmother took the three kids back to Dearborn."

"In one published interview ("Missionaries of

American Technique in Russia" by William Henry Chamberlin, Asia magazine, 1932), John Calder 'conveyed the impression of enjoying his stay in Russia immensely, despite the fact that it had involved a very full share of mental and physical strain and hardship.'

"In a January 1933 letter to the family, he asked my grandmother if she would consider letting my mother, Margaret, come over to Russia for a year," Watson continued. "He writes, 'I believe the experience would more than offset the year's schoolwork and I certainly would love to have her now.'

"She didn't let Margaret go." Accounts of his feats in Soviet Russia paint Calder as a tough and unyielding professional who was known for holding his ground and overcoming great odds. However, family pictures reveal a different, softer side of Calder. He seems at ease and content with his wife, Ethel (nee Meek), three children and an occasional dog.

A devoted family man, Calder passed away in 1946 at age 65. As the person once hailed by Russians as a "superman," it is likely he had many more stories to share.

Luckily, Watson has taken the role of family historian for herself, preserving every letter, article and photograph that pertains to her grandfather.

"He came back to Detroit in 1935, went back to work for Bryant & Detwiler construction and built the Willow Run bomber plant," Watson said. "He also was chairman of the building committee of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church Dearborn, where his funeral was held in 1946."

Added Sutton, "I never met my grandfather as he passed away three years prior to my birth. My grandmother, however, lived with us until I was 18, so I heard stories about his time in Russia from her and my mother, as they both spent time there. They also passed on their collection of articles and clippings, which my siblings and I have. From all of this, I could tell that he was an engineer of exceptional talent and above all, a 'go-getter' of the first order."

"One of my favorite things is a small framed picture I keep in the living room," he continued. "My grandfather is seated on a camel, on the shores of Lake Balkhash, in east-central Kazakhstan. In Siberia they actually moved materials by camel train and he thought a lot of them for their ability to stand the cold and know when to stop for the day. He was quoted in one article, 'In a winter dust storm I lay snug and safe in the warm protection of the belly of a camel, while that noble animal was lying peaceful with its back to the wind.'"

*Editor Jody McVeigh contributed to this report.*

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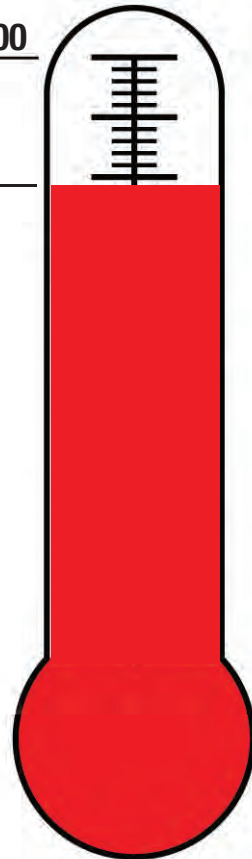
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sonally experienced how it is to live with an invisible illness/disability. I want to help put a face on these issues.”

Wyatt was diagnosed as a teen when her pediatrician heard a heart murmur during an office visit, “but in hindsight,” she said, “I had been having symptoms since I was probably around 8 years old. When I was a kid, I was diagnosed with exercise-induced asthma, because I would get winded a lot easier than other kids during exercise or activity. Looking back, I believe that this was a misdiagnosis, as asthma medications and interventions never helped my symptoms. When my pediatrician heard the murmur, I was referred to a pediatric cardiologist and diagnosed through a comprehensive echocardiogram.

“When I was diagnosed, I was in my freshman year of high school and was forced to quit swim team, as many competitive-level sports can increase the risk of a cardiac event due to an increased workload that they place on the heart.”

Wyatt said she often has trouble keeping up with healthy, able-bodied friends. Recovering after a lot of activity — even socializing — can take a full day or more.

“So in the last several years, I have had to be much more thoughtful about how I spend my time and the things I do, turning down many invitations in order to rest,” she said. “I stopped working one year ago in September 2018, as I was

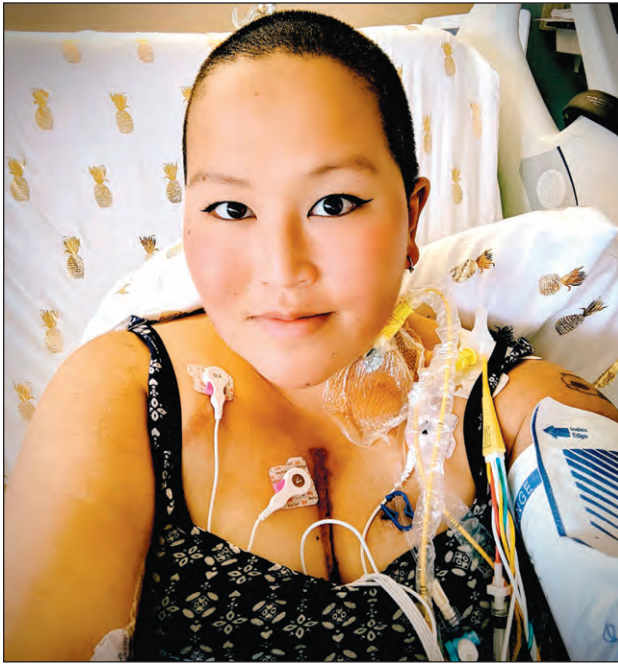


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### Victoria Wyatt awaits a new heart at Spectrum Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

missing too much work due to symptomatic days, and have had to postpone my plans to go back to school due to my health issues. I also have to use mobility aids — wheelchair, cane, electric cart in stores — sometimes when I am feeling especially symptomatic.”

Wyatt’s medications regularly change, but she takes anywhere between 20 and 40 pills every day. She’s been on intravenous heart medication for two years, which helped her stay independent longer than she would have without it. She has to watch her sodium and fluid intake and, before her latest hospital admission, had been visiting a doctor each month for close monitoring of infusion medication.

Wyatt has had three previous surgeries, including a septal myectomy, which is an open-heart surgery to remove excess muscle from the

septum of the heart, which sometimes grows to obstruct the outflow tract in the ventricle; implantable cardioverter defibrillator implant due to high risk factors for dangerous arrhythmias and cardiac arrest; and vertical sleeve gastrectomy weight-loss surgery.

“Due to my heart condition, my metabolism had become so sluggish and exercise so difficult that I had difficulty losing weight on my own,” she said. “After a year of working with a dietician and carefully monitoring, it was decided that I should undergo the surgery to ‘shock’ my body into losing weight. Excess weight was a major barrier to listing for transplant and the surgery helped me lose enough weight to get within the requirements.”

Wyatt was placed on the transplant list in July, but has known since 2016 she could need a

### By the numbers

According to [organdonor.gov](http://organdonor.gov): More than 113,000 men, women and children are on the national transplant waiting list as of July 2019.

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transplant, when her doctor told her her heart muscle is 41 percent scar tissue and the walls are so thick, her heart only can accommodate a fraction of the amount of blood a normal heart can. She’s been hospitalized seven weeks and is listed at a status 2 on the United Network of Organ Sharing organ allocation tiers, “which is the second highest status you can be,” she said.

“Unfortunately, it’s not easy to determine when an offer for an organ will come that is compatible for a number of reasons,” she added. “An organ must be compatible in many criteria, including blood type, size, age of donor, antibodies, etc., and then distance from me; a heart can only be out from the time it is harvested to the time it is transplanted in the recipient for five hours at the most, otherwise it becomes unusable. Additionally, only three in

1,000 people die in such a way that will allow the organs to be viable for harvest, so it ends up being a very small pool of potential hearts for me.”

With her husband, mother, brother and in-laws cheering for her, Wyatt is receiving tremendous family support. A large network of friends near and far, and a large support community online, also give her hope.

“I truly don’t think I would be able to do all of this without the support of Jeff and others in my life,” she said. “Dealing with a health crisis like this is often way more than one person can handle and I know and have seen with others that it can cause tremendous strain on the relationship. I feel like this has brought us closer together and helped me to become more open and willing to ask for help from others, when normally it’s in my personality to try and handle everything on my own.”

Following a successful transplant, Wyatt will stay in the hospital a few weeks before coming

back home to Grosse Pointe Woods. That’s when the work really begins, she said.

“In addition to a new medication regimen, including immunosuppressants for the rest of my life to prevent rejection of the donor organ, I will have to go for frequent biopsies and appointments in the beginning, while also working on regaining my strength and healing,” she said. “I have gone through the heart surgery recovery before, but have been familiarizing myself with some of the issues I may encounter and have heard from people who say they took months or a year-plus to start feeling more themselves again. We are trying to prepare ourselves for the different things ahead.”

Wyatt is documenting her journey on her Instagram page, @breakinthemix. She also has a [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com) page, [gofundme.com/f/waiting-on-a-miracle-new-heart-for-victoria](http://gofundme.com/f/waiting-on-a-miracle-new-heart-for-victoria), with a goal of raising \$15,000 to cover medical expenses.

## Halloween safety tips

Whether children go trick-or-treating or attend a Halloween party, a few precautions can help make their experience safe and enjoyable.

Erica Surman RN, pediatric trauma program manager at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, said, “With Halloween approaching, now is a good time to talk to your kids about their safety, especially costume safety. By taking precautions,

parents can increase the likelihood their trick-or-treater will have an enjoyable Halloween.”

Following are 10 costume safety tips:

- ◆ Purchase or make costumes that are bright, reflective and can be seen in low light conditions. Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes.

- ◆ Most commercial cos-

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The film also has been screened in Newfoundland and California, at the Mill Valley Film Festival. Wall Howard said the emotion in the theater is different every time.

"There are tears in the audience. There is laughter that fills the room," she said. "There's little more powerful than seeing a standing ovation when the credits roll."

"You rarely see beauty in kindness, in strength," she added. "This illustrates the beauty in power, strength of strong men and women. It's a story of the impossible."

Strauss said it's an honor to screen the film at The Patriot Theatre.

"In the face of disaster and steep loss of life, this is a story of people doing and

being their best to save complete strangers," she said. "I believe it speaks to the tremendous capacity of the human heart."

Both women have received positive feedback from screening audiences, including from viewers who said the story "needs to be heard now more than ever," "restored my faith in humanity, at a time when I had very little" and that, in watching, "the experience was life changing."

"The reaction of veterans has been equally powerful, with many telling each other that they must see this film and older veterans, even World War II veterans, astonished that it's a story they'd never heard before," Strauss said. "Families of sailors who lived and who died in the disaster have gotten in touch with us to say they never knew what really happened before seeing the film."

"It's been a very powerful experience to bring this film to audiences and it's a gift for

me as a filmmaker to do so," she added. "The project has attracted many talented people and anyone familiar with the brilliant work of Ken Burns, who has chronicled so many great stories for PBS including the recent Country Music series, will recognize the voice of our exceptional narrator, actor Peter Coyote."

Wall Howard said she's been asked if the movie will be too sad or upsetting for veterans to watch, "but what you hear from them after the film is completely the opposite," she said. "The ending is really beautiful. The standing ovations at the screenings we've received are from veterans. It's rare to see a grown man cry; it's rare to see a grown man cry tears of joy. ... This film absolutely honors commitment to the country, commitment to one another. During a time when people really feel lost, this film is about honoring the value. ... Sometimes our lives are in the hands of people we least expect."



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Phoebe Wall and her father, Robert T. Wall, on Lake St. Clair circa 1968.

Wall Howard, who grew up in the City of Grosse Pointe and attended Richard Elementary, Brownell Middle and Grosse Pointe South High schools, was confident she had to put this film before an audience in her hometown. The Detroit Free Press automotive reporter, who moved to Detroit from California two years ago, said it made sense to bring "As if

They Were Angels" to The War Memorial.

"We're living in really challenging times when people start to wonder about kindness and connection and seeing the good in humanity," she said. "This is the most important time for this film. It honors and celebrates the best in humanity."

"This documentary film has the storyline of a Hollywood feature starring Tom Hanks and directed by Steven Spielberg. That's what makes this incredible, when real life is better than Hollywood."

Wall Howard also said the film serves as a reminder to how fickle water can be.

"Water is beautiful and soothing, but it can be dangerous and deadly," she said. "That's something that comes through in the film. In Grosse Pointe, we spend our whole lives on the water. This is also about the power of the water and respecting that power."

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view of the tables, as well as shopping in a comprehensive holiday boutique which features items such as traditional Greek baked goods, fashion accessories, high-end handmade jewelry, cosmetics and home goods.

Tickets are available at La Moda Salon, 20091 Mack, and Aretée Day Spa, 20559 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The second table viewing, priced at \$80, takes place 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. and includes the holiday boutique, a view of the tables and a meal served at the tables. Immediately following the dinner is a fashion show, featuring models from the Young Survival Coalition of Detroit as well as others

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child's costume doesn't impede their ability to walk. Shoes should fit properly and the length of the costume should allow your child to move freely.

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## Tennis

### UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Regional success for local teams

## Knights win title

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

The University Liggett School boys tennis team dug deep last week and won its Division 4 regional tournament on its home courts.

"It was exciting to

watch the guys play so well and win some big matches against players they lost to earlier in the season," head coach Mark Sobieralski said. "I'm proud of them and now we get to play in the state finals."

ULS finished with 24 points, followed by Almont with 21 and West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy with 20. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

just missed making the finals, falling one point shy with 17.

Other teams competing were Armada, Center Line, Imlay City, Sandusky and Yale.

The Knights' No. 1 singles player and defending state champ junior William Cooksey was not available for the regionals due to a prior commitment.

In his place, sophomore Jack Estes played well and earned a big point for the Knights.

Freshman George Anusbikian made the finals at No. 2 singles, but lost to Almont's Sam Bussone 6-0, 6-2. He won a couple of crucial points.

"Jack and George really stepped up and won some big matches," Sobieralski said.

The Knights had four flight champions, including freshman Gerry Sherer who won the No. 4 singles flight with a win over Almont's Jack Jellison in the finals 6-3, 6-4.

Junior Vincent Maribao and sophomore Jacob Tomlinson beat their Notre Dame Prep foe 6-2, 6-0 in the finals at No. 1



PHOTO BY DANA DEIMEL

University Liggett School coaches and players celebrate after winning a Division 4 regional title.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

University Liggett School's No. 1 doubles team of Jacob Tomlinson, left, and Vincent Maribao congratulate an opponent after a regional win.

doubles, and freshman Campbell Marchal and sophomore Bennett French won the No. 2 doubles flight with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over Notre Dame Prep in the finals.

Senior Alex Deimel and sophomore Rocco Scarfone won the No. 3

doubles flight with a 6-2, 6-0 victory over West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy, and sophomore Bode Neumeister and junior Tarun Jarial took the No. 4 doubles title with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Frankel

Jewish Academy in the

finals.

Also earning a crucial point was senior Max Wiegel, who earned a point at No. 3 singles.

Coming up for ULS is the Division 4 state finals Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19, at Hope College.

### GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen runner-up

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

After a regular season of learning and playing tough matches to improve their skills, head coach John Van Alst was all smiles watching his Grosse Pointe North boys tennis team earn a spot in the Division 2 state finals.

"The boys played some nice tennis today and were rewarded with a spot in the finals," Van Alst said. "That is why they played the tough matches. They were prepared for this moment and they responded."

Warren DeLaSalle won the regional tournament held at North. The Pilots had 22 points, while the Norsemen took second with 14. The top two teams qualified for the state finals.

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

The Norsemen had several flights make the finals and they lost, but



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe North's Henry Rosewicz earned points for the Norsemen's team to help them reach the state finals.

the matches were neck-and-neck.

The No. 1 doubles team of Charlie Ramsdell and Mitchell Mills lost 2-6, 6-4, 7-5 in the finals to DeLaSalle, and the No. 3 doubles squad of Luke Deskins and Ben Zoia went three sets before losing 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 to DLS in the finals.

The No. 2 doubles team of Adam Naimo and Jonathan Hartley lost a tough finals match to DLS 6-3, 7-5, and the No. 4 doubles duo of James Moussiaux and Sahith Nannapaneni lost 6-4, 6-3 to the Pilots in the finals.

Also making the finals of their respective flights

were singles players Zack Rockwell and Alex Muawad. Rockwell lost 6-4, 6-2 to the Pilots' Joe Jamusch at No. 2 and Muawad lost 6-0, 6-0 to the Pilots' Alex Beginin at No. 3.

Simon Stalling lost 6-2, 6-1 to Sterling Heights' Brendan Evert in the semifinals of No. 1 singles, and Henry Rosewicz lost 6-1, 6-3 to L'Anse Creuse's Jake Goebel in a semifinal match at No. 4 singles.

Next for the Norsemen is the Division 2 state finals Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19, at the University of Michigan.

### GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils take 2nd

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

The Grosse Pointe South boys tennis team is heading to the state finals after taking second in a Division 1 regional tournament it hosted last week.

Favored Troy won the regional with 29 points, followed by South with 23. Troy Athens also made the finals earning 20 points.

Other teams competing were Dearborn Fordson, Chippewa Valley, Detroit Cass Tech, Utica Ford, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Warren Mott and Fraser.

"The boys played well today and now we're headed back to the state finals, which was our goal this season," head coach John Willard said. "We've been fortunate to finish in the top 10 the past few years and we would like to accomplish that goal again. It was a great day for tennis."

The Blue Devils won two flights. Sophomore Blake Discher won the No. 3 singles title, beat-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe South's No. 1 doubles team of Jacob Harris, left, and Kenny Prather made the finals.

ing his Troy foe 6-3, 6-3 in the finals, while the No. 2 doubles team of junior Jackson Marchal and sophomore Will White slugged out a 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 victory over their Troy opponent in the finals.

Sophomore Owen Sanford made the finals at No. 4 singles, but lost 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 to his Troy opponent. The other singles players, freshmen Connor Stafford and Corbin Ifkovits, earned a couple of points by making the semifinals at the No. 1 and No. 2 flights.

At No. 1 doubles, senior Kenny Prather and junior Jacob Harris lost 6-3, 6-4 to Troy in the finals, and at No. 3 doubles it was senior Miles Jamieson and sophomore Alex Prather losing 6-3, 6-2 to Troy in the finals.

The No. 4 doubles team of senior Patrick Hopper and sophomore Luke Holowinski made the semifinals, but lost 6-3, 6-3 to Athens.

South now heads to the Greater Midland Tennis Center for the Division 1 state finals Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19.



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## Golf

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH &amp; GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## South makes finals, North finished

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls golf team, ranked No. 2 in the state, advanced to the Division 1 state championship tournament after winning its regional tournament early last week at Fox Creek Golf Club in Livonia.

The Blue Devils, under head coach Rob McIntyre, fired a 335, while Livonia Franklin and Farmington also made the finals by taking second and third with 370 and 394.

“A regional championship is a great accomplishment. No doubt about that,” head coach Rob McIntyre said. “My true source of pride with this team is the effort every player has invested in achieving their own personal best. I am very confident that this effort will continue.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROB MCINTYRE

Grosse Pointe South regional championship girls' golf team members are, from left, Audrey Becker, Mia Rancilio, Kaitlin Ifkovits, Alston Smith and Sabel Imesch.

“Our focuses include composure and decision making. The players not only demonstrate these traits, but also continue to improve upon them. Kaitlin Ifkovits (senior)

has done a great job as captain this year. She has shown a great deal of composure and leadership that helps steer this team.

“In truth, I am lucky to

have Coach (Dave) Witwer coaching with the boys' team. My luck has continued with having Coach (Evan) Feringa coaching with the girls' team. Both Dave and

Evan do a great job. South is fortunate to have them in the programs.”

Other teams competing were Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Dearborn and Brownstown Woodhaven.

For the Blue Devils, junior Audrey Becker was the medalist, posting 80, while Ifkovits was runner-up with 83. Sophomore Sabel Imesch was fourth and senior Mia Rancilio took fifth with 85 and 87. Junior Alston Smith shot 94 for the Blue Devils.

The Division 1 state championship tournament is Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19, at Forest Akers West on the campus of Michigan State University.

### North results

The Grosse Pointe North girls golf team ended its season last

week, finishing eighth in a Division 2 regional tournament at Farmington Hills Golf Course.

The Norsemen shot 440. Teams that made the state finals are Birmingham Groves, Port Huron Northern and Farmington Hills Mercy with scores of 367, 370 and 372.

Leading the Norsemen was senior Alyssa Micks, who shot 107.

Senior Emmelyn Simpson was next for the team with 109, followed by sophomore Evelyn Stahl with 111, senior Bianca Clark with 113 and senior Ava Galant with 116.

Other squads competing were Birmingham Seaholm, North Farmington, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Avondale, Walled Lake Western, Royal Oak, Renaissance and Port Huron.

## Field hockey

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils win

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls field hockey team celebrated senior night in style last week, beating visiting Dearborn Edsel Ford 9-0.

“It was nice to get a win on senior night,” head coach Jessie Rouleau said. “The girls played well.”

Kylie Stackpoole, Maria Haddad, Meaghan

Bojarczyk, Helena Grobel, Madeleine Grant, Caitlin Rionda, Avery Waterston, Sofia Remelius, Suzanne Breen and Hadley McSunas were honored at halftime.

The Blue Devils scored early and often in their final home game of the season. They built a comfortable half-time lead and added to it in the second half as everyone played.

McSunas recorded another shutout in net, giving her six on the season.

Remelius led the way with four goals, while Rionda had two, junior Kathryn Skupien had two and Stackpoole had one.

They ended the regular season 8-4-3 and play their first-round playoff game at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at Grosse Pointe North.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSIE ROULEAU

Grosse Pointe South seniors honored at the half were, from left, Hadley McSunas, Madeleine Grant, Suzanne Breen, Sofia Remelius, Caitlin Rionda, Coach Jessie Rouleau, Meaghan Bojarczyk, Kylie Stackpoole, Avery Waterston, Maria Haddad and Helena Grobel.

### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS 2020 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Harper Woods Michigan will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.  
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19617 HARPER AVENUE  
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The purpose of the this public hearing will be to receive public input and comment on the proposed 2020 Budget for the City's General and various other operating funds. The proposed levy upon the 2020 Tax Rolls for each \$1000 of Real and Personal Property State taxable valuation is as follows:

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Summaries of the proposed revenues and expenditures for the 2020 budgeted funds are as follows:

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**THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.**

A copy of the proposed 2020 Budget is available for public inspection between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. weekdays in the office of the City Clerk, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225-2095 (Telephone 313-343-2510). All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing.

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## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen progress

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls field hockey team has taken positive steps in its development as head coach Emma Yee molds her youthful varsity roster.

Last week, the Norsemen put two wins on the board, beating host Clarkston 6-3 and visiting Bloomfield Hills 4-0 to push their record

to 6-5-1 overall.

“The girls are playing better, especially Eleanor (Martinez),” Yee said. “It took a while, but the younger players are getting into the swing of things.”

“We played a tough league schedule, so winning these late-season games are helping us build confidence heading into the state playoffs.”

In the home win over

Bloomfield Hills, junior Ashlyn Senter had two goals, while freshman Sophia Borowski and sophomore Lara Huebner had a goal apiece.

Both goalies, freshmen Lucy Driscoll and Grace Lemanski, saw time in net.

Earlier against Clarkston, Senter had a career-high five goals and junior Caleigh Murray had the other.

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Knights prepared

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Jayant Trewn knows the way to get his University Liggett School girls field hockey team ready for the state playoffs is to play top competition late in the season.

The Knights hosted one of the state's best last week, Saline, and came away with a 5-0 loss.

Last weekend, the Knights beat host Novi 1-0 to improve to 7-6 overall.

With only one regular season game left before the state playoffs begin, the Knights know they have a target on their back since they are the defending Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 state champion.

The format changed this season as officials broke the league into four divisions.

Division 2 had an East and West, but for the playoffs they are all in it together.

The top two teams in the division standings

earned the top four seeds, while the remaining 14 squads were randomly picked for its playoff slot.

ULS is the No. 4 seed and the two toughest squads to beat to make the finals are Ann Arbor Skyline, the No. 1 seed, and Dearborn.

The other top seeds in the lower bracket are Wixom St. Catherine and Farmington Hills Mercy.

ULS hosts Brighton in its first-round playoff game at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18.



## Soccer

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Focus  
powerBy Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

With a possible showdown against rival Grosse Pointe South looming, head coach Brad VandeVorde had to guard against his Grosse Pointe North boys soccer team being overconfident in its game against visiting Cass Tech Monday night.

The Norsemen watched Grosse Pointe South advance to the Division 1 district championship game, so if they won they would play the Blue Devils with a title on the line.

The Norsemen didn't disappoint as they beat the Technicians 4-0.

"We knew Cass Tech was improved from year's past and they



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

**Grosse Pointe North's Chris Valice, No. 16, gets a pat on the back after scoring a goal for the Norsemen against Cass Tech.**

were," VandeVorde said. "We had to play our game. It was a nice effort."

The home team scored late in the first half when junior Chris Valice tallied.

The Norsemen scored early in the second half to get some breathing room.

Sophomore Thomas Sheffield scored to give the Norsemen the 2-0

lead.

Sophomore James Streberger scored with 15 minutes left to make it 3-0, and Sheffield tallied again two minutes later to account for the final score.

Junior goalkeeper Liam McEnroe was stellar in net, posting another shutout as Grosse Pointe North improved to 12-4-2 overall.

## Volleyball

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils net win

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls volleyball team took time out of its division slate early last week to host Armada, featuring 6-foot, 3-inch sophomore Anika Prisby and 5-foot, 10-inch senior Nicole Beechie.

The teams went toe-to-toe in the first two games with the Blue Devils prevailing 26-24, 25-23.

With the hard-fought wins, the Blue Devils used the momentum to dominate game three, winning 25-13.

"We came out kind of slow and didn't play as well as I liked," head coach Krysta Kreyger said. "They did just enough to win the games,

but they put it all together in the third game."

In the opening game, neither team had more than a slim lead.

The Blue Devils were on the verge of closing it out, leading 24-21, but the Tigers scored the next three points to tie it at 24. The home team earned a side-out to lead 25-24, and senior Cody Conlan ended it with a kill with senior Shannon Kerr serving.

The Blue Devils used a six-point run from Conlan to take a 19-13 lead in game two, but the Tigers made another comeback and crept within a point at 24-23.

This time, sophomore Ellen Martin served the final point as the home team held off the Tigers'

charge.

It was all Blue Devils in the third game as several players earned a kill — seniors Shannon Kerr, Cailin Gallagher and Caroline Zrimec, sophomore Jada Divita and Conlan.

On defense, senior Madeline Sullivan was solid in the back row, and at the net it was Martin, Zrimec and Divita thwarting the Tigers' spike attempts.

Leading hitters for the Blue Devils were Divita and Conlan, while Sullivan led the way on defense.

Later in the week, South lost in three games to Fraser to fall to 2-5 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Knights fall to foes

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls volleyball team dropped a Catholic League Intersectional Division game to Ann Arbor Greenhills last week, 25-22, 25-21, 15-25, 23-25, 15-8.

"We started off slowly losing games one and two, but then found our stride and won 25-15 and 25-23," head coach Dan Sullivan said. "Unfortunately we could not sustain the energy in game five, made some basic errors and ended

up losing 8-15. It was a great back and forth battle in those first four games."

The Knights served 97 percent in the match.

Could ULS rebound and beat another team in division-title contention, Marine City Cardinal Mooney?

In the first two minutes of the first match, the Cardinal Mooney middle hitter accidentally stepped completely over the line and Bella Cubba, the Knights' top hitter, came down on the Cardinals' player's foot and severely rolled her

ankle.

Sullivan said it is not broken.

In addition, Olivia Fetterman is out with an injury, leaving the Knights shorthanded.

The Knights lost the first two games 25-12, 25-15, but rallied to force a fifth game with 25-18, 25-23 wins in the next two games.

Unfortunately for the Knights, they ran out of gas and lost game five 15-4 to lose the division match.

ULS is 3-2 in the Catholic League Intersectional Division.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue  
Devils  
winBy Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Senior Connor Stencel scored both goals to lift the Grosse Pointe South boys soccer team past U-D Jesuit 2-0 Monday night in a Division 1 district semifinal at Grosse Pointe North.

"We played a good first half, but missed too many chances," head coach Francesco Cilano said. "It doesn't matter now because the boys played well enough to win and now we move to the finals."

Stencel scored early in the first half and added an insurance goal midway through the second half.

The Cubs, coming off a 2-1 win over Catholic Central in the Catholic League championship game and 2-1 victory



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

**Grosse Pointe South's Connor Stencel, No. 11, was the No. 1 star of the Blue Devils' win over U-D Jesuit.**

over Detroit Western in the first round of the district playoffs, had all the momentum in the second half but couldn't get a shot past Blue Devils junior goaltender Bennett Smihal.

In the first half, Blue Devils junior Rene' Robert was effective getting off quality scoring chances. However, he

couldn't add to the one-goal lead.

The Cubs had the scoring chances in the second half and tested Smihal on several occasions. Stencel's second goal took the wind out of the Cubs' sails.

Stencel also scored in the win over Fordson as South improved to 12-2-5 overall.

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Wood scored goals No. 2 and No. 3 for the Knights.

In the victory over Lutheran Northwest, Ondersma had two goals, with Manneh and Wood adding one apiece as ULS, ranked No. 2 in the state in Division 4, finished the regular season 13-2-1.

Coming up for the Knights is a possible Division 4 district championship game at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, against the winner of the Royal Oak Shrine/Sterling Heights Parkway Christian semifinal at Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen struggle

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

It was one of those games that nothing went right.

Head coach Chelsea Brozo and her Grosse Pointe North girls volleyball team lost 25-23, 25-13, 25-14 to visiting Utica last week.

Game one was back-and-forth and the Norsemen had chances to win it.

Seniors Christina Braker, Hannah Davis, Madeline Dodenhoff and Caitlyn Watts stepped up and played well. Braker was solid at the net with Watts setting.

On defense, Davis and Dodenhoff held the Chieftains hitters from getting too comfortable with their spike attempts as they combined for a dozen digs.

Freshman Annabella Julien had a couple of

key tips for points late in the first game that gave the Norsemen a 21-20 lead.

Braker had a kill that brought the Norsemen within a point at 24-23, but the Chieftains were able to earn the next point to take the game.

The Norsemen struggled in the next two games as they drop to 1-6 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

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## Football

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen battle division foe

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North football team played one of its best games of the season last week, but in the end lost 29-8 to visiting Utica Ford.

"We are getting starters back from injury, which made a difference tonight," head coach Joe Drouin said. "We did some good things on both sides of the ball, which we can build on for the following couple of weeks and even next season. We had a lot of positives tonight and we had a solid effort."

The Norsemen defense held the Falcons short on a fourth-down try, thanks to the defensive line causing havoc at the line of scrimmage.

Junior defensive back Ben Bania also came up with a couple of huge interceptions. Junior defensive back Tim Cleland and senior



PHOTO BY TODD PERKINS  
Grosse Pointe North's Tim Cleland, No. 35, and Ja'Vontae Stewart, No. 56, tackle a Ford runner.

defensive end Jon Jon Perkins were all over the field, limiting the Falcons' rushing attack to small gains.

Juniors Charles Klatt, Luke Ladach, Ray Bell and Ja'Vontae Stewart played well on the defensive line, keeping the game scoreless. Senior Ethan Pinkney and junior Johnny Bonnell were also in on several

tackles that forced the Falcons to punt.

The Falcons were able to use a busted coverage to score late in the second quarter. They also returned a fumble on the Norsemen's ensuing possession to take a 14-0 lead to the half.

The Norsemen had a chance to get into field-goal range in the final minute of the half as

senior quarterback Brendan Cwiklinski connected on a couple of passes to sophomore tight end Ben Bessert.

A holding penalty killed the drive and the home team went to the half trailing.

A big play in the second half came when the Norsemen were a foot short of a first down after Cwiklinski gained nearly

the three yards needed on the fourth-down play.

On the ensuing possession, the Falcons used a touchdown pass on a broken play and extra point to increase the lead to 21-0.

The Norsemen stayed tough on defense as Klatt recovered a fumble, but a quarterback sack ended the Norsemen's next drive to force a punt.

The Falcons used a 65-yard pass to put their final points on the board. They went for a two-point conversion and made it to increase their lead to 29-0.

Drouin's squad didn't quit. They drove the length of the field in the fourth quarter to score a touchdown.

Cwiklinski hit a pass to Bessert early in the drive and senior running back Kashaun Cooper had a couple of long runs to get the Norsemen into the red zone.

Cwiklinski hit senior

wide receiver D.J. Washington for a 3-yard touchdown pass and completed a two-point conversion pass to Bessert to get the Norsemen on the board.

Cwiklinski was 7 of 11 with one touchdown and one interception, plus gained 48 yards on eight carries.

Pinkney was the lead back and gained 63 yards, plus caught a couple of passes for eight yards. Cooper gained 35 yards on a few carries and Bessert was the lead receiver.

Another positive for the Norsemen was the kick return tandem of junior Kennard Williams and Washington.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 0-4 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 0-7 overall.

Coming up is the Norsemen's final division game at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at rival Grosse Pointe South.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils clinch share of White title

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South football team inched a little closer to clinching a fourth straight Macomb Area

Conference White Division title last weekend, beating visiting L'Anse Creuse North 41-12.

"Sloppy game but we did enough to win," head coach Tim Brandon said.

"Give credit to LCN, they had a good plan."

The Blue Devils never trailed. They scored midway through the first quarter when Alex Shaheen hit senior wide receiver A.J. Benson for

a 73-yard touchdown pass.

The extra point was no good, but senior Ben Gabrion converted his next PAT after sophomore running back Jonathon Drake scored on a 2-yard run.

The Crusaders got on the board late in the first quarter on a 27-yard touchdown pass. They missed the two-point conversion attempt.

In the second quarter, Shaheen found sophomore wide receiver Will Johnson on a 28-yard scoring pass. Gabrion's extra point gave the home team a 20-6 lead, which held to the half.

Shaheen and Johnson connected again, this

time on a 9-yard TD pass. Gabrion kicked the PAT to give the Blue Devils a 21-point cushion.

Senior wide receiver Owen Bollaert ran 50 yards for a score midway through the third quarter as Gabrion kicked the extra point.

The Crusaders scored on a 77-yard pass, but missed the two-point conversion.

That would conclude their scoring.

Late in the third quarter, Shaheen found senior running back Kevin McCarron on a 21-yard TD pass. Gabrion's PAT made it 41-12.

The Blue Devils

improved to 4-0 in the MAC White and 6-1 overall, clinching a spot in the state playoffs.

The Blue Devils out-gained the Crusaders 494 yards to 287, yet ran two less plays.

Shaheen completed 18 of 22 passes for 257 yards and four touchdowns and one interception, plus ran for 61 yards on six carries.

Bollaert ran for 98 yards on eight attempts and Drake had 56 yards on nine carries.

Benson hauled in six passes for 97 yards, followed by Johnson with 65 yards on four receptions. The defense forced one turnover and had two quarterback sacks.

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## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Knights start string of must-win games

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Dan Cimini and his University Liggett School football team is in must-win mode during the final stretch of the regular season.

The goal is to make the state playoffs and to make it they had to get a win over host Allen Park Cabrini last weekend.

The Knights passed the first test with a 21-7 victory, improving to 3-4 overall with two games left.

"I told the guys we were in playoff mode with three weeks left," Cimini said. "They had to play well and put themselves in position to get a road win. I'm proud of the boys. They played a great game on both sides of the ball."

It didn't take long for the Knights to grab the

lead as senior Ian Narva returned a punt to mid-field on the first possession of the game.

Narva and senior Drew Zelenak teamed up for a 50-yard touchdown pass. Senior Matthew Summers kicked the extra point and just like that the Knights led 7-0.

Freshman Joey Randazzo caught a 72-yard touchdown pass from Narva and Summers' PAT made it 14-0.

Late in the first half Randazzo and Narva connected again. This time the scoring pass was 4 yards and Summers kicked the PAT to give the Knights a 21-0 lead.

The defense held Cabrini to only seven points by pressuring the quarterback. They had several sacks and senior Daniel McMann and freshman Ryan Jones

had interceptions.

Zelenak had a team-high 17 tackles and has put himself in exclusive company as one of the program's all-time leading tacklers.

Freshman Jack Jones had 10 tackles and a quarterback sack, plus Ryan Jones had five tackles and rushed for 60 yards when he spelled Narva at quarterback.

"We gave Ian a breather every once in a while and Ryan did a great job rushing for positive yards in his place," Cimini said. "It was a great team effort and it's this level they have to play with for the remainder of the season."

ULS finished 1-2 in the Catholic League Intersectional 1 Division.

Coming up is the Knights a 1:30 p.m. home game Saturday, Oct. 19, against Burton Bentley.

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## Cross country

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen finding solid footing

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls cross-country team had a top-four finish at last weekend's 35th annual Gabriel Richard Invitational at Hudson Mills Metropark.

Head coach Scott Cooper and his Norsemen earned 114 points. Salem won with 36 points, followed by Ann Arbor Skyline with 76 and Brighton with

108.

"The girls ran fantastic races at the Gabriel Richard invite this weekend," Cooper said. "Almost everyone PR'd for the second week in a row, which really shows what great progress the girls are making as a result of a lot of really hard work."

"The varsity girls ran together as a pack. I do not recall a race before where they came by right after another in such

close proximity. This is great racing and great pack mentality. This pushes them on and keeps each one accountable to the team."

Junior Elise Nyquist was 13th to lead the team, running a medal-winning time of 20:09.7, and senior Jackie Albo was 17th to earn a medal with a time of 20:30.2 to give the Norsemen two top-20 finishers.

Junior Annaliese Thomas was 21st to also

earn a medal with a time of 20:36.1 and freshman Sophia Dragich had a time of 20:55.8 to place 32nd.

The next three Norsemen finishers were senior Lyndsay Kluge, 37th with a time of 21:00.8; senior Sarah Seagram, 41st at 21:09.2; and senior Caroline Mrsan, 47th at 21:19.9.

Other runners were junior Anna Lisa Lynch and sophomore Gia Derrick, who placed 50th and 58th with times of 21:37.0 and 21:51.7.

North's boys team finished eighth with 247 points.

"We had an absolutely phenomenal day at the Gabriel Richard Invitational on Saturday," head coach Diane Montgomery said. "Preston Navarre improved even more and ran 15:25. He is now No. 3 in North's history at the 5K distance. He is eyeing No. 2 which is 15:14. The race featured some of the strongest runners in the state, so that time got him 4th place overall. Senior captain Jack Day cracked the 17-minute barrier for the first time in his career. Other scorers for us were senior Michael Lynch, and



PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT COOPER

**Grosse Pointe North senior Jackie Albo and her teammates enjoyed success at the annual Gabriel Richard Invitational.**

sophomores Max Kluge and Ryan Spiteri. In fact, all seven of the varsity runners for us ran personal best times.

"The best part of Saturday was seeing senior captain Andrew Spiteri and junior Noah Lawson return from injury. They both ran in the junior varsity race and ran well. Spiteri will return to the varsity lineup on Thursday."

Once again Navarre finished among the best as he placed fourth with a time of 15:25.3. He is a favorite to make the state finals.

Day was 39th with a time of 16:57.9, while

Lynch was 72nd at 17:27.8 to take third for the team.

Kluge was 92nd with a time of 17:47.6, and finishing relatively close to each other in the standings were Spiteri, sophomore Jack McConaghy and junior Luca Varanelli, who placed 105th, 108th and 111th with times of 18:10.6, 18:12.9 and 18:15.9.

"We are primed and ready for the upcoming MAC Championship and the Region 8 meet," Montgomery said. "We are excited to have our varsity lineup intact for the first time since September 13."



PHOTO BY CHUCK DAY

**Max Kluge (foreground) and Ryan Spiteri (behind). Both of these sophomores have been contributing scorers for North this season.**

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils see team-wide improvement



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANAK

**The Grosse Pointe South varsity girls cross-country runners at the start of the 35th annual Gabriel Richard Invitational.**

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls cross-country team had a solid day of racing last weekend at the 35th annual Gabriel Richard Invitational at Hudson Mills Metropark.

The Blue Devils had 63 personal or season best performances, including the team's top 13 runners who all had personal records. As a team South finished ninth.

Their top runner was May Eger who had a career-best 21:46.

"We could not have been happier with the girls and our performances," head coach Steve Zaranek said. "We saw dramatic improvement on this

great course at Hudson Mills Metropark. "The perfect weather also helped. As a team, we are definitely entering the best part of the season. Lots of personal confidence and lots of team support."

The rest of the Blue Devils top six were Jenna Clark with a time of 21:55, Lizzie High at 21:56.5, Lizzy Bellovich at 21:57.5, Paloma Beacham at 22:05.1, Miya Bowman at 22:06.8 and Marrin Harris at 22:22.7.

The other six who competed were Victoria Gardey, Grace Winger, Abbey Homminga, Dianne Dollison, Grace Miller and Anna Czech.

Earlier in the week South beat Warren Mott in a dual meet as it took the top 15 places.

The leading three were Bellovich with a time of 22:44.8, Maria Liburdi at 22:46.1 and Beacham at 22:59.1.

The boys also finished ninth at the Gabriel Richard Invitational as Abraham Abouljoud led the team with a time of 16:55.7.

Tucker Griffin, Brendan Downey and Logan Detwiler finished second, third and fourth for the team, posting times of 17:15.6, 17:16.5 and 17:17.7.

Other top finishers were William Jarvis, Charles Rulison and Noah Huber, who had times of 17:35.0, 17:37.3 and 17:42.1. The Blue Devils' other competitors were Halden Stoehr, Jack Hurst and Jack Corrian.

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Middle of the pack

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School cross-country teams competed in last week's Catholic League C-D jamboree No. 3 at Everest Collegiate High School in Clarkston.

The boys finished fourth with 114 points. Madison Heights Bishop Foley won with 37 points, followed by Ann Arbor Greenhills with 61 and Royal Oak Shrine with 104.

Senior Ashton Pongratz led the Knights with a sixth-place finish and a time of 18:51.9.

Sophomore James Dailey was in the top

20, taking 18th with a time of 20:02.8, and senior Ian Shogre was 33rd with a time of 21:27.4.

The Knights' other top runners were freshman Ryan King and sophomore Jacob Whitton, who placed 37th and 38th with times of 21:48.9 and 21:53.2.

Other runners competing for head coach Colleen Mellon were juniors Elias Gaydecks and Peter Xu and sophomores Russell Floyd, Evan Provenzano, Christopher Lukas and Noah Sanders.

The girls finished sixth with 133 points.

Everest Collegiate won with 54 points, followed by Shrine with

83, Greenhills with 91, Bishop Foley with 107 and Allen Park Cabrini with 112.

The Knights' top two were freshman Penelope Griffioen and sophomore Grace Govier-LaParl, who placed seventh and eighth with times of 23:15.5 and 23:19.3.

Junior Sophia Ma was 31st with a time of 25:27.2.

She was followed by senior Ava Hennes, who was 48th with a time of 27:13.7, and sophomore Emilia Bronk, who was 55th at 28:06.0.

ULS is preparing for its Division 3 regional meet the final weekend of October in Algonac.

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**313 779 0193**  
[www.marciawilkstatesales.com](http://www.marciawilkstatesales.com)  
**1238 LOCHMOOR GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 18 AND 19TH**  
**9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**  
This is a nice sale! We are featuring a Bernhardt sofa and loveseat, Baker coffee table, chinoiserie console and mirror, oriental carpet, dining room for eight, six piece bedroom set, Drexel bedroom set, antique hand painted vanity with bench, large selection of vanity items, large selection of nice jewelry, clocks, mature plants including large Norfolk pine, lamps, TV's, lots and lots more!  
Street Numbers honored at 8:30 a.m. Friday. Check out [marciawilkstatesales.com](http://marciawilkstatesales.com) to see some featured items! We accept cash, checks, VISA, MasterCard, AMEX and Discover.

*Another Excellent Estate Sale!*  
**Friday and Saturday**  
**October 18th and 19th • 10am - 4pm**  
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The best of everything. Furnished and decorated Mildred Friedman. 18th c fine English antique furniture. Oriental carpets. Fine china. A boat load of MacKenzie-Childs. Knowll coffee table. Needle point chair. Wing backs. Queen Anne high boys, low boys. Antique mirrors. Art. Graphics. Designer clothes, furs, Judith Lieber handbags. What a good sale.  
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**Merchandise**

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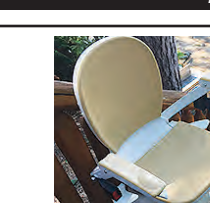
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- The stairlift is fitted with these essential safety systems to eliminate any possibility of an uncontrolled descent of the stairlift.
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- Ensures that Acorn stair lifts give the most comfortable ride available.
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- Slimline fold-away design allows easy access to the staircase.
- LOCKABLE SWIVEL SEAT
- Allows the user to safely enter and exit the stair lift without the need for twisting the body.
- FAST INSTALLATION
- Acorn 130 stair lifts fix quickly and easily to your staircase, so there's no mess, and no need for any repairs.
- LOCKABLE ON/OFF SWITCH
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- DIAGNOSTIC DIGITAL DISPLAY
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8 piece Thomasville bedroom suite, 8 piece Drexel dining room with hutch, 2 large sofas, oval mirror, miscellaneous. 810-357-1950 or 435-705-8464 text ok.

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**GARAGE Sale:** October 18, 9 - 1. 699 Rivard Boulevard. Waterford, chandelier, furniture, Tory Burch, Northface, golf clubs, propane porch heaters, Chanel shoes, men/ women clothes. Household goods.

**409 GARAGE / YARD / RUMMAGE SALE**  
22507 Red Maple Lane, St. Clair Shores. 10/ 18- 10/ 19; 9am- 4pm. Household items, bridesmaid prom dresses.

**Huge garage sale** 2064 Lennon, Grosse Pointe Woods, between Jackson/ Helen. Everything from furniture, appliances, books, clothing; much more. Friday, Saturday, October 18, 19; 9am- 2pm.

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## King Crossword

Solution for last week's puzzle 10/10/19

B	E	E	R	J	U	T	B	O	L	O
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Lord of the Rings" actor Ian
  - 5 Spigot
  - 8 Jet forth
  - 12 Cruising
  - 13 Court
  - 14 Baserunner's goal
  - 15 Locale for a 1920s "sitting" fad
  - 17 Settled down
  - 18 Kingdom near Fiji
  - 19 Creators
  - 21 "Carmina Burana" composer
  - 24 Directory data (Abbr.)
  - 25 Humorous utterance
  - 28 Temporary gift
  - 30 Scot's hat
  - 33 Illustrations
  - 34 Flower of New Mexico
  - 35 "I - Camera"
  - 36 Lingerie item
  - 37 Physical
  - 38 Vivacity, in
- DOWN**
- 11 Drenches
  - 16 Standard
  - 20 Pavlova or Paquin
  - 22 Change
  - 23 Central
  - 25 Poke
  - 26 Blunder
  - 27 Beachcomber's find
  - 29 Top
  - 31 Parisian pal
  - 32 Name in China's history
  - 34 Calendar quota
  - 38 Lullaby composer
  - 40 Smartly dressed
  - 42 Biblical verb suffix
  - 43 Antitoxins
  - 44 Iowa city
  - 45 Dubious
  - 47 Ark builder
  - 48 "The Naked Maja" artist
  - 49 Suitable
  - 52 Anger
  - 53 Piglet's mom

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Solution for last weeks puzzle 10/10/19

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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