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◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city offices are closed.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

◆ Emergency sirens are tested at 1 p.m.
◆ West Park Farmers Market opens at 9 a.m. at the corner of Lakepointe and Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

MONDAY, SEPT. 3

Labor Day

◆ All federal, state and local municipal offices are closed.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Bridge Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. in Lake Front Park.
◆ No garage pick up in any of the Grosse Pointes.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4

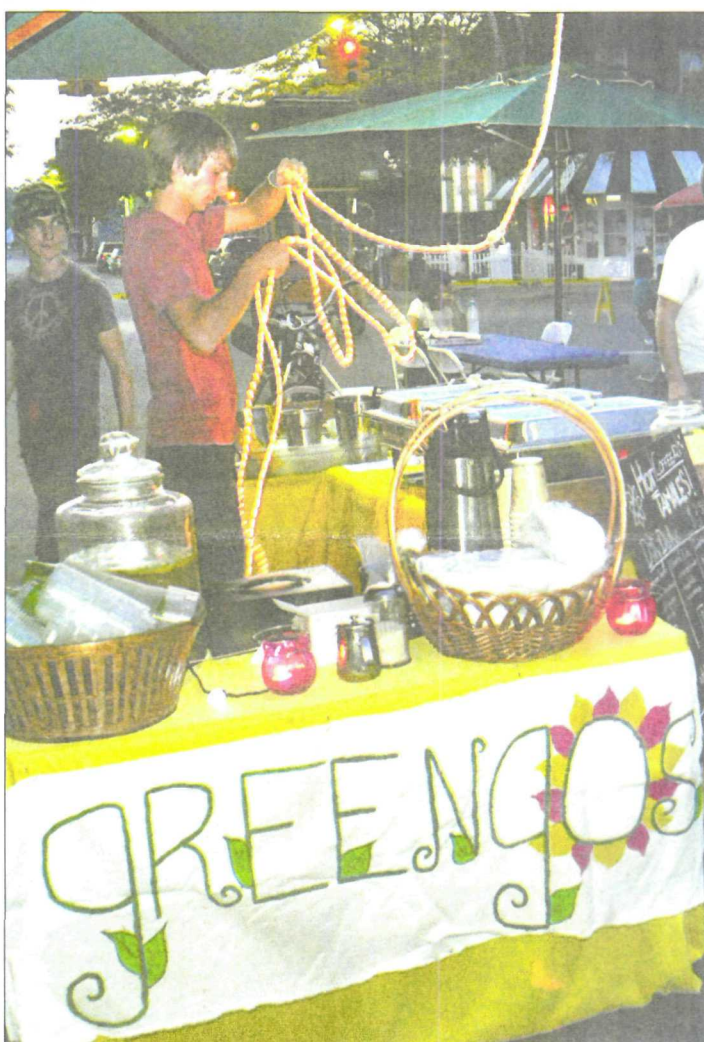
◆ Last day to pay summer taxes in Grosse Pointe Woods without penalty. City hall is open until 5 p.m.
◆ Schools open today.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

◆ Pettipointe 243 Questers meet at 11 a.m. at Lillian Licata's house. The program focuses on preparations for the October state Quester's convention in Grosse Pointe.



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Night on the town

The inaugural "After 6 on Kercheval" enticed dozens of Grosse Pointers to walk from the food booths to the beer tent, listen to a live band and watch silent movies. The event took place Aug. 25 in the Village. Lights were strung through the trees and speakers were added to the lamp posts to add to the festival atmosphere. Below, 2-year-old Noelle Huchingson dances to the music by the Sean Z Trio.

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Bashara trial date Nov. 12

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

DETROIT — A trial date of Nov. 12 has been set for Bob Bashara on the charge he hired a hit man to kill Joe Gentz.

The date was set at a hearing last week in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Bashara is charged with one count of solicitation to murder a witness, a crime punishable

by up to life in prison. According to prosecutors, Bashara attempted to hire someone to kill Gentz, who has been charged in the murder of Bob's wife, Jane Bashara.

Jane Bashara, a marketing executive and mother of two, was murdered in January. Gentz told authorities he was offered \$2,000 and a used car by Bashara to kill his wife. Gentz turned himself into po-

lice within days of the murder, but was released three days later. He was arrested and formally charged in March, and faces a charge of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder. A preliminary examination on the charges has been set for October, but according to several sources, Gentz's court-appointed attorney, Susan Reed, is attempting

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City move on hold

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A notice at city hall announcing the Aug. 29 meeting of the Move to Macomb Committee was removed after the mayor thanked and disbanded the group during last week's city council meeting.

A majority of the Grosse Pointe Shores council, at its monthly session Tuesday, Aug. 21, also didn't support the committee's unanimous recommendation to ask voters in the November election if they want to switch county jurisdictions from Wayne to Macomb.

Instead, the council chose to replace the committee's work with research to be conducted under professional guidance.

The council's decision was meant to provide residents more detail of the pros and cons of a switch, not squash inquiry or end consideration, according to Councilman Alex Ajlouni.

"I voted for incorporation of the vil-

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Interim tag dropped

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Although some Grosse Pointe Shores residents would rather live in Macomb County, many are as happy as bulls in Texas about having Mark Wollenweber as city manager.

"The reputation of professionalism he brings to the community is second to none," said resident Raymond Rahi.

"I can't tell you how many people have told me you've got the right guy," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski about elevating Wollenweber this month from interim to permanent city manager.

By "permanent," the city offered Wollenweber three, one-year contracts with straight pay, sick days and vacation days to be determined.

He makes the equivalent of \$80,000 under his interim contract.

Terms parallel those of three other Shores administrators contracted back from retirement.

The arrangements help save the city \$81,000 this year in administrative costs, according to Kedzierski.

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lage into a city because I wanted to have the option of whether we become part of Macomb," Ajlouni said. "I assure the public it's not a dead issue. Just because we didn't approve it today, doesn't mean it's a bad idea."

Petition

Macomb advocates intend to put the question on the ballot by petition. A drive was under way before the council's decision.

"We were hoping council would do the right

thing," said Robert Lee, a committee member. "Now that they haven't, (a petition drive) is an avenue the people have to get it on the ballot."

"If there are enough signatures, this could already be on the ballot," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

"Sure it could," said Councilman Dan Schulte, leader of the Macomb committee.

"Anything done has to be submitted 90 days before the general election," said city attorney Mark McInerney.

"It's too late for this election," Lee said.

The effort can be tried again once each year, according to Schulte.

Cursory report

Most of the council believed the committee's final report, dated July 31, lacked enough objective information for voters to make educated choices.

"Putting it on the ballot is not something we take lightly in haphazard fashion," said Ajlouni, stressing no "aspersions" on the committee. "I would like

to see someone with more experience guide us better than we have availed ourselves of."

"We can call upon more resources in Lansing and other places we haven't used and move this issue further for examination and discussion," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe.

Shores residents can seek Macomb or Wayne jurisdiction because the city lies in both counties.

The committee's main reason for recommending the bulk of the Shores join it's northern section with-

in Macomb is a 4 mill savings in property taxes.

Savings amount to \$387 per \$100,000 in taxable property value.

"We've done extensive research," Schulte said. "The five-person committee unanimously approved the idea of putting it on the ballot."

In a letter to the council, resident Robert Nutter claimed parts of the report were "incomplete and or misleading."

He wrote, "At this time, all the facts, short-term and long-term, financial and tangible, have not

been presented to the residents to make a long-term, viable decision. Impulsive, short-term decisions are not a solution for the long-term future."

"A lot of people are looking for absolute guarantees," Schulte said. "This is like a marriage. You don't get one."

GP public schools

Requested assurances include a switch wouldn't jeopardize the Shores' inclusion in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Schulte has said repeatedly it wouldn't, citing his conversation with the attorney general at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

"The school issue has been answered several times," Lee said. "The only real unanswered question is the maintenance of the seawall."

"We should seek an attorney general opinion regarding school boundaries to make sure there's no questions, at least at the state level, that the Grosse Pointe school system would not be upset by a boundary change," Kedzierski said.

Attorney general opinions must be requested by a state legislator or official.

State Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe, "is working on it," according to McInerney.

Macomb suit

Many advocates of realignment cite recent revelations of political corruption, patronage and fiscal waste in Wayne County.

Likewise, Councilwoman Kay Felt is concerned the Macomb County executive could obtain "unfettered" authority and act without checks and balances.

"There are open questions," Felt said.

She referred to Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel's lawsuit, filed in February, against the board of commissioners.

The suit concerns whether the new county charter transfers "all administrative duties to the executive" or gives the "commission absolute authority over every business transaction," according to a statement by Hackel at the time.

"I'd like to see the outcome of that before we put this on the ballot," Felt said. "It's something people need to understand."

County votes

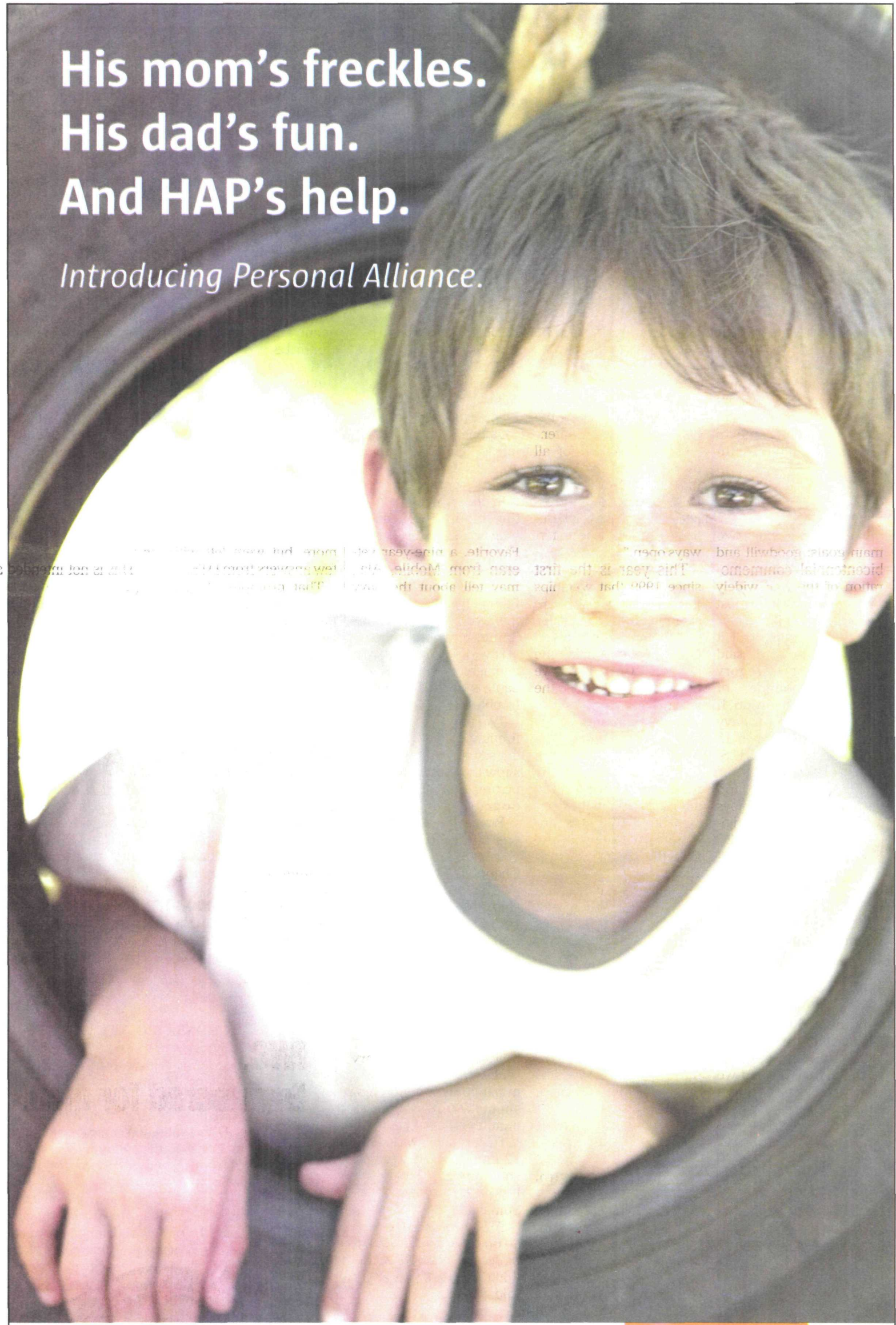
No matter what a majority of the Shores' nearly 2,400 registered voters say, the decision rests with the nearly 2 million combined voters of Wayne and Macomb counties.

"The questions shall not become effective unless it is approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon in each county affected," according to the Adjustment of County Boundaries Act of 1974.

The Pointes' Wayne County Commissioner, Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, predicted earlier this year opposition to letting the Shores and its tax proceeds heading to Macomb.

Schulte, campaigning for state representative, said earlier this summer a county switch could be achieved through legislative action. Likewise a court injunction.

"There are routes through legislative and judicial appeal if we're turned down by voters of Wayne County," Lee said.



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The US Brig Niagara, a replica of the warship from which Oliver Hazard Perry won the Battle of Lake Erie on Sept. 10, 1813, sails past the De Wert, a Perry Class frigate built for Cold War anti-submarine duty and aircraft carrier escort.

DTE sets public hearing in Woods

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Officials from DTE Energy will meet with Grosse Pointe Woods residents Wednesday, Sept. 12, to discuss continuing problems with power outages in the city.

The meeting was requested by city officials following an outage in July that left a large segment of the Woods in the dark for several days. At the time, DTE officials told the city the problem was caused by a burned out cable at the DTE transformer at Mack and Anita, which was replaced, but problems developed when attempting to restore power with the power grid tripping and blowing fuses.

According to Woods city administrator Skip Fincham, DTE maintained recurring power outages had been resolved in January when upgrades to what is known as the 1481 Vernier circuit were completed. DTE officials met with the Woods city council earlier this year and assured the city these upgrades would not only reduce the number of outages, but when they did occur, fewer residents would be without power as the result of "sectionalizing" done during the upgrade.

But that did not appear to be the case the first week in July when residents in an area bordered by Mack, Vernier, Lakeshore and Blairmoor were not only without power for three days or more, but were left with few answers from DTE.

That prompted Mayor Robert Novitke to place the outage on the July 16 city council agenda and demand a hearing with representatives of DTE. Several DTE officials at-

tended that council meeting, and while they offered apologies, they didn't offer much in the way of hard facts as to what DTE was doing to avoid outages like this in the future.

That led Novitke and the council to request a follow up meeting on the problem, which has now been set for 7 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Woods Community Center at the city hall complex on Mack.

"We're aware of some work in the area by DTE," Novitke said. "They are doing some underground work north of Vernier and they are also doing some upgrades over near Hidden Lane. We hope to learn the scope of the work on Sept. 12."

Woods officials are also taking their concerns to the Michigan Public Service Commission, the government body with oversight of utility companies in the state.

Novitke and Fincham will meet on Friday, Sept. 7, in Lansing with representatives of the commission.

"We want to make sure the commission is aware of our concerns, not only about the recurring outages, but also our concerns that DTE has adequate infrastructure to service our residents," Novitke said. "We believe that one section of Grosse Pointe Woods could be the poster child for poor service by a utility."

Novitke said he expects DTE to deliver "solid information" to residents at the Sept. 12 meeting.

"This is not intended as a public relations meeting," he said. "We expect technicians to give facts as to why these outages occur and what exactly DTE is doing to prevent them in the future."

Pasta in the Park

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

All those in favor of summer never ending, raise your hand.

OK, we can't hold back the advent of fall and cold winter nights, but Grosse Pointe Park is going to at-

tempt to keep some of those summer memories going throughout the fall as the unofficial "winter annex" of the Windmill Pointe Park Café, the Blue Pointe Restaurant, caters several all-you-can eat

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The navy way

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Aboard the 453-foot frigate USS De Wert, the ship's bell does double duty.

Located on the starboard foredeck, near the knife-edged bow designed to slice through threatening seas, the bell rings the passage of time and the promise of life.

Several names and dates stamped inside the bell are those of children baptized the navy way.

"It's a tradition," said Lt. Commander Chris Dickerson, the frigate's executive officer. "If somebody's in the navy, they can have their child christened in the ship's bell. Ideally, there's a tie to the ship, but it's not a requirement."

Dickerson is second in command. He answers on board only to the captain and a personal sense of national pride.

"I really believe the navy is a global force for good," he said.

Navy Week

De Wert heads a fleet of five ships to Detroit for Navy Week, Monday, Sept. 4 through 10.

Included is the US Brig Niagara, from Erie, Pa.

The two-masted, square-rigger is a wooden replica of the gunship from which Oliver Hazard Perry, famed for his battle cry, "Don't give up the ship," broke the British line in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812.

Perry's victory, 199 years ago Monday, Sept. 10, turned the war in favor of America.

His after-action report is among the most famous in military history: "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

When Niagara enters port, her crew fires a canon salute. The report echoes off buildings and shakes windows. Black power smoke billows 100 yards across the rippling water.

Imagine canon fire mul-



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Lt. Commander Chris Dickerson, executive officer of USS De Wert, shows the names of babies baptized in the ship's brass bell.

tiplied hundreds of times and modern-day visitors have an idea of the fog of war Perry overcame to ensure our nation's future.

1812 and now

Navy Week has two main goals: goodwill and bicentennial commemoration of the war, widely known for how little most people know of it.

"A lot of people call it the forgotten war," said Rear Admiral Gregory Nosal, commander of Carrier Strike Group II and organizer of navy weeks this summer in 15 cities, including six U.S. Great Lakes ports.

"Many traditions and customs the navy enjoys in the 21st century originated in the War of 1812," Nosal said. "There's a direct link between a strong navy and a prosperous nation through free global trade."

Foreign shipping adds \$2 billion to Michigan's economy and 20 percent of the state's maritime activity, according to Detroit Wayne County Port Authority statistics.

"We think of ourselves as the Motor City, but we were founded in 1701 as a

port," said John Jamian, port executive director.

Seventy percent of the earth is covered by water.

"Ninety percent of all trade, by volume, is on that water," Nosal said. "It is important for our prosperity and national defense to keep those waterways open."

This year is the first since 1999 that warships the size of De Wert are steaming the Great Lakes.

"We've been busy," Nosal said, explaining the absence. "Our ships have been deployed around the world."

Nosal commands his strike group from the 1,092-foot flagship George H.W. Bush, the newest nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in the fleet.

Strike Group II's lineage includes the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo in 1942.

"Our navy has been on the seas for 236 years, keeping the sea lanes open," Nosal said. "We did that in 1812. We're doing that today."

Welcome aboard

Most of the visiting ships are open for free public tours Tuesday, Sept. 5 through Sunday, 9, at or near Hart Plaza.

In addition to De Wert and Niagara, there are:

- ◆ USS Hurricane, a 174-foot coastal patrol craft based in California,
- ◆ US Coast Guard Cutter and icebreaking tug Katmai Bay, based in Sault Ste. Marie, and

- ◆ HMCS Ville de Quebec, a Royal Canadian guided missile frigate, docking in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

De Wert was built during the Cold War to hunt Soviet submarines and protect carriers in the North Atlantic.

Twin gas turbine engines generate 41,000 horsepower combined. Top speed exceeds 30 knots.

"Compared to a merchant ship, this is a Ferrari," Dickerson said. "I can get up to full speed in less than 1 1/2 minutes."

On the bridge, visitors expecting a large, spoked wheel from the windjammer era will find a miniature brass something-or-other the size of a pretzel.

On the aft gun deck, sailors tell how the Vulcan Phalanx 20 mm close-in weapons system fires so fast is sounds like driving over rumble strips lining the highway.

In the crew's mess on the main deck, Petty Officer 1st Class Steven Favorite, a nine-year veteran from Mobile, Ala., may tell about the navy fulfilling his dream to see the world and better his future.

Favorite is assigned to a damage control team. His battle station is wherever trouble is.

"We have a group of firefighters we call the flying squad," he said. "We'll show the public hands-on our equipment, what we do and the gear we use."

Rome is his favorite liberty town. He visited the Vatican and Sistine Chapel.

"That was on my last ship, the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt," Favorite said.

"Not many people get to see that," he said.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Gunner's Mate Timothy McIntyer, of California, is in charge of all guns on board. The inventory ranges from pistols to a 77 mm automatic canon that shoots 80 rounds per minute.

The armory's Mossberg 12-gauge pump-action shotguns are handy for hunting pirates off Somalia.

"We use them when we go on other boats to shoot hinges off doors or something like that," McIntyer said.

The best

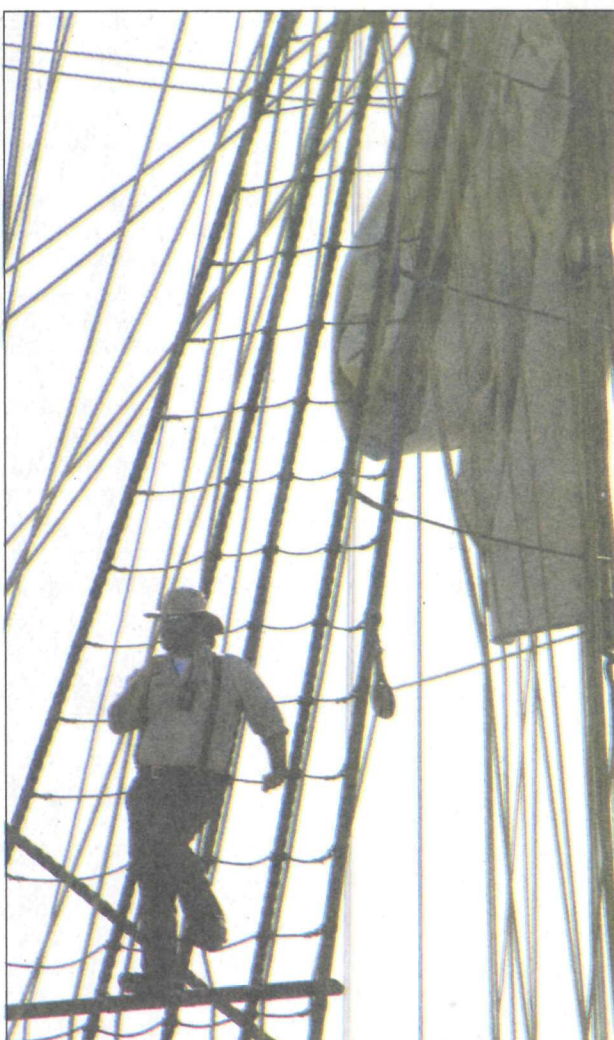
Dickerson grew up in Cairo, Ohio, a village of about 500 people north of Lima. He enlisted 21 years ago.

"Some of my motivation was to see the world," he said.

He was stationed at Pearl Harbor for 18 months as operations officer of the USS Chaffee guided missile destroyer. It was humbling being near the USS Arizona battleship, sunk during the Japanese attack of Dec. 7, 1941.

Of 1,177 crew killed, 945 are entombed in the wreck.

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A Niagara crewman stands on the rat lines.

POINTER OF INTEREST

For the love of music

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Music is Josias Yglesias's life. "I love music," said the 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident whose band, Sias, is in the process of self-producing its first album, "The Blues and Greens." Named after Yglesias, lead singer and guitarist, the band has spent the past year recording between Tempermill Studios in Ferndale and Harmonie Park Recording Studio in Detroit, trying to find a reliable space with a clean, clear sound in time for a January release. Yglesias will soon venture to Boston, where he'll at-

tend, on scholarship, the Berklee College of Music, a small school of 4,131 students founded in 1945 by Lawrence Berk and the first in the United States to teach jazz. There, he'll study music business and music engineering.

"It's been pretty challenging," the 2011 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate said of recording the album, something he hopes, when released, helps promote a sample of the more than 50 songs he's written in the past few years.

"I've never recorded them," he said. "I usually try recording them in my house, but you never get that right sound. I've always been trying to pro-

mote myself. There's nothing really to promote if I don't have any music to pass out to people."

In the meantime, while the record's in production, Yglesias and his band mates, Scott Posada, guitarist; Walter Bridgforth, drummer and son of Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter, Anita Baker; and Haley Grant, pianist, all of whom he met while at South, have turned to other promoting avenues. When the others are home from college, the band hosts sessions at Telly's Place in Grosse Pointe Woods and Blue Pointe Restaurant in Detroit. Yglesias performs solo, acoustic sets and with his brother, Jacob, as well. The performances also serve to finance the album's production.

"I put everything I get from Telly's and Blue Pointe into recording, into music as a whole," said Yglesias, who's started experimenting with viral promoting, recently opening accounts on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and a website. "It's all music. Sometimes gas, but most of the time just music."

For Yglesias, it's always been about the music. As



Sias band members, from left, Josias Yglesias, Scott Posada and Walter Bridgforth, play at a local restaurant.

a child, he'd play air guitar. He started pursuing it seriously during the middle of his freshman year at South, about a year after his parents bought him a guitar for Christmas.

"I had no idea how to play it and I was kind of waiting around for lessons. My parents are like, 'Here, if you want to learn you can teach yourself,'" Yglesias said. "I picked up the guitar, practiced every day. I didn't have one lesson or anything."

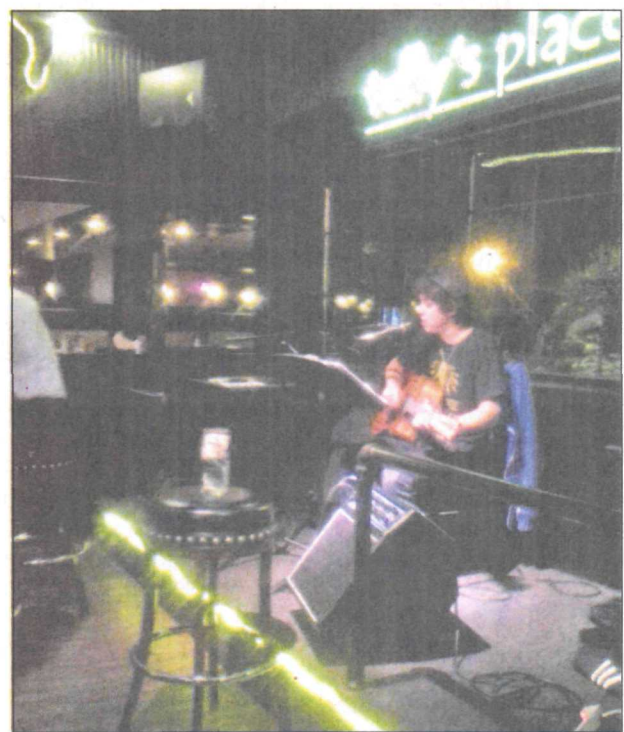
Lessons weren't necessary. The self-taught guitarist had YouTube. Watching videos educated him in tabs and chords, namely, the G, C and D chords. In time he picked up on patterns and played cover songs until he was comfortable with each chord.

"Thank God for the Internet," said Yglesias, who soon followed the guitar with songwriting, his passion. "I take pride in my lyrics especially. If I could classify myself as

one thing I'd say I'm a songwriter. Songwriting has been carrying me through everything.

"From ninth grade up I started writing songs and I've been writing songs all the time. It takes up my whole life. I love music."

Yglesias performs at Telly's 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays until Sept. 10, when he'll play Wednesday and Saturday. He also plays at Blue Pointe 6 to 10 p.m. Thursdays.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JOSIAS YGLESIAS

Yglesias during a solo session at Telly's Place.

TAG: City manager issue settled in Shores

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Seventeen people applied for manager, a role Wollenweber held under short-term contract since late March.

"I've enjoyed working here," Wollenweber said. "People in the community are wonderful. The staff goes out of its way. I've appreciated their support and help in getting things done."

Wollenweber's employment history includes former city administrator of Grosse Pointe Woods and retired manager of St. Clair Shores.

"We needed somebody with experience who did not need to learn the ropes," Kedzierski said.

Wollenweber impressed the council during his interim tenure.

"On the finance committee, I've work hand-in-glove with him," said Councilman Robert Gessell. "He has facilitated a lot of things to get that budget balanced and three years of budgets in line. I strongly support Mr. Wollenweber."

"We had four months to see how (he) relates to people," Kedzierski said. "There is concern about

morale. A couple people came up to me and said, thank God our interim manager is in place because they were prepared to leave us."

Wollenweber won the job at a trot.

A top rival pulled out late in the selection process knowing Wollenweber was in the field.

"I would not have submitted my application had I known he was a candidate," wrote Jeffrey Bremmer, one of three applicants out of 17 making it to the penultimate cut, in a withdrawal letter.

Not perfect

Councilman Dan Schulte criticized the selection process.

Although Schulte served on the three-member manager search committee with Bisballe and Councilman Robert

Barrette, he disagreed with the way Wollenweber was chosen.

Schulte supported both Wollenweber's hiring and Bremmer's claim of not knowing Wollenweber was in the mix.

Schulte also said candidates should have been recruited and culled by a professional search firm.

Bisballe was first to disagree.

"You read a letter from somebody (Bremmer) saying they were not aware Mr. Wollenweber was a candidate," Bisballe said to Schulte. "In fact, that candidate's wife dropped his application off to Mr. Wollenweber and had a conversation. She was told he was applying for the job because they're acquaintances. He (Bremmer) was disingenuous when he says he doesn't know."

"That I didn't know," Schulte said.

"No. 2, you wanted to put the (job) application on Craig's List," Bisballe said.

"So?" Schulte said.

"Isn't that a far cry from a professional (search firm)?" Bisballe said.

He added, "We sit here tonight ready to move forward and make a decision."

"We all agreed that everything was going smoothly," said Councilman Robert Barrette regarding the search committee. "Then, things changed. We made the right selection. I move we move forward."

"The process wasn't perfect, but the important thing is getting the right man for the job. We have that," said Councilman Dr. Alex Ajlouni.

"We could sit here all day and nitpick what we've done wrong. Not everything's been perfect."

TRIAL: Bashara has new attorney

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to work out a plea deal for her client.

No one else has been charged in Jane Bashara's death, nor has anyone other than Gentz been named on the conspiracy charge. Bashara has long been identified as a person of interest in the murder, but Maria Miller, spokeswoman for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office would not comment on whether additional charges against Bashara will be brought.

He was arrested June 25 in Grosse Pointe Park on the solicitation to murder charge. According to police, Bashara offered to pay Detroit appliance store owner Steve Tibaud to arrange to have Gentz killed in the Dickerson Correctional Facility where he has been incarcerated since his arrest in March.

Prosecutors have Bashara and Tibaud on tape discussing the murder of Gentz. Bashara pleaded not guilty at his arraignment in July. He remains in the Wayne

County Jail in lieu of a \$15 million cash bond.

Bashara will be represented at trial by a new attorney, Mark Kriger. His former attorney, David Griem, will himself be in court on Tuesday, Sept. 4, to discuss whether he improperly shared discovery information in the Jane Bashara murder case with members of Bob Bashara's family. Griem removed himself as Bashara's attorney in July, stating that he and his client "we're no longer on the same page, we're not even in the same book."

Navy event at War Memorial

Area chefs lead teams made up of U.S. Navy culinary specialists, veterans, community leaders, media and youth join in Chef-Ahoy 2012 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

They combine pantry basics, fresh and organic produce, herbs from local

farms and mystery ingredients from navy history during the War of 1812 to create food samples.

The teams have three to four hours to prepare the food tastings of celebrity judges and guests.

General admission is \$15 which allows attendees to view the cooking competition, access to

vendor displays, beverages and restaurant samplings.

Tickets for the skipper's table cost \$50.

This is an official event of the U.S. Navy's Bicentennial of the War of 1812.

For tickets, visit chef-ahoy.eventbrite.com.

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OUR VIEW

Changes continue in the Shores

While Republicans gathered in Tampa have told us all week it's time for change, Grosse Pointe Shores has done nothing but change since last year's election. A host of new council members and a new mayor were elected to work together and solve problems. So far, they seem to be looking at everything.

The firestorm of a potential \$1 million liability with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club was settled earlier this year, with a small, interest-free payment for the next 16 years covering the reduced debt of \$400,000. After years of secret tolling agreements and extensions, the case is settled. It needed to be over and it is. There was change when city manager Brian Vick resigned in March. Rumored to be on the way out after the election, Vick left and was a finalist for the Ypsilanti city manager spot two months later. And there was speculation of change as a committee was formed to seek information about Grosse Pointe Shores moving to Macomb County.

This week, Mark Wollenweber, a familiar face in communities to the west and north of the Shores, had the word "interim" dropped from his city manager title.

Also in the last week, the committee for the move to Macomb was disbanded with a promise the issue isn't dead, there's just other things to work on right now. And the third big story out of last week's city council meeting was the city cutting ties with Mark McNerney and the Clark Hill law firm as its legal counsel.

The city will save money in the move, though this change has been one of many rumored since the tolling agreements were made public in this newspaper last November.

It's a series of tough decisions that should show Grosse Pointe Shores residents this group is willing to look at everything. That's what's needed.

Grass isn't always greener

The move to Macomb County, while exciting on the surface, especially if you're talking about paying taxes, may not be the answer. While it's true that laws can be changed, this one from 1974 clearly states the majority of voters from Wayne County would have to agree to let Grosse Pointe Shores move out.

That won't happen. We've asked some administrators from other Wayne County communities and they want the Grosse Pointe Shores tax revenue to stay right here.

Counting on the state to change the law is a long-shot, at best.

There are a little more than a dozen communities in our state's 83 counties that fall in multiple counties, including two more in Wayne County - Northville (Oakland) and Flat Rock (Monroe).

While the committee looked at many factors, the city has to look at what's best in its long-term interests. It goes well beyond website features and marriage license fees that were part of a PowerPoint-like presentation.

The future synergies of the Grosse Pointes may be hampered by a move. And if services are less than what they are now, seawall repairs fall into the city's lap, or moving jeopardizes the relationship with the Grosse Pointe Public School System, residents would be begging to come back to Wayne County.

Committee leader and Councilman Dan Schulte may have summed it up best when he discussed what residents want out of a move to Macomb County.

"A lot of people are looking for absolute guarantees. This is like a marriage. You don't get one."

There's a lot of information needed before the Shores can say "I do."

Looking at this will require a much deeper dive. There's too much at stake.

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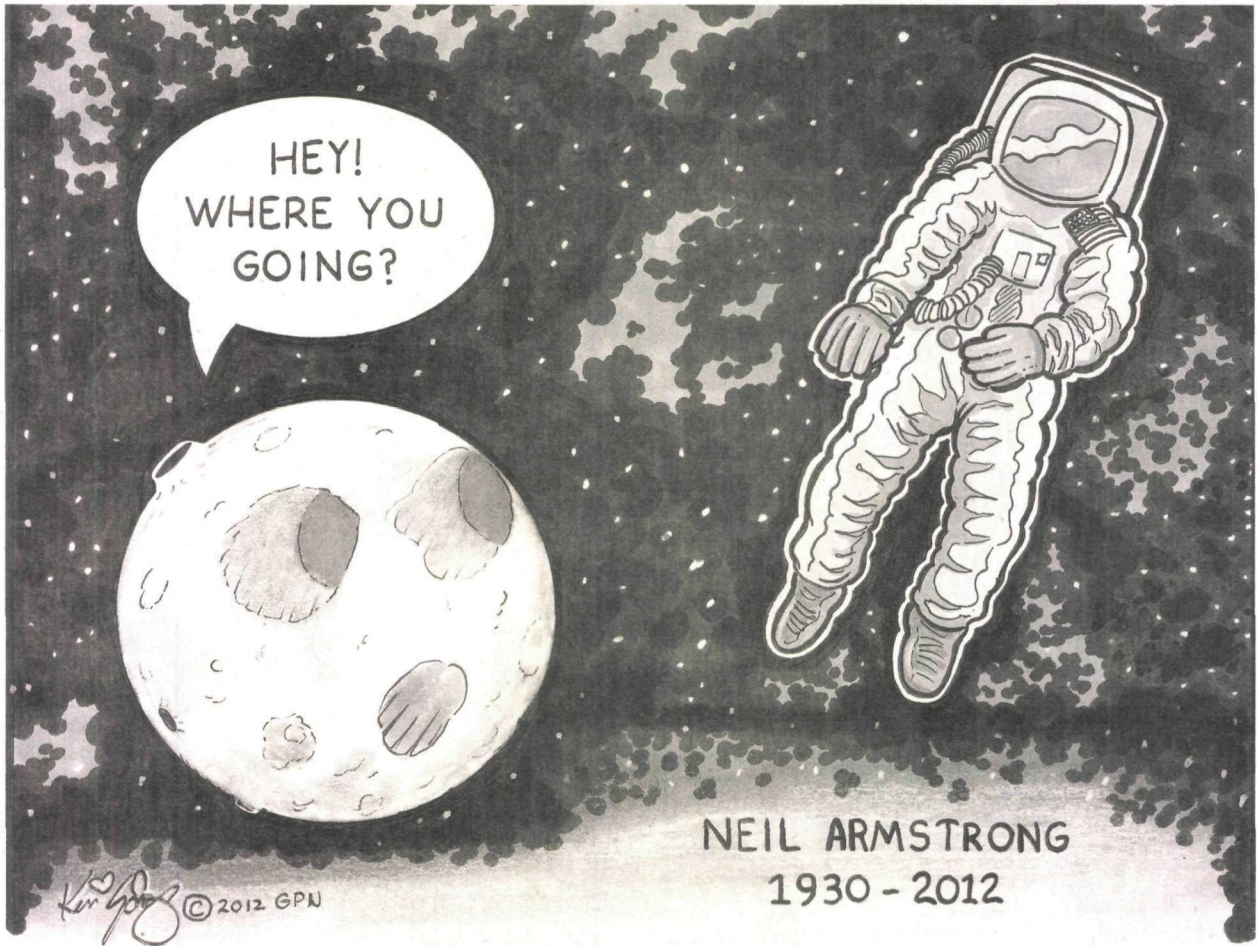
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I SAY By Bob St. John

It's that time of year, football



Are you ready for some football? I sure am and we will get plenty of it during the next four months as the Detroit Lions, state colleges and universities and high schools are ready to go.

Last year the Lions showed a glimpse of how good they can be with a 10-6 regular season. They made the playoffs, but lost to New Orleans in the first round.

After a decade of losing, including an 0-16 season a few years ago, Lions fans were ready to give up on this sad-sack franchise. However, with head coach Jim Schwartz and the maturation of standout quarterback Matthew Stafford and the best wide receiver in football, Calvin Johnson, the Lions roared once again.

Expectations are higher and rightfully so. Stafford has talented wide receivers to throw to with Johnson, Titus Young, Ryan Broyles and Nate Burleson, joining tight ends Tony Scheffler and Brandon Pettigrew.

The offensive line is strong and should give Stafford plenty of time to throw.

However, one negative

is a suspect running game. Concussion-prone Jahvid Best and Mikel Leshoure can form a potent one-two punch, but both are coming off injuries. Best is still unable to play following a concussion sustained last season and Leshoure is working his way back from an Achilles injury and missed the entire 2011 season.

Kevin Smith might just be the most reliable tailback the team has and don't be surprised to see him flourish.

The defense is solid, but it has holes, including defensive backs. The front seven has to get pressure on the opposing quarterback to limit the defensive backs' deficiencies.

This means Ndamukong Suh, Corey Williams, Cliff Avril, Kyle Vanden Bosch and Nick Fairley must be at their best. In addition, linebackers Justin Durant, Stephen Tulloch and DeAndre Levy have to play well.

If Stafford gets hurt, Shaun Hill is his backup.

The schedule should allow the Lions to get back to the playoffs, but winning a division title might be tough with the Green Bay Packers looking very tough. In addition, Chicago improved, making it a possible three-team race to the top.

Only the Minnesota Vikings are poor and it will not be in the running.

I can see the Lions winning 10 or 11 games and earning a wild-card spot. The National Football Conference's top teams, in my opinion, are Green Bay, San Francisco, New York Giants, New Orleans, Atlanta, Philadelphia and Chicago. Five of these teams will join the Lions in the NFL playoffs.

Forget about Dallas, Washington, Minnesota, Carolina, Tampa Bay, Seattle, St. Louis and Arizona. These teams are too inconsistent to make the playoffs. Some might fight for a spot, but in the end they will fail.

Our top college football programs at the Division I level, University of Michigan and Michigan State University, field top 15-ranked teams at the national level.

Both programs are coming off big bowl wins with Michigan beating Virginia Tech 23-20 and Michigan State defeating Georgia 33-30. Both were signature victories giving them momentum heading into this season.

Both are ranked in the top 15 in the nation and each start with tough season openers. U-M plays defending national champ Alabama at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at Cowboys Stadium, while MSU hosts highly touted Boise State at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31. Two wins for the good guys would set up the season nicely.

Most likely MSU will be undefeated and U-M should have one loss heading into their showdown Saturday, Oct. 20, in Ann Arbor. This could decide the Big Ten Legends Division.

I don't see Iowa, Minnesota, Northwestern or even Nebraska being in contention. In the Leaders Division, Ohio State is ineligible for a bowl game due to NCAA sanctions, leaving Wisconsin the heavy favorite to play in the Big Ten championship game.

In the Mid American Conference, Western Michigan, Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan are in the West Division. Northern Illinois is once again the favorite. Can each make a bowl game this season?

Local college Wayne State made an improbable run to the Division II championship game last year. The Warriors return some very good players and have a nice shot to return to the playoffs and do well.

Of course, Hillsdale and Grand Valley field solid teams, but others in the GLIAC are getting better in the state of Michigan.

At the local level, Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett have great chances to make the state playoffs. Six wins gets them in.

See everyone on the football fields.

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Why I will never work again

After 30 years working with a bank and 10 years as director of a state quality award program, I retired from the workforce in 2003 and have never looked back.

As I approach being a septuagenarian in March, I look back on my work history with fondness, satisfaction, accomplishment and maybe a bit of frustration. There were highs and lows with great bosses and management teams and a smattering of jerks disguised as senior management.

As I interact with former colleagues, neighbors and friends who are still employed, I am firmly convinced remaining on the sidelines and avoiding the struggles many are now experiencing is the right choice for me.

Here is what I am hearing about today's work environment and what people

are growing tired and weary of:

◆ Being bought out by a foreign entity and then having to comply with rules and regulations from people who lack the understanding to appreciate the focus of the company, its staff and the culture.

◆ Attempting to combine the operations of two different companies after what is commonly referred to as, a "merger of equals." History has shown there is no such thing as a merger of equals. Just ask the Daimler Chrysler employees about that!

◆ Attending weekly or daily "update meetings" where there is no set agenda or time frame for the meeting where everyone touts their accomplishments and fails to disclose any upcoming activities that may have an adverse impact on the company.

◆ Receiving a project with a stretch deadline on-

ly to discover no one in management reviewed the report for weeks.

◆ Preparing a plan to decentralize all the departments and discovering several years later a consulting firm has been hired to centralize the same departments again.

◆ Not being able to take a vacation without fear your position will be studied and perhaps eliminated while you are away. It is for that reason many employees do not take a vacation. Fear of losing one's job seems to permeate the workforce these days.

◆ Performance reviews are a waste of time especially the so-called "360 Degree Performance Reviews" where everyone on the team gets an opportunity to disparage or praise a colleague. These reviews tend to only be popularity contests.

I suspect if I re-entered the workforce and attended a meeting where any of these phrases or words

came up, I would make a quick exit: synergy, a glass half full or half empty, can't see the forest for the trees, game changer, cutting edge, show stopper, downsizing, rightsizing, lateral move, paradigms, thinking outside the box or low hanging fruit.

Any organization that has won the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award or is on a list of the "100 Best Companies To Work For" are exempt from all the above nonsense. Also, keep in mind Plante & Moran, the certified public accounting and business advisory firm has a notation on their website that the company is "relatively jerk free." Now that's a company all of us can embrace and work for. And that my friends is a positive "game changer." Yikes, did I say that!

Kalmar is the former director of the Michigan Quality Council and a former resident of Grosse Pointe.

NAVY: History visits

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The names of dead fill 14, single-spaced pages in "Battleship Arizona," by Paul Stillwell.

"The Arizona is still bleeding oil," Dickerson said. "The ghosts of the past ring loud. It makes me proud that they didn't die in vain."

Dickerson said one of his daily challenges is keeping the crew from getting cocky.

"We have to train and plan things properly so we can continue to be the best," Dickerson said. "I have a lot of pride knowing I'm in the best navy the world has ever seen. The ships we have now are the best that ever existed in history."

PASTA: Join the fun

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Pasta Nights, the first of which is set for Wednesday, Sept. 5.

The dinners are open to all Grosse Pointe residents, not just Park residents.

"We're looking forward to sharing our park with our neighbors," said Terry Solomon, director of Parks and Recreation for Grosse Pointe Park.

The Park Café's head chef and proprietress Mary Lou Muer hosts the dinners at the Park's Tompkins Center on the first Wednesdays of September, October and November, with a special Sunday night dinner on Dec. 2. Dinners include both a meat and meatless pasta, salad and fresh cooked rolls and are \$10 per person. There will be two seatings each night, the first from 5 to 6 p.m. and a second seating from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Parks office, (313) 822-2812, ext. 201 or by e-mail at marina@grossepointepark.org.

"Everyone hates to see summer end," Muer said, "and we thought these gatherings would be a nice way to keep that sense of community that we feel throughout the summer going into the winter months."

Muer and Solomon want to keep the dinners casual and fun.

"We really want this to be a gathering spot, a way to connect over the fall and winter," Muer said. "We want families to feel as welcome as singles. We're encouraging adults to bring their own wine or beer or other spirits and to reconnect with neighbors and even make some new friends."

While Muer noted the Park Café officially closes on Labor Day, she said it will be open on Tuesday nights through September to accommodate boaters who participate in the Tuesday night races.

Meeting rife with shakeups

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — On this night of long knives and sharp pencils, the new city council cut a quarter-century connection with Grosse Pointe Shores' legal advisors, prepared to do the same with an even longer-term engineering consultant and removed, without notice, the mayor pro tem from an appointed post.

The seachange came at the Tuesday, Aug. 21, council meeting.

"Mark, we had a very tough vote," Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski told municipal attorney, Mark McInerney, of the Clark Hill law firm. "We made a change in corporate council."

Switching firms saves the city 20 percent in legal fees and conforms with a two-year budget projection capping anticipated legal expenses at \$100,000 annually.

Engineering

The council also instructed the city manager and public works director to investigate matching individual engineering firms with particular projects rather than retaining a single, overall provider.

The query may threaten the standing of Hubbell, Roth & Clark consulting engineers as the city's sole advisor.

Up for review

The council, which includes four attorneys, put legal and engineering contracts up for review last April.

"When we put this out,

we were looking at a shortfall of about \$490,000," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

"When we came into office, we agreed to review all vendors and large suppliers and put them out for quote," added Bruce Bisballe, one of five first-term council member and chairman of the finance committee.

Legal

Clark Hill's bid of \$54,000 per year for general counsel was in the upper range of quotes submitted by eight competing firms.

City officials replaced Clark Hill with the firm of Foster Swift Collins & Smith. Its \$42,000 bid and experience with municipal matters were key in winning the council's unanimous vote.

"They are one of the best known firms in the municipal field in the state," said Councilwoman Kay Felt.

"Foster Swift represents at least 150 municipalities across the state," Bisballe added. "Clark Hill represents two."

"All things being equal in our bidding process, I don't think we'd have made a change," Kedzierski told McInerney. "But, everyone's taking concessions. Our budget is \$100,000 this year and we have a chance to come in under \$70,000."

"I'm certainly disappointed," McInerney said. "The city council is functioning very well, as is the city as a whole. I've enjoyed working in this community for almost 25 years. I wish you all the best."

For criminal prosecution services, the council maintained its current firm, O'Reilly Rancilio, but at less cost than this year.

"They bid \$15,000 two years ago," Kedzierski said. "(They) sharpened their pencil and reduced it to \$14,000."

"From a prosecutorial standpoint, they are responsive to our needs," said Public Safety Director John Schulte. "I have no issue with (the firm)."

Overall Shores legal fees for fiscal year 2012 are \$141,000, according to Kedzierski.

"This year's legal expenses were unusually high," he said. "We had the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (water billing) issue (and) collective bargaining."

Changing professional services isn't new.

"We changed auditors a couple years ago," Kedzierski said. "We went from (paying) \$45,000 to \$17,000."

Council change

Mayor pro tem Dan Schulte left the meeting shortly after voting to change legal firms.

He wasn't present when remaining members unanimously supported Kedzierski's motion to remove him as public relations liaison.

"I haven't had a chance to ask Dan to withdraw, but I think it's in the best interest," Kedzierski said. "I will call Dan the first thing in the morning and advise him of this."

Kedzierski replaced Schulte with Ajlouni.

"He (Ajlouni) indicated a willingness to do it," Kedzierski said.

Ajlouni's first major task is preparing the next edition of the community newsletter, "Shorelines." The issue is due this fall and scheduled to include an article on the state of the

city.

Kedzierski said he based the reassignment on Schulte's decision to run for state representative.

"In order to avoid the appearance of impropriety, conflicts of interests or violations of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, I think we need to make this effective today," Kedzierski said. "Dan Schulte has the absolute right to run for another office, but he's in elected office right now. I don't want his opponents using this as a potential claim of using the power of the podium to promote a new elected office."

Schulte, contacted this week, called the decision "an act of cowardice" without honorable justification.

"The mayor and council did not have the decency to make the decision in my presence," Schulte said. "I left the meeting early because of a family emergency. Kedzierski knew this."

The campaign rationale is groundless, he added.

"I do not use council meetings to campaign," Schulte said. "(I) suspect Kedzierski plans to place misleading information in the 'Shorelines' newsletter."

He perceived the reassignment as retribution.

"This decision came across as retaliation by the mayor because I challenged several of his decisions," Schulte said.

All council assignments and mayoral appointees are subject to review by year's end, Kedzierski said.

"We'll be looking at new volunteers and examining all committees to make sure we (are) advancing the best interests of the city," he said.

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Grosse Pointe's Summer Select Choir sixth graders sing "Let's Twist Again."

Summer concert success

Select students from the Grosse Pointe Public School System's fourth grade to high school choirs showcased their vocal talents during two performances Friday, Aug. 17, at Brownell Middle School's Performing Arts Center.

Performances marked the conclusion to a week-long summer workshop, in which about 400 students participated, several of who earned spots as soloists.

They were: Juliana Brenner, Melody Balos, Gowri Yerramalli,

Andrew Nurmi, Megan Eisengruber, Jacob Surzyn, Lauren Dessinger and Grace Muawad.

The workshop was led by vocal music department chairs Carolyn Gross and Glen Hipple and included guest director Cara Tasher and choreographer Annette Layman. Tasher, director of choral activities at the University of North Florida with an extensive résumé that includes conducting choral ensembles across the United States and overseas, worked with the workshop's high school students.

Layman, a freelance choreographer and founder and director of Arts Mission, a Durham, N.C.-based organization providing performing arts opportunities for children of all ages, assisted elementary and middle school-aged children.

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Project sparks dialogue

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

A group of administrators from 12 districts have collaborated over the past nine months on a project known as the Peer District Project, a data- and discussion-driven group organized to answer the question, "Who are we going to compare ourselves with, and what can we learn from those comparables?"

Participating administrators are from public school districts in Grosse Pointe, Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, East Grand Rapids, Forest Hills, Northville, Novi, Okemos, Rochester, Saline and Troy.

"Our key goal was instruction," said Jon Dean, Grosse Pointe Public School System Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services and one of the project's founders. "So we've been meeting quarterly — Birmingham hosted the first in February; Grosse Pointe hosted the second meeting in May — where we brought all the leaders, the superintendents, the instructional people, the HR people, we invited them all. We've identified a group of metrics and things that we're trying to target."

In their initial meetings and discussions, project administrators have tar-

geted creating a separate grouping with the Northwest Evaluation Association for comparing results amongst each other rather than all Michigan districts. They've also focused on math achievement and differentiating instruction academically for students at the middle school level. While not the lone metrics of concern for administrators, current discussions have established a benchmark of information that's already sparked questions within the individual districts.

"We really didn't feel comfortable a while back that we had good, standing benchmarks that we feel that provided us with valid information to make good decisions," GPPSS Superintendent Tom Harwood said. "We didn't know where we stood. Right now, we're looking at a couple of things — we're looking at where do we stand as a school system in regards to providing support to students, their achievement, their growth."

"But what we also are finding, as we get into the data, it's causing us to ask the questions about, why is this data showing up this way? Where are we at in regards to this performance? Why are we maybe behind in this area, but so far ahead in others? It will drive our in-

structional practices, it will drive the curriculum decisions we make, it may drive different ways that we'll assess students regarding common assessments and different activities."

The previous lack of such questions is what led Dean and Steve Palmer and David Larson, two administrators from Birmingham Public Schools, Dean's previous district of employment, to start the project. Initially, the trio met with Oakland schools to identify a set of assessment indicators to determine comparable districts. A review of 40 districts' composite MEAP scores in reading and math, average percentage of level I performers, average composite ACT scores, percentage of Bachelor of Arts degrees or higher within the community and percentage of free and reduced lunch recipients revealed 21 districts that performed consistently in each.

"So we started to look for districts that were our approximate size — we were trying to get a group of about 10 districts to work with — and we lined up all that data and we determined there were 12 districts," Dean said.

Administrators have scheduled four meetings for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Data sheds light on district needs

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Based on data collected from Peer District Project research, the overall view of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, according to Jon Dean, is "we have significant areas that we'd like to improve and we need to start having dialogues around those areas of improvement."

The Peer District Project is a group of administrators from 12 districts using data to drive discussions about improving curriculum and instruction. Compared to the 12 districts — Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, East Grand Rapids, Forest Hills, Northville, Novi, Okemos, Rochester, Saline and Troy — Grosse Pointe ranked 12 in math, 12 in science, 10 in social studies, 10 in reading and 9 in writing in the spring 2012 Michigan Merit Exam scores. It's a telling discrepancy, but one Dean and GPPSS Superintendent Tom

Harwood caution against overanalyzing.

"I wouldn't worry necessarily that we went from 11 to 12 in science because that could be a tiny blip," Dean said. "But I'll tell you, like Dr. Harwood said, I worry that there's a whole lot of 10s, 11s and 12s overall. You can't take one little bit of data, take that one little spat that we're 12 in science and extrapolate that to mean there's a crisis in the sense that there could be six districts that are all around that little band right there."

Instead, GPPSS administrators are delving into the data collected with the peer districts to open more productive, more focused discussions about Grosse Pointe's curriculum and instructional practices. They're aggregating data further, tracking the class sequence a student takes in any given subject and correlating it to his proficiency or non-proficiency in NWEA, MME and MEAP testing. Doing so will help identify areas of instruction and

curriculum in need of improvement.

Recent discussions have focused on differentiated instruction for students at the middle school level and math achievement, mainly because math lends itself to more tracking data than other subjects. The intention is for similar reviews of all subjects.

"We believe we're in the group of good school systems in the State of Michigan. Our goal is to be a great school system in the State of Michigan," Harwood said. "So as we look at our peer group, we're looking at using that information to see what are the pieces we can walk away with, that we will now be able to have data available to us to show that those interventions are going to be helpful for us — be it the curriculum piece, be it the instructional piece, all those different intervention strategies, and I think we're hopefully setting the stage for good dialogue and discussion from this point."

Students meet new principal



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Kerby Elementary School second grader Amanda Frantz gives a flower to her new principal, Melanie O'Neil. O'Neil hosted a Popsicles with the Principal event Thursday, Aug. 23.

OBITUARIES

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

Winifred B. Van Dike

Winifred B. Van Dike, 94, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2012.

Born in Trenton, N.J., to Ada Adelia (nee Phillips) and Edmund Burroughs, she attended Rider College, now Rider University, near Trenton and began her secretarial career at the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company.

She married Louis Hancock Van Dike Jr. in 1944. Her husband's job brought them to Detroit and they moved to Grosse Pointe in 1957. Mrs. Van Dike worked for the Grosse Pointe Public School System for 17 years, retiring in 1983 as secretary to the superintendent.

Mrs. Van Dike and her husband had season tickets to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for many years. They also enjoyed their friends at the Detroit Yacht Club, traveling and playing bridge. Mrs. Van Dike displayed her prowess at bridge well into her 80s.

Her spare time was usually devoted to reading, everything from mysteries to the New York Times, and once retired, she liked to work on the Times' crossword puzzle.

When her daughter was young, vacations were often a return to New Jersey to visit family and would include trips to New York City at Christmas and the Jersey Shore in the summer. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with good friends and family.

Mrs. Van Dike is survived by her daughter, Mary Winifred (Harry R. Kurrie); granddaughters, Kimberly Kurrie-Louis and Jennifer Kurrie; great-grandsons, Matthew and Benjamin Louis; sister-in-law, Louise Burroughs and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Louis, and her brothers, Edmund Walter Burroughs M.D., Paul Denman Burroughs, Reginald Case Burroughs and Charles Wesley Burroughs M.D.

Mrs. Van Dike's family would like to thank the entire staff at Sunrise on Vernier for the kindness and devoted care they provided.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org or Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Faith Emily Graves

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Faith Emily Graves, 81, passed away peacefully Friday, Aug. 24, 2012, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born April 21, 1931, on her grandparents' farm in South Range, Minn., to Arthur and Emily (nee Nylund) Heckman. Her family eventually moved to the Detroit area where she graduated in 1949 from McKenzie High School.

The oldest of eight children, "Fay" often returned to her birthplace to spend many memorable summers with her grandparents.

She married Richard J. Graves in 1950 and together they raised their three children in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mrs. Graves loved traveling with her children and grandchildren, bowling and playing cards with her friends. Most of all, she loved cooking.

Mrs. Graves changed the hot lunch program at St. Paul School by preparing home-cooked meals, including homemade bread, for the students and staff. She retired after 25 years of operating the program. The nuns and priests asked her to continue cooking at the convent and rectory, which she did for several more years.

When not cooking, Mrs.

Graves could be found enjoying time at a book sale, garage sale, estate sale, or even a candy sale. Her family said she often commented that half-price candy tasted better than full-price candy.

Throughout her life, she maintained her sense of humor and enjoyed a good prank or a funny story.

Mrs. Graves is survived by her children, Richard J. Graves Jr., Marilyn McMahon (Michael) and Thomas Graves (Anne); grandchildren, Leah and Rory Schroeder, Thomas Jr. and Sarah Graves and Mackenzie and Austin McMahon; brothers, Alan, Arthur (Barbara) and David (Kathy) Heckman; sisters, Joyce Corey (Fred), Patricia Bruton and Fern Davis and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Richard J. Graves Sr. and her sister, Norma LaForge.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

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Frank Grassi

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Frank Grassi, 66, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012.

He was the beloved husband of Teresa; loving father of Angela Grassi (Chris), Scott and Cristina Sullivan (Mark); proud grandfather of Luca, Henry and Ana and dear brother of Maria Paolucci (Emilio), Joseph Grassi (Susan) and Enrica Van Lewen (Michael). He also is survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 25 at St. Philomena Catholic Church in Detroit.



Winifred B. Van Dike



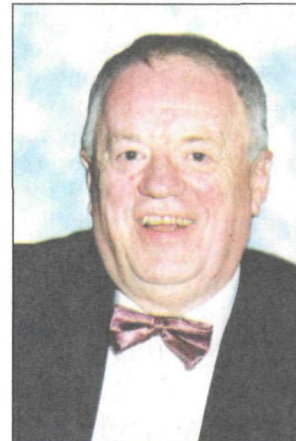
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Aileen O'Brien Graef

Aileen O'Brien Graef, 47, died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012, in Vero Beach, Fla., after a lengthy battle with cancer.

She was born Oct. 30, 1964, and lived in Grosse Pointe. In her early teens she demonstrated what became a life-long passionate concern for others by logging a record number of hours as a candy-striper at Bon Secours Hospital.

After graduation from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1983, she attended Endicott College in Beverly, Mass., where she studied hotel management.

In 1985, Mrs. Graef moved to Florida — first to Tampa and a year later to Vero Beach — where she worked for a local resort hotel. A self-taught cook, she attended culinary school and became an assistant chef at the Disney Resort in Vero Beach until she realized the demands of the job conflicted with her most important responsibility: raising two daughters. As the girls, now 22 and 17, grew older, she held sales associate positions with

Macy's and two local women's stores.

Mrs. Graef is survived by her daughters, Aileen C. Graef and Katherine R. Graef and her father, Miles M. O'Brien Jr., all of Vero Beach and a brother, Miles M. O'Brien III of Washington D.C.

She was predeceased by her mother, Carol A. O'Brien, last December.

A Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 500 Iris Lane, Vero Beach.

Donations may be made to the VNA/Hospice Foundation, 1110 35th Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32960.

Thomas J. Clancy

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Thomas J. Clancy, 84, died peacefully Monday, Aug. 20, 2012, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe after an extended illness.

He was born Oct. 23, 1927, in Detroit to Thomas and Helena Clancy. He was a 1946 high school graduate of Sacred Heart Seminary and attended three years of college classes at the seminary. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Mr. Clancy was a probation officer for Wayne County, retiring in 1980 after 30 years of service. He was known for his commitment to the criminal justice system.

He was a devout Catholic and his faith was the foundation of how he conducted his life.

Mr. Clancy is survived by his sisters, Noreen

Szyborski and Catherine Kosanke.

A Mass of Resurrection was celebrated Aug. 23 at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Harper Woods.

Joseph H. Carollo

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Joseph H. Carollo, 86, died Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2012, from complications of Parkinson's disease. He was a resident of West Bloomfield and Naples, Fla.

He was born July 24, 1926, in Detroit, to Rocco and Bessie Carollo, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a member of the Seabees.

Throughout his life, Mr. Carollo enjoyed traveling, hunting, scuba diving, boating and living and working on the water. He was a member of the "Old Goats" Club at Bayview Yacht Club for having sailed in more than 25 Port Huron to Mackinac races.

He was the owner and operator of U.S. Marine Salvage and the Windsor Detroit Barge Line during his career.

Mr. Carollo was predeceased by his first wife, Patricia E. and his wife, Edna M., who died July 18, 2012.

He will be missed by his daughters, Cynthia Carollo of Michigan and Susan Carollo of Colorado; stepsons, David Keane of Michigan and James Keane of Florida; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

An entertaining evening



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe's summer show choir and vocal jazz workshop, "That's Entertainment," concluded last weekend with a two-show performance Saturday, Aug. 25. Students performed numbers from movies, such as "Cats," "The Muppets Movie" and others. Pictured above, high school-aged students sing and dance to "Time Warp" from "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Super drunk

A citizen helped police get a drunken driver off the road.

Starting at about 9:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, the citizen called the public safety dispatcher about following a red 2010 Chevrolet Cobalt being driven erratically on northbound Cadieux.

The dispatcher relayed the information to patrolmen.

"Dispatch advised the vehicle was weaving all over the roadway," said a public safety officer.

Police stopped the driver, a 40-year-old Allen Park woman, on southbound Lorraine near Mack.

She failed a series of field sobriety tests and registered a .311 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

The amount is nearly four times the state legal limit to operate a motor vehicle.

"(The woman) was transported to (a hospital) and admitted for precautionary measures," said an officer.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Wheels taken

All Farms patrolmen headed their cruisers to the 400 block of McKinley at 4:55 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, in response to a reported car theft in progress.

A resident calling 911 described a man wearing a red jacket or hooded sweatshirt trying to steal a GMC parked on the street.

Officers came upon the vehicle propped on bricks and a jack. Its four, 20-inch chrome wheels were gone. The loss totaled \$2,000, according to the owner.

Drunken biker

A drunken motorcyclist with a 35-year-old female passenger from Sterling Heights was caught at 12:48 a.m. Friday, Aug. 24, trying to flee police, according to arresting officers.

The two officers tried to question the cyclist, a 36-year-old St. Clair Shores man, on private school property in the 100 block of Lakeshore.

"The motorcycle opera-

tor disregarded (my) order and fled from the area," said an officer, adding he had to jump out of the cycle's way.

The man sped westbound on Lakeshore until caught on Cherryhurst Drive, a dead-end, the officer added.

"(He) stated he believed (the officers) were security guards and he did not want to get arrested for trespassing," said one of the patrolmen. "(He) stated he was not attempting to flee from police, as he was unfamiliar with the area and was attempting to locate a thru street."

The man had a .09 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

Alarm sounds

Police are giving watch to a house in the 300 block of Chalfonte.

At 1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20, a burglar alarm sounded at the dwelling.

The resident discovered a door ajar. Nothing appeared stolen, but some things in the house may have been moved, the resident told police.

Window broken

The driver-side window of a green 1999 Jeep Cherokee parked at the curb on Meadow Lane was broken between 3:30 a.m. and noon Saturday, Aug. 18, according to its 21-year-old male owner.

"The hole in the tempered glass window was consistent with a BB gun or window punch," said a patrolman.

Break-in

Sometime between 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17, and 6:50 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, someone removed a kitchen window screen and entered a house in the 400 block of Roland Court, stealing a \$500 Sony laptop computer.

"(Officers) observed several dresser drawers and closet doors open throughout the house," said a patrolman.

The residents weren't home during the break-in.

A neighbor noticed the screen removed at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18.

Spits mint

A 15-year-old Farms male was questioned last weekend about throwing something at a passing vehicle.

A few minutes after 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, a 40-year-old male motorist from the Farms reported the teen throwing a rock or similar object at his

1996 Dodge Caravan.

The incident occurred in the area of Kercheval and Touraine.

"(The teen) indicated he spit a mint at the vehicle," said a public safety officer.

Police released the teen to his mother.

Guitar found

It would be sweet music to a burglary victim if the guitar he spotted for sale on eBay turns out to be his.

The Farms resident reported his Paul Reed Smith electric guitar stolen in May.

On Friday, Aug. 24, he thought he found it offered for \$2,500 through an eBay store in West Bloomfield. The man said the seller's telephone number is registered to someone in Southfield.

Detectives are orchestrating an investigation into the instrument's return.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Vehicle thefts

A 1998 Jeep Cherokee taken overnight Monday, Aug. 20, from Wayburn and Charlevoix was recovered by Detroit Police on Gratiot in Detroit.

A 2003 Jeep Liberty

was found in the Beaconsfield alley at midnight Thursday, Aug. 23, with the engine running and the ignition punched. The owner was unaware the vehicle had been taken.

A 1998 Chrysler Cirrus was taken from the 1300 block of Berkshire overnight Monday, Aug. 27. As of press time, it had not been recovered.

On a much smaller scale, a 2008 Jonway Moped was taken sometime during the early morning hours of Saturday, Aug. 25, from in front of a house in the 1300 block of Wayburn.

Purse theft

A purse containing cash and a debit card was taken around 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, from the pool deck at Windmill Pointe Park.

Disorderly conduct

A 21-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after he refused to follow the orders of a police officer. Police said the young man was intoxicated and became combative.

—Kathy Ryan

If you have any information on these or any other crimes, contact Grosse Pointe Park police, (313) 822-7400.

Caught with assault rifle

By Brad Lindberg

Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A man whose first-degree murder conviction was overturned when a latent witness stepped up, was caught last week during a traffic stop in possession of a loaded assault rifle.

The man tried to flee police, but got hemmed in driving down a dead-end street two blocks behind public safety headquarters, according to arresting officers.

The suspect, Venson Lewis Givhan, 43, Detroit, was arraigned in Farms Municipal Court Monday, Aug. 27 for drunken driving, possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle and possession of marijuana. All are misdemeanors.

Judge Matthew Rumora set \$15,000 cash bond, which Givhan posted.

He's due back in court Wednesday, Sept. 5, for a preliminary hearing.

Givhan lives on Moross north of the I-94 expressway, about 1.5 miles from the Farms.

"I don't think he was on the way to doing something," said Farms Lt. Detective Richard Rosati. "I think he missed his house from the freeway. He needs more clarity of mind before buying guns and driving into Grosse Pointe Farms."

Rosati said he questioned Givhan for an hour.

"The next time you buy a couple of guns, don't be so mixed up you miss your house and venture into Grosse Pointe," Rosati said he advised. "You just jumped into shark-infested waters and wonder why you got stopped?"

At 1:53 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, a patrolman conducting an unrelated roadside investigation noticed the man's black 1999 Ford F-150 pickup truck stop at, then proceed through, a red light on southbound Moross at Kercheval.

The driver allegedly ignored the officer's orders to halt.

Pursued by the officer in a cruiser with emergency lights flashing, the suspect reportedly sped one block west on Grosse Pointe Boulevard and turned right after another block onto Muskoka, a dead-end.

He drove into a parked car and nearly hit the cruiser before giving up.

"(I) did observe the driver reaching (to) the rear seat area," said the pursuing officer.

The officer drew his weapon and ordered the man out of the pickup and onto the ground.

In the pickup's back seat police found a Century Arms .308-caliber, semi-automatic rifle, they said.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Facebook and beer don't mix

A discussion about a post concerning another man's wife on a Facebook page led to a physical confrontation between the poster and the woman's husband at 11:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at a house on Hollywood. The husband, 41, broke a beer bottle over the poster's head, sending him to the ground where the husband continued assaulting him. Police were called. The victim, age 53, declined medical treatment but did agree to press charges.

Home invasion

An Allard resident returned from vacation Saturday, Aug. 25, and found a kitchen window had been forced open. Only an upstairs bedroom appeared to have been disturbed.

Lock popped

An unknown person attempted to gain entry to a car parked on Kenmore at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23. Locks on both the passenger and driver's side doors had been damaged.

Stolen items returned

A mother was suspicious when her 16-year-

old son told her a new computer "had been given to him by a friend" and notified police. It was quickly determined the computer and other items the young man had in a backpack in his possession had been taken from a house on Huntington on Tuesday, Aug. 21. When police spoke with the young man, he admitted to police he had a toy gun in his waistband. While police were able to identify some of the items as having been taken from the Huntington house, they were unable to identify some items of jewelry and a digital camera that were also in the backpack. The young man was arrested and charged with possession of stolen property and police continue to investigate.

—Kathy Ryan

If you have information on these or any other crimes, contact Grosse Pointe Woods police, (313) 343-2400.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

In Harper Woods

Early Monday, Aug. 20, two Shores officers lent Harper Woods mutual aid at a house fire in the 20600 block of Kenosha.

Shores officers deployed one truck at 3:11 a.m., arrived at 3:23 a.m., ventilated the house and provided manpower until clearing the scene at 5:14 a.m.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department at (313) 881-5500.

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Install motion detector lights. All sides of your house should be well-lit with motion-activated lighting.

Store your valuables. Thieves generally head for the master

bedroom, where you're likely to hide spare cash, jewelry, electronics, and even guns. Move valuables to safety deposit box or home safe that's bolted to your basement slab.

Secure your data. Password protect your login screen, and always shut off your computer when not in use. Back up information online. Don't overlook irreplaceable items like digital photos.

Prepare ahead of time in case the worst happens. Take a photo or video inventory of items of value in your home, and store the file online or in a home safe. Check that you're properly insured for theft. Note that high-ticket items may require an additional rider or separate policy.

Written by Joseph D'Agnes, NAR. Evaluate your home security at www.houselogic.com

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Kouskoulas was a well known pediatrician in the Grosse Pointes.

To register for the outing or to donate, call Penny Khorraminia at (313) 469-0594.

—Brad Lindberg

AUTOWIRE.NET By Steve Schaefer

2012 Volvo S60



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The 2012 Volvo S60

The 2012 S60 is Volvo's answer to a mid-level sports sedan. The automaker has become more performance-oriented over the last decade or so.

There are now three levels of performance for the handsome S60.

The T5 model uses a 2.5-liter 5-cylinder engine with 250 horsepower and 266 pound-feet of torque. Then, you can step up to the T6 AWD model, which boasts a 3.0-liter turbocharged inline six-cylinder that cranks out a generous 300 horsepower and 325 pound-feet of torque. And, you can now select the T6 R-Design AWD. It ups the ante to 325 horsepower and 354 pound-feet of torque.

Thank Polestar Performance Tuning, headquartered in Gothenburg, Sweden. They are Volvo Car's official Motorsport and Performance Partner. Polestar has collaborated with Volvo since 1996 and is currently responsible for all of Volvo's major undertakings in motorsports.

All S60 models use Volvo's second-genera-

tion, six-speed automatic transmission with sport mode. New valves and lower friction designate faster gear changes than ever before.

Inside, the look and feel is upscale, but cool and collected. The matte

black, padded surfaces encourage the sense of speed and aggression.

Despite the dramatic power, fuel economy is rated at 18 city, 26 highway. The EPA's Green

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6A II | AUTOMOTIVE

AUTOS By Jenny King

Eggplant sliders and a Volt



We lodged at Fremont, Newark and

Union, Calif., for a long weekend to cover classic car auctions and the 2012 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance held Aug. 19 — some 100 miles to the south.

For the long commute, we were fortunate to drive an electric-powered 2012 Chevrolet Volt.

We consumed our 40 “free” miles from an earlier cord charge and thereafter relied on the electricity generated by the Volt’s gasoline-burning engine. Inquiries about plugging in at our hotel in Fremont were met with a “no-can-do” response.

There are several of these power sites in California. A native of the area advised us it might take several hours to complete a charge, and you pay for the charge. We settled for a stop at an old-fashioned filling station in Pleasant, Calif. Those added gallons of gas raised our potential driving distance to 310 miles, according to the elaborate information screen facing the Volt driver.

Our initial excursion to Monterey and Pebble Beach was packed with cars. The first stop was the press site provided by Infiniti. There we picked up the credentials that



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

The 2012 Chevrolet Volt took us quietly and efficiently from San Francisco to Monterey and Pebble Beach and back again a couple of times.

Entertainer Jerry Seinfeld loaned his 1954 Porsche 550 Spyder to the Porsche site at the 2012 Pebble Beach Concours.



would spare us the \$250 admission fee to the 2012 Concours. Infiniti has done reporters a great service by providing this refuge. Helpful staff explained what video might be available. There were long, mostly empty tables where one could set up a laptop; there were charging stations for portables. There was plenty of print and electronic information on various previews and press events. There were sign-up sheets for escorted tours of the concours.

And there were refreshments. Where else but in California would one find grilled eggplant “sliders” on delicate rolls topped with a tiny gherkin for a delicious repast? We were pleased to find soft drinks

and water, coffee and tea, some fresh fruit and candy bars.

Though we never did figure our way around Monterey, we arrived at the RM Auction at the Portola Hotel and Spa in Monterey. The cars were breath-taking. In addition to the usual inventory of Ferraris, Alfas and Maseratis, we photographed a 1938 Horch, 1961 Cooper T-56 Mark II Formula Junior Racing Car and 1925 Renault 40 CV Cabriolet de Ville.

Arriving back at the Volt after more than our allotted 90 minutes parking, we were happy to see a ticket-free windshield.

We had a similar ticket-free experience on Concours Sunday when we parked for several



A 1936 Bugatti Atalante was offered at Gooding & Company’s Pebble Beach sale.

hours in a two-hour spot in Carmel.

Golden State driving

A post-Concours road trip up to the airport in San Francisco on a Sunday afternoon was daunting. The journey that should take about two hours ran three and one-half hours. Exiting the coast and accessing route 101 was stop-and-go with top speeds of 12 mph. But just as we felt we had reached our limit, we would round a curve and

be seduced by a beautiful rock formation or distant golden hills or fields with perfectly parallel lines of crops.

Gasoline here is more expensive; so are sales taxes. Streets abound with white-painted pedestrian crossing areas and, my goodness, drivers respect them!

Ah, California. We’ll miss your half-pints of cereal and coffee milk from Producers Dairy reminding us that “Our cows are not treated with artificial

hormones”; and the sign outside the hotel room door reading: “This area contains chemicals, including tobacco smoke, known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects, etc.”

And we’ll miss the quiet, road-hugging, efficient Chevy Volt that slipped easily through traffic, sat still with us at lights and in traffic jams and helped keep our carbon footprint relatively small. And while we never hooked up with a charging station, we discovered in the owner’s manual the Volt has an audible warning for pedestrians when the car is stopped and persons outside may not be aware of it. There’s a soft button at the end of the turn signal stalk that activates a jingling sound.

King is an automotive writer who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

S60

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Vehicle Guide rates the car a 4 for air pollution and greenhouse gas.

There is no “entry level” Volvo S60. Even the T5 gets Dynamic Stability and Traction Control, leather wheel and shifter, 17-inch alloy wheels, a high-performance audio system, dual-zone electronic climate control and much more.

Besides additional power and all-wheel drive, the T6 AWD brings leather seats, 18-inch alloy

wheels, the “Dynamic Chassis” and driver-selectable speed-sensitive steering.

The T6 R-Design model, at the top, gets the “Sport Chassis,” more exotic 18-inch alloys, a power glass sunroof, rear spoiler, sport pedals and a lot of R-Design.

My car had a \$2,700 navigation system with voice activation. The climate package added heated front seats, heated windshield washer nozzles and a rain sensor. With all these extras, my T6 R-Design AWD test car came to \$46,875. However, you can pick up

a T5, starting at \$32,175, including shipping costs.

Top Safety Pick winners, by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, included the Volvo C30, S60, S80, XC60 and XC90.

“Safety has been a hallmark of Volvo since we were founded in 1927,” said John Maloney, president and CEO of Volvo Cars of North America.

With new Chinese ownership, it looks good for Volvo in the long term. Let’s hope that Volvo continues to introduce exciting new cars, and smart shoppers buy them.

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Labor Day eating

Final summer party starts with
grilled sausage appetizer **PAGE 8B**

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Parents always have questions when it comes to their children and for a dozen years **The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods** has been the go-to resource providing those answers.

Guiding families

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods can be described as a guide post. “(It’s) a compass to point you in the right direction for you to explore and make your own decisions,” said Debbie Liedel, the center’s executive director.

In its 12th year, the volunteer-driven organization taps local experts to provide advice and input on everything from how to manage a crying newborn to selecting the right college for a child. Additionally, every hospital in the area lends experts to answer parents’ questions and dilemmas. The center has educators, physical and mental health professionals, clergy and counselors of all kinds to provide the advice.

Information is dispersed through programs, lectures and weekly Ask The Experts



FILE PHOTOS

Above, Grosse Pointe librarian Kathleen Gallagher reads a story to the children and ChariTea Bear gets a pat on the nose from a young attendee. Right, from left, first place winner in the 2012 Cookie Challenge was Katelyn Gloster, third place winner Mary Jane Johr and second place winner Madeline Glasser.

columns in the Grosse Pointe News. Individual questions are addressed privately and referred to the appropriate expert, as well.

“The organization has doubled or tripled in the last four

years,” Liedel said. “We are pushing 20 programs this year with one director, one office staff and 100 volunteers.”

A core team and advisory committee, all volunteers, are the eyes and ears of The Family



Center to keep programs relevant, including the most recent topic — bullying.

Parents’ concerns about bullying are addressed by staff from the Grosse Pointe Public School System and DMC Children’s Hospital, at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, Parcels Middle School auditorium.

Liedel said programs do fol-

low trends, for example to whom are children listening? The response is the informational session — Parents vs. friends — the first topic of the 2012 -13 season, at 7 p.m. Sept. 25, at Brownell Middle School.

“As a family therapist and a parent of three school-aged children, I have a great respect

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Crossroads of Michigan board of trustees and advisory board from Grosse Pointe include left to right: Mike Hayden, Ginnie Rice, Kim Schmidt, Ted Everingham, Yolanda Turner, Fritz Damm and Julie Sutton. Standing left of Kim Schmidt is Crossroads Executive Director Mary Honsel.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Meals on Wheels

Volunteers are needed to pack and deliver meals to Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods homebound residents at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 3.

To volunteer, call Heidi Uhlig, Services for Older Citizens volunteer coordinator, at (313) 882-9600, ext. 246 or e-mail her at socvolunteers@yahoo.com.

Crossroads

Grosse Pointe artist Jane McFeely and Heather Burgess, owner of The Great Frame Up, present Cocktails, Canvas and More! a benefit for The Lake House, starting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 6, at The Great Frame Up, 20655 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Guests can see a display of pottery by Rosemary Bay, jewelry from Treasures of Time, photography by Keith Burgess and cards by Notable Greetings. Each artist is donating a portion of the proceeds to The Lake House.

The Lake House is located at 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, and was created to assist men and women who are living with a diagnosis of cancer — in treatment or beyond — or coping with the diagnosis and care of a loved one. Membership and most programs and activities there are free.

To download the current newsletter and calendar visit MiLakeHouse.org.

VillageFest

VillageFest is from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, on Kercheval between Neff

and Cadieux in The Village.

Saturday events include:

◆ Taste of Grosse Pointe — 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

◆ Saturday night dance party — 7 to 10 a.m. featuring rhythm and blues musician Dr. Pocket!

◆ Art & Sole — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

◆ Continuous live entertainment — noon to 5 p.m.

◆ Kids on the block — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring a bounce house, giant slide, arts and crafts from Pewabic Pottery, a coloring contest and a silhouette artist.

◆ The Village car show — noon to 6 p.m. featuring classics, exotics, hot rods, muscle and antique cars.

Sunday events include:

◆ Taste of Grosse Pointe — noon to 5 p.m.

◆ Art & Sole — noon to 5 p.m. featuring speed painting demonstrations with art to be auctioned to support Friends of Belle Isle, urban art and a henna artist.

◆ Kids on the block — noon to 5 p.m. featuring a bounce house, giant slide, arts and crafts from Pewabic Pottery, a coloring contest and a silhouette artist.

◆ Pooch parade — 1 p.m.

◆ Continuous live entertainment — noon to 5 p.m.

◆ The Village car show — noon to 5 p.m. featuring classics, exotics, hot rods, muscle and antique cars.

Tompkins Center

Pasta dinner with salad and rolls is served in two seatings, 5 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the Tompkins Center,

Windmill Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Park. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased in advance by contacting Jackie at marina@grossepointepark.org or (313) 822-2812, ext. 201.

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, hosts a fairy house and terrarium workshop from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 8, for children ages 5 to 8. The cost is \$25 and members pay \$20.

For more information, call (313) 884-4222 or visit fordhouse.org.

Belle Isle

The Belle Isle Conservancy hosts its sixth annual Pathways to the Garden Party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle.

Tickets cost \$50 and the event includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. For tickets and reservations, call (313) 331-7760. Additional donations are accepted.

The event's proceeds fund the restoration of the flagstone paths in the garden.

The conservancy partners with 19 garden clubs, including Deeplands Garden Club, Detroit Garden Center, Detroit Yacht Club Garden Club, Grand Marais Garden Club, Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club, Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Grosse Pointe Garden Club, Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club, Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club, Grosse Pointe Woods Garden Club, Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe Unit, Junior League Gardeners,



Jane McFeely and Heather Burgess host a fundraiser for The Lake House Thursday, Sept. 6, at the Great Frame Up in Grosse Pointe Woods.

La Societe des Jardinieres, Men's and Women's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe, The Garden Club of Michigan, The Garden Society, The Pointe Garden Club, The Village Garden Club and Windmill Pointe Garden Club.

The Grosse Pointe garden clubs' contributions have improved the grounds' lily pond, added signage and repaired steps.

Shores foundation

A View to Remember, an event to support the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation, is from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at 988 Lakeshore.

The evening features tours of the recently renovated house and the contemporary art collection, Mexican food, beverages and silent auction. Guests can purchase auction items with cash, check or credit card.

Tickets cost \$75 and can be purchased at the Shores' municipal office, 795 Lakeshore.

For a list of auction items, visit gpsif.org.

Run the Pointe

Grosse Pointe South Athletic Booster Club hosts Run the Pointe Saturday, Sept. 22, beginning and ending on Grosse Pointe South High School track.

The 10K and 5K races

for women and men of all ages begins at 9 a.m. and the two mile walk for men and women of all ages begins at 9:15 a.m. Entry fee is \$20.

Registration can be mailed to Grosse Pointe South Athletic Booster Club - Run the Pointe, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. Indicate on the form whether the entrant is male or female, age and T-shirt size. Checks should be made out to GPS Athletic Booster Club. Registration deadline is Sept. 15. Registration also begins at 8 a.m. the day of the race.

Proceeds benefit South's student athletes.

The event features US-ATF certified courses, individual timing chips and awards to the top finishers.

NAMI

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill is selling 2013 entertainment books to benefit research through the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation. The cost is \$30 and \$6 is given to research.

To purchase a book, call Tom Coles at (313) 885-0632.

War Memorial

Grosse Pointe War Memorial events include a Road Rally, a scavenger hunt by auto. The victors

will use brainpower more than horsepower to solve one clue and move to the next. Team registration is due Friday, Sept. 21, by contacting the War



Memorial. For details, and information on other activities, call (313) 881-7511.

Hoop Fitness — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 12 through Oct. 24. Get a workout while moving with an adult-sized, weighted hula hoop. Instructor Tammy Brenner teaches basic hoop moves and exercises.

The cost is \$78 or \$83 if registering on day class starts), plus \$15 materials fee.

Mah Jongg — 7 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Sept. 11 through Oct. 2. Learn China's ancient game of skill, strategy and luck. The emphasis will be on the American version, using official standards hands and rules from the National Mah Jongg League. The cost is \$55 or \$60 on day class starts) plus \$7 materials fee.

Road Rally — 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29. It's a scavenger hunt by auto through the Pointes. The War Memorial is the beginning and ending of the event. All entrants must be 21 years old. Teams of 4 recommended: driver, co-pilot and two runners; minimum three, maximum five per team. Entry fee is \$20 per person.

There are many more exercise and dance programs beginning in September, including aerobic dancing by Jacki Sorensen; ballet: Cecchetti method; cardio; classical ballet; Iyengar yoga; Mat5; yoga; and Zumba fitness. The Grosse Pointe Driving School is also open for registration.

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SOC hosts two September fundraisers

Services for Older Citizens holds two "Mad Men" themed fundraisers in September, featuring food, entertainment and a live and silent auction.

The Thursday, Sept. 13, event is a silent auction at the Detroit Yacht Club. Guests can bid on items ranging from restaurant gift certificates to jewelry and antiques. Cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres are served. Local pianist and singer Rennie Kaufmann provides the musical entertainment.

The Swinging Sixties gala is Friday, Sept. 28, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club where guests can view a selection of silent auction items, and have the opportunity to participate in a live auction. Items include a week's stay in a luxury condo in Umbria, Italy, or Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Dinner, various raffles and a live performance by the Rick Lieder band are part of the evening.

A Marco Bicego Jaipur overlapping bangle in 18 carat hand-engraved gold with mixed semi-precious colored stones, donated by edmund t. AHEE Jewelers, is to be raffled Sept. 13, and a diamond bracelet with 18 carat white and yellow gold, donated by LaLonde Jewelers, is raffled Sept. 28.

A "101" raffle is set for Sept. 28. One hundred and one tickets are sold for \$100 each and the winner chooses an auction item. Raffle tickets are sold in advance and at the event. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

The annual auctions are SOC's largest fundraisers and the proceeds represent 25 percent of the revenue received for a year.

"The auctions are our only major fundraisers for the entire year and the funds we raise make all the difference for how we are able to serve our seniors for the upcoming year," said Sharon Maier, SOC executive director. Gioconda and Thayer McMillan are the events'



Hand-crocheted scarves, in a variety of colors, are just one of the items available during the Sept. 13 SOC auction. Shirley Kennedy, left, and Ginger Morketter created the scarves, sold for a \$20 donation. Proceeds benefit SOC's capital campaign.

honorary chairs.

Tickets for the Sept. 13 event cost \$45 and tickets to the Sept. 28 event cost \$115. Both events are open to the public.

Advance reservations are encouraged, but not required and a select

number of tickets are available at the door.

To buy event tickets, raffle tickets, make a donation or for more information, contact Melissa Jenness at socdevelopment2@yahoo.com, or at (313) 882-9600.

Thousands attend Capuchin fundraiser

Thousands attended the 31st annual Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration, Saturday, June 23, at Comerica Park. edmund t. AHEE Jewelers sponsored the evening of music and give-aways.

The event, titled "Treasure Island," was a celebration, established by Edmund & Bettejean Ahee and their children in 1981, has evolved into a free fundraising event, which first hosted 500 people and raised about \$10,000.

The event has since increased to more than 7,000 attendees and has raised more than \$5 million for the soup kitchen.

This year's raffle included prizes valued at more than \$30,000 and featured jewelry and fine time pieces by AHEE jewelers, Rolex, Roberto Coin, Mikimoto, David Yurman, Cartier, Tag Heuer, Marco Bicego and Ivanka Trump.

This year also marked the seventh anniversary of the establishment of the Edmund T. Ahee Endowment Fund for Hunger in support of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

This endowment fund, in conjunction with the annual event, will help to ensure long-term funding for the ministry and its cause.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Shelley Page

Spiritual practice takes practice

I just got my very own bicycle! I haven't had my own bike since I was 16 and that's some decades now, but moving to Grosse Pointe last year inspired me to start riding again. Of course, when you haven't been riding a bike for quite a while, you need to reacquire yourself with how it all works. I can ride just fine but I realized I need to take it slow and re-learn some basic skills like hand signaling, handling myself well at intersections and managing car traffic in our urban setting.

Yes, I'm still a bit wobbly out there and my heart rate shoots up a bit when cars approach. I'm being real about this — it's going to take me a while to truly ride with complete ease and self confidence. But, in the meanwhile, I'm intentionally ramping myself up bit by bit and I'm approaching this whole adventure with a lightness of being with no particular pressure of getting it just right by a certain date.

This experience is reminding me that reacquiring ourselves with spiritual practices is a lot like riding a bike again after a long hiatus. First, there's the simple recognition that some form of spiritual practice would be good for us.

What would be meaningful for you — daily prayer, meditation, chanting, dancing, painting, walking, devotional reading, regular attendance at worship, attending well to friends and loved ones, serving others in the spirit of love and compassion?

After you reflect on the spiritual practice that feels right to you at this time in your life, then it's a matter of actually starting to practice it again. If you haven't prayed or meditated for a while or haven't attended worship lately, give yourself some space to get back into it. Let yourself wobble a bit as you get going on it again. But do be intentional about continuing to try, ramping yourself up bit by bit and enjoying the process, knowing that no one is judging you, not even yourself. Just relax and keep at it as you develop a true sense of spiritual practice that speaks to your soul and grounds your life in your deepest and highest held values. Remember, there's no deadline for "getting it right." But, it will take some practice.

May you live into a beautiful and meaningful spiritual practice, at any stage of your life.

Page is minister at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.



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Greek festival

The family-friendly annual Greek Festival featured everything Greek from its Alpha dancers, who are 4 to 6 years old, to the above Omega dancers, who are 7 to 9 years old. Six-year-old Dimitri Vasilos of Grosse Pointe Shores scales the climbing wall to ring the bell at the top, again and again.

CHURCH EVENTS

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church returns to regular hours on Rally Day, Sunday, Sept. 9. The 9:30 a.m. offering begins with children's Sunday school and contemporary worship with holy communion every Sunday. Traditional worship, with holy communion twice a month, takes place at 11 a.m.

Refreshments are provided after each service.

Four educational opportunities are offered with adult Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., beginning Sept. 9, with the study of the book "God at Work: Your Christian Vocation in All of Life" by Gene Edward Veith Jr., World Magazine culture editor.

From 9:30 to 11 a.m., beginning Thursday, Sept. 13, Thursday morning Bible study is in the lounge and led by the Rev. Walter Schmidt. The topic is major world religions and Christian denominations.

Men's club breakfast and Bible study is at 8:30 a.m., every second Wednesday beginning Sept. 12, at Big Boy Restaurant, Mack at Vernier. The group then travels to the church where a study of Jesus' disciples takes place.

Women's Circle Bible study theme is "Gathered By God." Women study such topics as gather to learn, gather for fellowship, gather for support, gather to be empowered and gather to be sent. The September theme is Our

Present, Christ's Presence. Call the office for day, time and location.

First English is located at 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call the office at (313) 884-5040.

Capuchin Soup Kitchen

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Earthworks Urban Farm hosts its fifth annual Harvest Dinner, at 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15, at Gleaners Community Food Bank, a Capuchin Soup Kitchen partner, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit. The event features a keynote speaker, media presentation from Earthworks Youth Farm Stand and a showcase of businesses that Earthworks Agricultural training interns and

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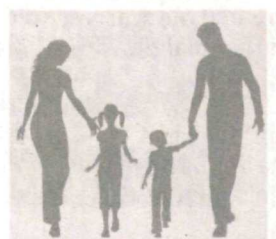
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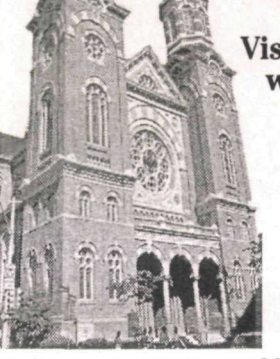
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Fall Schedule Resumes!

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September 2 - Lakeside Worship, 8:30 a.m.

Worship in the sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.

Communion at both services

September 9 - Lakeside Worship, 8:30 a.m.

Celebration Sunday Breakfast

Worship in the sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.

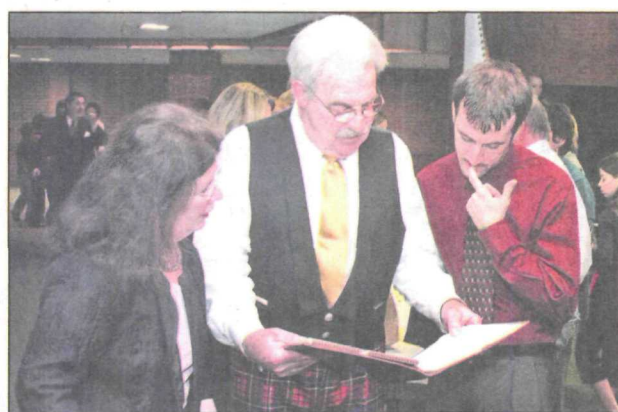
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for the mission of The Family Center," said Mary Beth Garvey, the center's past president, board member and one of the center's experts. "Given how difficult it can be to parent in today's culture, it is more critical than ever to support parents in their efforts to raise competent, caring and responsible community members."

"The Family Center is uniquely poised to meet the needs of our families. Our programming is grounded in the feedback that comes from the many strategic alliances we have in the community — be it health, mental health, education or public safety. Collaboration with the experts who work most closely with children allows us to respond proactively to emerging trends, poten-



FILE PHOTO

Above, from left, former Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Suzanne Klein, Randall Cain of Wilson & Cain P.A. and Grosse Pointe North High School choir director Ben Henri. Cain was a sponsor bringing the Caledon Scotland's Tenors Oct. 6, 2010, as a fundraiser for The Family Center. Right, Jamie MacDougall singing to Grosse Pointe High School choir members during the 2010 event. MacDougall was part of the Scottish trio who entertained a packed auditorium.

tial crises and the issues that most impact families."

Gabrielle Deschaine moved to Grosse Pointe Park five years ago with a

young son and daughter. Her first contact with the center was to solve a problem.

"I am a stay-at-home mom and I noticed a flyer



on a lecture on how to soothe a crying baby," she said.

Deschaine declares the center as an amazing community resource, always willing to find the answer to parents' questions and getting parents the help they need.

Donning her mental health counselor hat, Deschaine said she keeps her credentialed current by attending lectures and

contributing Ask the Experts columns.

The Family Center isn't all serious information, it sponsors fun family activities such as Play Central, ChariTea Bear's Tea Party and the Cookie and LEGO Artists challenges. Each incorporates a learning component, such as the cookie challenge in which entrants bake cookies from scratch. Several entrants are the

outcome of best friends getting together to share a mutual interest. Others have included family members or use of a recipe with a story behind it.

Play Central gives parents and caregivers an opportunity to connect and socialize at Barnes Early Learning Center as preschoolers are intro-

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Fall color tours right around the corner

Northwest Lower Peninsula, best enjoyed from late September to mid-October

Approximate Length: 100 miles

Before departing Mackinaw City visit **Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse**. Just a few hundred feet east of the Mackinac Bridge in Mackinaw City, the castle-like structure guided ships through the Straits of Mackinac from 1892 to 1957. Fifty-one steps and an 11 rung vertical ladder

lift you four stories to the top of the lighthouse.

Depart Mackinaw City south Henry Street toward East James Street. Turn right at East Central Avenue and turn right to stay on Wilderness Park Drive, take the first left onto East Wilderness Park Drive for a visit to **Wilderness State Park**. The park offers 8,000 acres of wilderness area plus a beautiful shoreline providing great places to observe nature from its numerous trails.

Head southeast on Wilderness Park Drive. Turn right at Cecil Bay

Road and then right again at East Gill Road. Continue onto Lakeview Road which turns slightly left and becomes North Lake Shore Drive. Turn right to stay on the drive.

Just south of Cross Village, M-119 becomes the "Tunnel of Trees," one of Michigan's most spectacular drives. This 20 mile section twists and turns under a canopy of trees as it follows the cliffs above Lake Michigan to Harbor Springs.

Head southwest of North Lake Shore Drive toward Pine Grove Road to **Pond Hill Farm**.

As you leave Harbor Springs, continue south on US-31 to Levering Road (C-66), turn right and head west to Pleasantview Road (C-81). Turn left on C-81 and head south to M-119. Take a left on M-119 and head towards Petoskey. Petoskey State Park is located on the north end of Little Traverse Bay, and is situated on 304 scenic acres, offering a beautiful sandy beach on the bay.

Depart Petoskey south on US-131 to M-75 at Walloon Lake. Follow M-75 south to Boyne City on

the southeastern tip of beautiful Lake Charlevoix. **Young State Park** is located just north of Boyne City on Lake Charlevoix and offers a beach, fishing, hiking and picnicking.

Continue south on M-75 back to US-131 at Boyne Falls. Follow US-131 south to M-32. Turn right onto M-32 heading northwest to East Jordan where the road becomes M-66. Follow M-66 north to Charlevoix.

Fisherman's Island State Park, just south of Charlevoix, features a park road that travels for two and a half miles along the Lake Michigan shoreline.

Metro Detroit, best enjoyed from early to late October

Approximate Length: 195 miles

Rev up for this tour at Detroit's **Belle Isle**, site of the annual Grand Prix auto race. Frederick Law Olmstead (who also designed New York's Central Park) planned the nearly 1,000-acre leaf-laden park in 1883.



The green will soon change.

From Detroit take a leisurely drive along Jefferson Avenue east, called Lakeshore Drive as it passes through the **Grosse Pointes**, with stately homes on the left and Lake St. Clair on the right. Or hop on I-94 east and take a break at a bistro in downtown Mount Clemens. Exit I-94 at Exit 236; travel east on Metropolitan Parkway/16 Mile Road to Crocker Boulevard. Turn left and travel two miles to the city on the Clinton River that was first surveyed in 1795. (If you continue east on 16 Mile Road you will come to **Metro Beach Metropark** on Lake St. Clair).

Continue east on I-94 to exit 243, M-29. Travel east through **New Baltimore**, whose first settler arrived in 1796. Now teeming with development, this area neighbors one of the

largest fresh-water deltas in the world. Follow 29 around Lake St. Clair's Anchor Bay and pass through a portion of St. John's Marsh and the St. Clair Flats. Nature study, photography and non-motorized boating are allowed; watch for designated parking areas. It's a quick ferry ride to **Harsens Island** and the St. Clair Flats State Wildlife Area; take a relaxing drive around the island escape that has attracted vacationers and hunters since the late 1800s.

Back on the mainland, continue along M-29 to **Algonac** on the St. Clair River, settled in 1805 and home of the Chris Craft boat building company. Stroll the boardwalk and watch giant freighters pass by. Just north of

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duced to group play. It helps those who don't have roots in the community, Liedel said.

Noting its popularity, Play Central has increased its offerings from two days a week to four and from October to May instead of the established November to April.

"I participate in Play Central," said Heather Burgess of the City of Grosse Pointe, "a play group at Barnes that features an open gym time as well as Play Central Plus, which is a more structured program that helps prepare children for preschool. There is truly something for every child. Having three children, 4, 2 and 10 months, this is very helpful. It is so amazing to see their progress from the beginning of the program to the end."

LEGO Challenge offers children, from elementary through high school, a chance to create their own structures



FILE PHOTO

Carla Palffy, Mary Beth Garvey and Sean Hogan Downey, Ask the Experts panel, were presenters at the September 2011 screening of "Race to Nowhere."

from the plastic bricks.

ChariTea Bear gives youngsters a chance to dress up, socialize, attend a tea party and donate a stuffed animal to a children's nonprofit organization.

Proceeds from the center's fundraising pay for its staff of two, presenting programs and printing flyers and invitations. This year's fundraisers are the

The Family Center

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ Increased Play Central by request to four sessions per week and from six months to seven months. Musical and structured play offers are offered as well as imaginative play. More than 1,200 family visits have been logged.
- ◆ Featured three screenings of "The Race to Nowhere," a documentary about the culture of achievement and its concomitant stressors.
- ◆ Held family events incorporating skilled learning opportunities.
- ◆ Hosted networking opportunities for professionals who provide mental health, medical, dental and education services to families.
- ◆ Attracted 37,000 visitors to the website.
- ◆ Involved youth in fall series addressing suicide prevention and depression awareness.
- ◆ Collaborated with hospitals, service organizations, schools and churches to present programs on issues addressing child development, periods of transition in a family's life and managing behavior and emotions and mental health challenges.
- ◆ Created more than 50 weekly articles for the Ask The Experts column in the Grosse Pointe News on topics ranging from bedtime angst to community grief.

fourth annual hay ride from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, in Windmill Pointe Park; and 10th annual Holly Fest at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 29, at the Grosse Pointe

Club.

The Holly Fest is the center's signature fundraiser for the development and delivery of programs, providing the direction for parents to explore their options, but a necessary resource for Grosse Pointe parents who want answers, Liedel said.

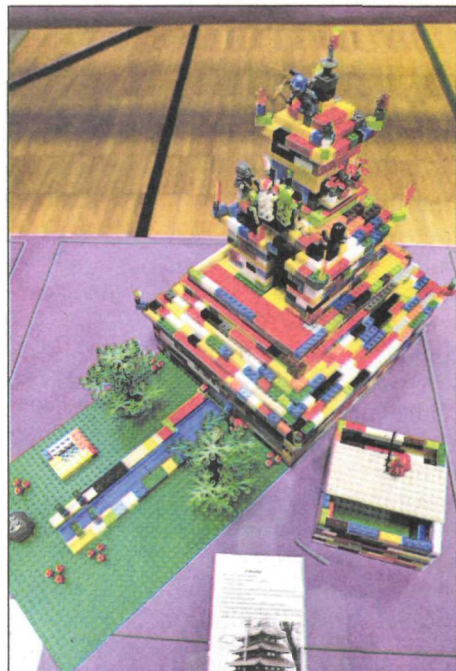


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One of the entrants in the LEGO challenge built a pagoda.

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town, **Algonac State Park**, fronted on the St. Clair River, allows short hikes through rare lake plain prairies and lake plain oak savannas.

Follow M-29 to **Marine City**, an old shipbuilding center located on the Belle and St. Clair Rivers. Visit **Lighthouse Park**, home of the 1908 **Pêche Island Rear Range Light**.

Continue north to the city of **St. Clair**, which was visited by French voyageurs in the 1600s and settled in 1818. Enjoy the riverfront boardwalk, browse the gallery of marine artist Jim Clary, and refresh at a choice of dining spots, including the 1926 **St. Clair Inn** on the bank of the river.

Stay on M-29 north to **Port Huron**, where the St. Clair River and Lake Huron meet. View freighter traffic from the Great Lakes Maritime Center at Vantage Point, or from the **Thomas Edison Parkway**, along the river near the Blue Water Bridge connecting the U.S. and Canada. Learn about the inventor's young life in Port

Huron at the **Thomas Edison Depot Museum**, or visit the **Huron Lightship, Lighthouse Beach and Park**, and **Fort Gratiot Lighthouse**, Michigan's oldest surviving lighthouse.

From Port Huron travel I-69 west, or detour for cider and donuts by taking **Lapeer Road** west to **Abbotsford Road**; turn right to **Ruby Farms**, family-owned since 1956. From **Ruby Farms** take **Lapeer Road** to **Castor Road** and turn left to **Goodells County Park**. From **Goodells Park** travel north on **Fargo Road** to **Imlay City Road**, turn left to park and walk to the 60-foot high **Mill Creek Trestle** for a treetop view of vibrant fall colors. The 640-foot long railroad bridge dates to the late 1800s and is a part of the 12-mile **Wadhams to Avoca Trail**, along a former rail line.

Get back to I-69 and head west through rolling countryside to M-19; turn left and travel south to **Richmond**, settled in the 1830s. Head west on 32 Mile Road and detour for cider and donuts by turning north at **North Road** to **Blake's Big Apple** in **Armada**, or take **Armada Center Road** west a few miles to **Blake's Orchard**

and **Cider Mill** — two locations of the family business, growing since 1946.

Continue west on 32 Mile Road to the charming 1822 village of **Romeo**. **Kid Rock** grew up in this area of lovely Victorian homes; the historical society sells a walking tour guide to more than 80 sites.

Take 32 Mile Road west to **Rochester Road**; turn right, then left and then right again to jog up to

Lakeville Road. Head west on **Lakeville Road** to **Oxford**, settled in 1832. Enjoy the restaurants and shops in historic downtown buildings.

Head south on **Lapeer Road/24** to **Lake Orion**, which dates to 1819. Just south of town, accessible from **Lapeer Road**, is **Bald Mountain Recreation Area** with 4,637 rolling acres of trails for hiking and mountain biking, and canoe-friendly lakes.

From **Lake Orion** travel southeast on **Orion Road** to the bustling city of **Rochester**, the hometown of **Material Girl Madonna**. Stroll the vibrant downtown and the **Paint Creek** and **Clinton River Trails**. From **Rochester** take 24 Mile Road east to **Shelby Road** and head north to 26 Mile Road, and **Stony Creek Metropark**. Continue east on 26 Mile to **Earl Memorial Highway/53**. Follow that

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6B | HEALTH

HEALTH POINT By Jeff and Debra Jay

My family refuses to trust me



Dear Jeff and Debra:

I am 29 years old and five months sober. I went to treatment at Brighton Center for Recovery for addiction to Vicodin and Oxycontin. I did a lot of bad stuff in my addiction, including pawning my parents' flat screen TV and my mother's emerald ring. My parents changed the locks and got a restraining order against me to protect their home. It was bad and I freely admit my wrongs. But now I am going to A.A. meetings everyday. I have a sponsor, and I'm working the 12-step program just the way he tells me to do

it. I do not want to be that person I became in my addiction. It isn't who I am.

The problem now is mostly financial. I have a part-time job at a grocery store and my paychecks are miserably small. A friend has let me rent a bedroom in his house for \$200 a month. I don't have a car, so I ride a bike or walk. I buy groceries and go out for a cheap dinner once in awhile and have been saving about \$50 a month. A few days ago, my friend got engaged and announced that I'm going to have to move out in 45 days.

I can't find another living arrangement I can afford, so I asked my parents if I could move in with them until I find a better paying job. At first, they agreed, but when my

sister heard, she went ballistic. She told my parents not to allow me to move back under any circumstances. They decided she was right. I could end up on the street. What do I have to do for them to see they can trust me again? I'm clean and doing everything I am supposed to be doing. I don't think my request for help is unreasonable.

— RECOVERING

Dear Recovering:

We stand with your parents and your sister; you shouldn't move back home. Your family isn't likely to trust you until you have significant sobriety and what you have right now is just a very good start. If you are living in your parents' house, they are going to be naturally nervous, your

sister will probably be angry and everyone will be watching your every move.

It's important to understand, as a recovering addict, you never have the right to ask others, "Do you trust me?" The only question you may ask is one you ask yourself: "Am I being trustworthy today?"

If you can answer that question affirmatively over enough time — and no one knows what constitutes enough time — most people in your life will begin trusting you again. For an opiate addict, we'd say at least two years of working your recovery program and maintaining continuous sobriety.

That doesn't mean people can't help you in a way that works for everyone.

We recommend you look into sober living.

Call Brighton Center for Recovery and ask for a referral to a reputable, inexpensive sober house. There isn't much to choose from in Michigan, but there are a few.

Ask your parents if they would give you a small loan to help you move into a sober house. Then set up a payment plan you can afford and is agreeable with them, even if it is only \$25 a month. When you get a better paying job, you can give them more.

If you can't find a sober house opening in Michigan, think about going out-of-state where you'll have better options. For instance, the Minneapolis area is known for a large population of recovering people.

Minnesota is sometimes referred to as "Minnesober." You'll find many established and reputable sober houses and, perhaps, a better job market.

So broaden your horizons if you can't find what you need here.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are co-authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," and Debra Jay is the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction."

The Jays are professional interventionists who live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call (313) 882-6921 or visit lovefirst.net.

Quick diagnosis saves life

Winda Pendleton credits the doctors of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe EMS with saving her life.

She had a heart attack in her Detroit garage in May. Escorted by police, her son, Donald Robinson Jr., drove her to Beaumont, and within 30 minutes she had been diagnosed with a blocked artery and needed emergency angioplasty.

Angioplasty surgery was performed by Hiroshi Yamasaki M.D. who inserted a stent and Pendleton was on the road to recovery. People die quickly from such conditions as blocked arteries, he said, thus the need for action 30 to 60 minutes from the onset of a heart attack.

"Many people die from heart attack," he said. "Within 30 to 60 minutes we start to see people die, definitely within an hour. Longer than that the heart muscle will die."

The surgery was accomplished because the state recently had approved the performance of emer-

gency angioplasty at the Grosse Pointe site.

At 61 years old, Pendleton had spent her day at Chrysler, where she works as an ergonomic analyst. Prior to heading home, she visited her ailing mother.

Pendleton said she was tired and thought she had been spreading herself too thin after working the weekend and caring for her mother. Since her son was also visiting his grandmother, she said she was going to go home to rest. On her drive home, Pendleton started coughing and became short of breath. When she didn't see her husband's van in the driveway, Pendleton called her son asking if he could come to her as she wasn't feeling well. Pendleton said she never suspected a heart attack thinking heart attacks were very painful and she had no pain.

Pendleton pulled into her garage and, as she stepped out of the car, her legs gave way and she collapsed. Her son arrived and called 9-1-1. When the

ambulance didn't come as quickly as the two thought it should, her son put her in his car and headed toward Cottage — not knowing Cottage was gone.

Police ended up telling her son to "follow them" and proceeded to get her to the hospital.

Yamasaki said Pendleton's prognosis is good and "she is doing well."

He goes on to explain women's heart attack symptoms can be different than a man's symptoms.

Warning signs of a heart attack:

- ◆ Pain or discomfort in the jaw, neck or back,
- ◆ Feeling weak, lightheaded or faint,
- ◆ Chest pain or discomfort,
- ◆ Pain or discomfort in the arms, shoulder or between the shoulder blades,
- ◆ Shortness of breath.

For women, the symptoms can also include:

- ◆ Indigestion or nausea;
- ◆ Profound or sudden weakness and fatigue;
- ◆ Constricting sensation in your throat.

— By Ann L. Fouty

ASK THE EXPERTS By Susan Benson

Autism insurance coverage begins in fall



Q I have been hearing a lot about the new autism insurance benefit. What will this mean for my family?

A Passing the autism legislation is the first step for Michigan children with autism to have insurance coverage for needed services and treatment.

In October, insurance coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorders goes into effect under Michigan law. To qualify for coverage, a medical diagnosis that the child has an autism spectrum disorder (autism, pervasive developmental disorder-PDD, or Asperger's) must be documented. Services covered under the new autism insurance benefit include applied behavior analysis, behavior therapy that is the evidence-based treatment of choice for individuals with autism, occupational therapy for sensory-based interventions, physical therapy and speech and language therapy.

Key points:

- ◆ Coverage is provided for children, up to 18 years of age, with the medical diagnosis of autism or autism spectrum disorder. School reports will not be accepted. Schools do not diagnose autism; they determine eligibility for autism services within the school system. The diagnosis must be made by a licensed psychologist or physician using standard diagnostic tools. Check with your insurer now to make sure you obtain your child's diagnosis from a designated provider or center. Your child's current diagnostic report may not be accepted depending on when and by whom it was completed.
- ◆ Therapies can only be provided by: board certified behavior analyst for applied behavior analysis; licensed speech and language pathologist for speech therapy, and an occupational therapist for sensory-based needs. Check with your insurer about which therapists can be used for intervention.
- ◆ The law applies to companies with insurance

plans that are state-regulated, not self-funded. Make sure you know what type of plan you have to determine your eligibility for coverage. Call your employer or insurer now to check.

Michigan currently lacks enough providers to immediately serve the needs of all Michigan's autistic children. There are only about 30 board certified behavior analysts in Michigan providing services to families with autism. Plan ahead to make sure you have the medical documentation you need and identify qualified service providers to access services as soon as they become available under your insurance plan.

Benson is the Wayne Regional Director for Judson Center. To learn about autism services offered through the center visit judsoncenter.org or the Judson Center Grosse Pointe FaceBook page.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Bufalini - Bedra

Marty and Judi Bufalini of the City of Grosse Pointe have announced the engagement of their daughter, Giulia Bufalini, to Matt Bedra, son of Mike and Ann Bedra of Southgate. A September wedding is planned.

Bufalini is a 2001 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate and earned an associate's degree, magna cum laude, in Applied Sciences in Culinary Arts from Macomb Culinary Institute. She is a chef.

Bedra graduated from St. Francis Cabrini High School in 2003 and earned an associate's degree in Applied Sciences in Culinary Arts from Schoolcraft College. He earned a bachelor's degree in hospitality and restaurant management from Eastern Michigan

University. He is a sous chef.

Drekich - McGarry

Daniel and Janet Drekich of Algonac announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Drekich, to Daniel McGarry, son of Michael and Carol McGarry of Flushing. A September wedding is planned.

Drekich earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences from Michigan Technological University and a master's degree in natural resources from the University of Michigan. She is a biological technician with the U.S. National Park Service.

McGarry earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences from Michigan Tech and

is a biological technician with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services.

LaMont - Tymrak

Tom and Cathy LaMont of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Megan Anne LaMont, to Frank Charles Tymrak Jr., son of Frank and Jenny Tymrak of Clinton Township. An August wedding is planned.

LaMont is a 1997 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology from Wayne State University. She is a mapping and survey coordinator with the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Tymrak is a 1995 graduate of University Liggett

School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business from Western Michigan University. He is a corporate recruiter with Atwell, LLC.

Perry - Denny-Brown

C. Kenneth and Claire Perry of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kristen MacIvor Perry, to John Arthur Denny-Brown, son of Myles and Nese Denny-Brown of Mclean, Va. A June wedding is planned.

Perry earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in apparel merchandising from Indiana University in 2004. She is the marketing manager with Ann Inc. (Ann Taylor & LOFT), based in New York City.

Denny-Brown earned a finance and business degree in 2004 from IU. He attends INSEAD in Fontainebleau, France, pursuing a master's degree in business administration.



Matt Bedra and Giulia Bufalini



Daniel McGarry and Danielle Drekich



Megan Anne LaMont and Frank Charles Tymrak Jr.



Kristen MacIvor Perry and John Arthur Denny-Brown

WEDDING

Garvey - Monigold

Ann Kathleen Garvey of Bloomfield Hills married Nicholas Jacob Monigold of Bloomfield Hills Aug. 5, 2011, at The Inn at Bay Harbor, Bay Harbor. The bride is the daughter of Joan Garvey of Grosse Pointe Farms and Thomas Garvey of the City of Grosse Pointe. The groom is the son of John Monigold Sr. of Birmingham and Claudia Bolyard Monigold of Lachine.

The Rev. Glad Remaly officiated at the ceremony which was followed by a reception at Bay Harbor with music provided by Steve King & The Dittlies.

The bride wore a Peter Langner-designed ivory, one-shoulder mermaid, draped silk charmeuse gown with embroidered details on the neckline. She carried a bouquet of garden roses, david austins, pink roses and green hydrangea.

Jill Gravey of Grosse Pointe Farms served as her sister's matron of

honor and the maid of honor was the bride's friend, Christina Fiedler of Chicago.

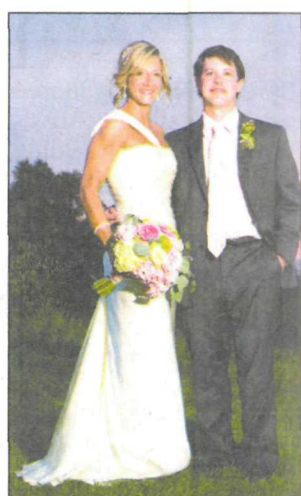
Bridesmaids were the bride's friends, Katherine Chelovich of Ferndale, Melissa Sitek of Royal Oak and Nicole Saad of St. Clair Shores.

Giuliana Monigold of Birmingham, the groom's niece, was flower girl.

Attendants wore Lynn Lugo dresses in light pink silk shantung with sweetheart necklines and bubble skirts. They also wore GS Lillian bracelets, a gift from the bride. The matron's and maid of honor's dresses had a light green waist sash. Attendants carried bouquets of pink and green hydrangea.

James LaFranca of Grosse Pointe Shores was his friend's best man.

Ushers and groomsmen were John Monigold Jr. and Steve Monigold, both of Birmingham and the groom's brothers; and the groom's friend, Rick Krakowski of Brooklyn, N.Y.



Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas J. Monigold

The bride's nephew, Davis Ford II of Grosse Pointe Farms, served as ring bearer.

The bride's mother wore a one-shoulder platinum Grecian-style floor length gown with side shirring and beading at the shoulder, designed by David Meister. Her corsage was a single pink rose, which she carried.

The groom's mother chose a midnight blue floor length strapless gown with a lace bodice, layered in silk charmeuse, and a chiffon skirt and a matching shoulder wrap. She carried a single green rose as her corsage.

The trumpeter was

Andrew Wickstrom and the groom's father was the reader.

Following a two-week honeymoon to Bora Bora, the couple reside in Bloomfield Hills.

The bride graduated from Michigan State University and is a client representative with Marsh.

The groom is a MSU graduate and co-owner of Bolyard Lumber.

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ANNIVERSARY



Shirley and Thomas Arbaugh



William and Marie Lane

Shirley and Thomas Arbaugh of the City of Grosse Pointe celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House Sunday, June 24.

The couple married June 23, 1962, at Charity Lutheran Church in Detroit.

They have four children: Michael Arbaugh (Joyce), Jeffrey Arbaugh (Kim), Thomas Arbaugh and Leslie Arbaugh Rajewski (Josh); and 10 grandchildren, Henry, Sophie and Jack Arbaugh; Alexis, Olivia and Ashton Arbaugh; Matthew and Kaylee Heid; and Spencer and Alex Rajewski.

The couple plan a trip to London and Paris in the fall.

William and Marie Lane of St. Clair Shores, former 30-year residents of Grosse Pointe Woods, observe their 70th wedding anniversary Wednesday, Sept. 5.

The couple married Sept. 5, 1942, at St. Hugo of the Hills, Bloomfield Hills.

They have four children, James, Sheryl, Bryan (Kimberly) and Leigh Ann; six grandchildren, Kelley (Michael Ball), Carolyn Kamberlane (Silvio), Matthew, Michael, Patrick and Marie Faith; and five great-grandchildren, Abbey and Zoe Lane; and Julian, Alexander and Amelia Kamberlane.

EVENTS: Dinner

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participants are incubating.

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8B | ENTERTAINMENT

A LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

A parting summer appetizer

As we say goodbye to yet another summer it's time for yet another party — a Labor Day party. I'm serving tasty appetizers turning grilled Italian sausage into the perfect bite paired with Dijon, fresh basil and mozzarella (or other) cheese. Tucked into puffed pastry I turned a half dozen sausages into 60 mouth-watering bites.

Grilled Sausage Puffs

6 sweet Italian sausages
1 package frozen puff pastry, thawed
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard, divided
36 fresh basil leaves
1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided

Cook sausages on grill until cooked throughout. Cool sausages long enough to be able to handle. Slice cooled sausage down the middle, length wise. Set aside. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Unfold thawed puff pastry sheets and cut each sheet into six even rectangles. Smear 1/4 teaspoon of Dijon mustard over each rectangle. Place three basil leaves on each rectangle. Top with two tablespoons shredded mozzarella. Place a sausage half over each rectangle gently stretch dough around sausage, sealing the dough with your fingers.

Place sausage rolls seam side down on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes, until pastry is golden brown. Cool slightly then cut each sausage roll into five one-inch pieces. Place bites on a serving tray and spear each one with a toothpick.

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Yesterday's Headlines



FROM THE AUG. 27, 1987, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1987: Le voyage

These intrepid souls made the lengthy trek from Port Huron to Monroe last week. The Saginaw Voyageurs, all men, made the trek in a 34-foot fiberglass and wood canoe. The vessel was made specially for them to the same specifications the early explorers used for their birch bark canoes. As they passed the Grosse Pointes, they stopped for a swim. They then made their way to Monroe to take part in a rendezvous during Monroe's French Days. The canoe used by the early French fur traders was said to carry 8 to 10 men and four tons of cargo.

1962

50 years ago this week

◆ **THIEF TAKES SUITS, COATS WORTH \$6,000:** More than 100 suits and sport coats worth more than \$6,000 were stolen from Young's Men's Wear on Kercheval in the Village.

All the Pointe police departments have been alerted to keep an especially close watch on men's stores in their respective cities. Earlier this year, Hughes-Hatcher-Suffrin on Mack and Young's were robbed within six days of each other.

◆ **FBI STEPS IN TO HELP NAB WOODS THIEF:** The Federal

Bureau of Investigation has been called in to assist Woods police in tracking down the person responsible for several recent area breakings and enterings. The thief made a strategic mistake when he broke into Detroit and Northern Savings and Loan on Mack.

Detroit and Northern is insured by the federal government, and the FBI has authorization to move in immediately on any case involving a federally-insured organization. The other break-ins were at Porky's Pizza, Deane Dairy Store and Grosse Pointe Valet.

◆ **FIRE DESTROYS CABIN CRUISER:** A small cabin cruiser burned and sank in Lake St. Clair. The boat, a 25-foot Trojan, was cruising

approximately 300 feet east of the shoreline in front of 735 Lakeshore, when its engine stalled. According to the owner, the engine had failed three times earlier in the day. Each time he had no trouble starting it again.

The fourth stall, however, proved serious. Smoke and flames started to pour out of the engine. The boat owner grabbed a fire extinguisher, intending to flight the blaze.

A few moments later, realizing he could do nothing, he jumped overboard. He was picked up by two men cruising nearby.

ple like to gather in groups, especially near the water. While it can be a lot of fun for them, it's often a headache for police and those who run various institutions where the kids may drink, get into fights or damage property.

During this summer, the Farms police have been writing 20 to 30 and sometimes more trespassing tickets on a fair weather weekend. Just about every large institution has hired private security, and while the problem has diminished, it hasn't gone away.

◆ **PARK COUNCIL**

APPROVES WAYBURN/MACK CLOSING: About 30 Grosse Pointe Park residents applauded the decision of the city council at the regular Monday meeting after council members voted unanimously to close Wayburn at Mack Avenue.

Wayburn was temporarily closed at Mack Avenue for a week-long traffic study.

The east-west alley between Wayburn and Alter also was closed temporarily. The results of the study revealed a five percent increase in traffic on Maryland.

—Compiled by Karen Fontanive

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FOOTBALL

Norsemen pummel Huskies, 35-0

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's football team opened its 2012 season in style last week, blanking St. Clair Shores Lakeview 35-0 in front of a standing room only home crowd.

"We ran the ball well, played with a lot of confidence and our defense was sound," head coach Frank Sumbera said. "It was nice to see so many people in the stands. This was a great way to start the season."

Last year, the Norsemen started with an overtime loss to L'Anse Creuse.

The tone of the game was set after the first play from scrimmage when a Huskies running back fumble was recovered by senior Sheldon Harris.

It took the Norsemen five plays and a couple of minutes to get on the board.

On third-and-10, junior running back Tod Long ran for 9 yards and senior quarterback Sean McHale gained 4 yards on fourth-and-one from the Huskies' 10-yard line.

On the fifth play of the drive, Long ran 6 yards for the touchdown, but the extra point missed. However, the Norsemen had a 6-0 lead and never looked back.

The defense forced a three-and-out on the next drive and the offense took care of business, using seven plays to cover 35 yards. The drive ended when McHale threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

North's defense led the way with senior defensive end Devin Palmer, No. 60, tackling Lakeview's Jeremy Bosel in the opening quarter.

Robert Tillman, who out-jumped senior defensive back Derrick Nichols for the ball.

McHale completed the two-point conversion pass to senior wide receiver Taiwan Wiggins, making it 14-0 with 3:42 left in the first quarter.

The Norsemen defense forced another punt and another turnover on the Huskies' fourth possession.

Senior Jack Guest recovered a fumble inside the red zone.

Starting on its 16-yard line, the Norsemen benefitted from a late hit to move the ball to its 41-yard line. On the next play, Long raced 59 yards for the Norsemen's third touchdown.

The extra point was missed, but the Norsemen had a 20-0

lead they maintained to the half.

The Huskies had success running the ball in the second quarter, but the Norsemen defense stiffened to keep them out of the end zone.

It was all North in the second half as its running game gained huge chunks of yards and the defense yielded just nine total yards.

"Four of our five offensive linemen are new, but they looked good run blocking," Sumbera said. "We have to work on our pass blocking, but overall I was pleased with how well they played."

The defense produced a safety in the third quarter and an 18-yard touchdown run by McHale made it a 28-0 lead with 1:20 left in the third stan-

za. Junior Martice Dunlap scored the final touchdown of the game on a 16-yard midway through the final quarter. Senior Dylan Ermanni converted the extra point.

In the fourth quarter, Dunlap combined with junior Kyle Moton and senior Chris Hamilton to effectively run the ball and run out most of the final six minutes.

In his first varsity start at quarterback, McHale completed 3-of-9 passes for 26 yards with one touchdown and one two-point conversion, plus ran the ball seven times for 77 yards and one score.

Long had 125 yards rushing on 19 carries with two touchdowns to lead the ground attack. Dunlap had 77 yards on seven attempts and one score, while Moton had 76 yards on two rushes.

The defense didn't produce a quarterback sack, but limited the Huskies to only a handful of runs of more than 5 yards, while producing a safety and two fumble recoveries.

Up next for North is its Macomb Area Conference Blue Division opener at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 30, at home against L'Anse Creuse.

"It will be a tough game, but we're looking to get a win after losing to them last year in overtime," Sumbera said. "We have to get off on the right foot in our division, so this is a game we need to play well and win."

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils get defensive in road victory

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe South's offense didn't score a single point in the two pre-season scrimmages leading up to last Friday's season opener against powerhouse University of Detroit-Jesuit.

"We didn't score in our four-way scrimmage or in the Blue-Gold game," head coach Tim Brandon said. "We knew we were going to be a defensive-minded team, but the offense was something we were concerned about."

Brandon and the South faithful left last Friday's contest with an eased mind, however, as the Blue Devils racked up 20 points on U-D and walked away with a 20-14 victory.

"They're a very good team that plays in one of the best conferences in the state," Brandon said. "The fact that we were able to score 20 points on them, and have the defense play well and special teams play well, too, gives us a lot of confidence."

South's offense made a statement on the game's opening drive, moving down the field for a field goal, taking a 3-0 lead right out of the gate.

"I think that was really important," Brandon said. "It did a lot for our confidence."

Junior quarterback Richie Kish, in his first varsity start, was excep-

tional, going 10-of-21 for 149 yards and a touchdown.

"Our quarterback made some tough throws and made the right decisions when he had to," Brandon said. "And, our offensive line did a great job pass blocking as well. I think we only gave up one sack and we're happy with that. Overall this was a great team win. Everyone played well

and with a lot of effort." Despite the squad's ability to efficiently function on offense, there's little doubt that South is built around its defense.

Senior Jack Doyle's effort against the Cubs is exactly why coaches, players and fans are enthused with the defensive side of the ball.

Doyle finished the day with double-digit tackles and an interception he

returned for a score. Renell Perkins also wrapped up the victory with 11 tackles, two for loss.

"We're still going to be a ball-possession-type team," the coach admitted. "We're still going to be about moving the chains and playing great defense. That's not going to change for us."

Next up for the Blue Devils is a much-im-

proved L'Anse Creuse North squad in the season's home opener Aug. 30.

The Crusaders head in-

to the contest on the heels of a 19-game-losing-streak-snapping victory over Warren Cousino.

LIGGETT

Knights open with defeat

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's football team battled defending Division 7 state champion Saginaw Nouvel last week.

"It's a tough game, but one we need to play to see what kind of football team we have," head coach Lou Ray said during a preseason interview.

The Knights lost 28-7, but it was a 14-7 game heading into the final quarter. For Nouvel, it was the teams 14th consecutive win.

"We outthit them and gave them all the football game they wanted," Ray said. "The kids deserve a lot of credit for how hard they played. There were about four plays that changed the entire football game."

"Had only a few gone our way, we might have upset Saginaw."

Senior quarterback

Nate Gaggin was 19-of-34 for 195 yards and a touchdown to senior wide receiver KeVaughn Jackson, who caught five passes for 54 yards and the score.

Senior Drew Jerome had five catches for 48 yards and sophomore running back Charles Jones had four receptions for 35 yards, plus rushed for 35 yards on eight carries before leaving with an injury.

Gaggin also rushed for 36 yards on seven carries and senior Stephen Benard had four grabs for 28 yards.

Defensively, senior Dan Baird Jerome (one quarterback sack) and Jones led the way in tackles, while freshman Thomas Jackson had an interception.

Liggett dropped to 0-1 overall.

Coming up for Liggett is a 6 p.m. road game Thursday, Aug. 30, against Hillman.

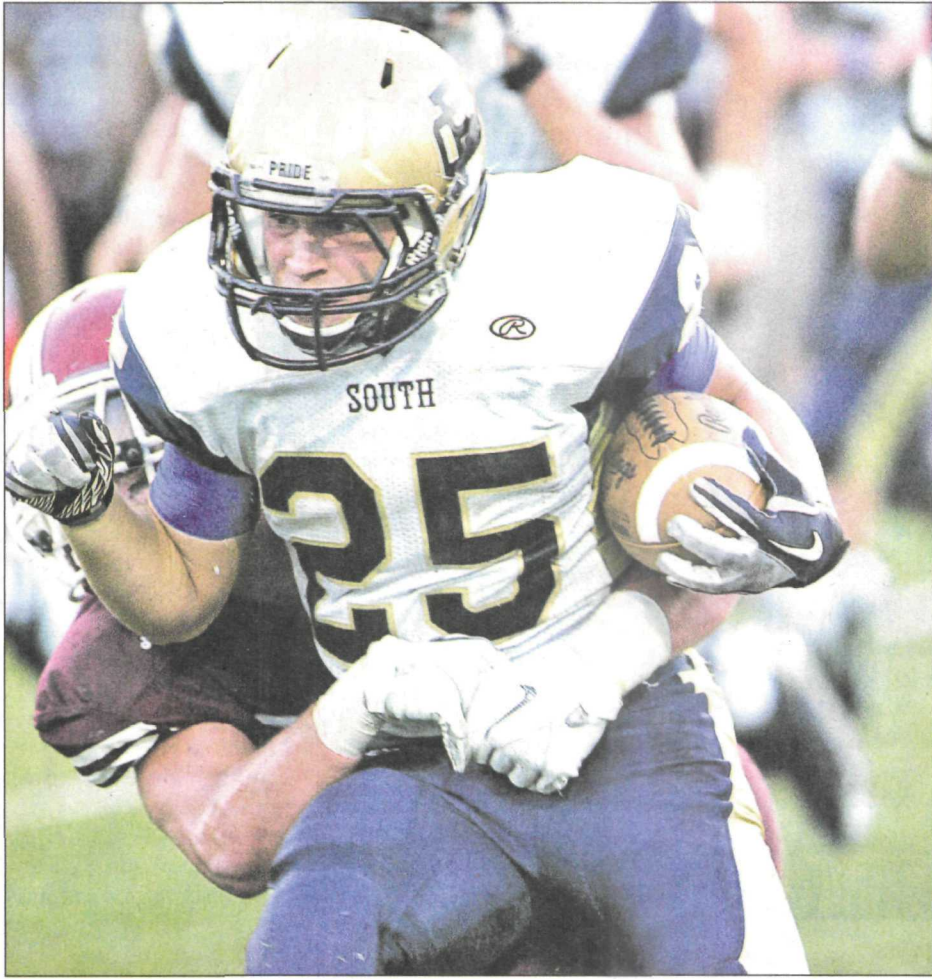


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Grosse Pointe South's Liam McIlroy, right, gains some tough yards during the Blue Devils' win over U-D Jesuit.

Soccer

LIGGETT

Marx anxious for college tryouts

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett graduate Billy Marx put together quite a senior year.

The 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores resident double-dipped in the fall, playing soccer for head coach David Backhurst and football for head coach Lou Ray.

He broke the Knights' single-season goal-scoring mark of 34, plus kicked several field goals and a couple dozen extra points.

Marx even put in a Bo Jackson-like two-sport day by playing a 4 p.m. soccer game, changing his soccer uniform to football and playing a 7:30 p.m. gridiron game for the Knights.

"It was a great fall," Marx said. "I really enjoyed playing both sports. I love soccer, but it was great to get into a football game and contribute by making a field goal and kicking some extra points."

Marx put soccer first and never put his coaches in a quandary.

He earned All-State Honorable Mention, All-Region and All-League, plus was the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player and Liggett's MVP his senior year.

The highlight of Marx's soccer career

was playing in the 2009 Division 4 state semifinal game. The Knights lost 3-0 to Ann Arbor Greenhills.

"That was great going through that playoff run, winning some big games before losing to Greenhills in the Final Four," Marx said. "I had a great time playing for coach (David) Backhurst and (David) Dwaihy.

"I was happy with my senior year and breaking the goal record was something special," Marx said. "However, I had a lot of help from my teammates."

Marx, now a graduate and playing in summer pickup games against his former teammates, is staying in shape in preparation for his first season of college soccer.

He takes his talents to Kalamazoo College, playing for first-year head coach Lumumba Shabazz.

"Over the past seven or eight years, it has been a joy to watch Billy grow into the excellent soccer player he is today," Backhurst said. "He certainly has the speed, quickness and skills to play at the next level, be it forward, mid-field or defense.

"He also has the intangibles, the soccer sense and the positive attitude and total commitment to the game. I look forward to hearing about his accomplishments at

Kalamazoo College."

"I've been working out at Next Level and running to stay in shape, so I'm going to give it my best shot," Marx said.

Marx honed his soccer skills playing travel soccer for a team called Waza out of Ultimate Soccer in Pontiac.

The exposure in this Premier 1 level helped Marx put together a very solid high school athletic career.

He began playing soccer at age 4 out of the Neighborhood Club and advanced to Salvo of the Grosse Pointe Soccer Association.

Achieving new heights brought him to Waza and now Kalamazoo College.

"I developed a love of the game growing up and I hope to continue my career in college," Marx said. "It's a goal of mine."

He also swam for Liggett his freshman and senior years, plus played on the golf team this spring.

Marx attended St. Paul until entering middle school at Liggett. After spending his final seven years of education at Liggett, he will study a pre-medicine curriculum at Kalamazoo College before entering medical school.

He finished high school with a 3.3 grade point average.

"I will most likely ma-

jor in biology and apply to several medical schools, like University of Michigan," Marx said. "I'm looking forward to college. I have a lot of friends who are going to the school with me and more former classmates who are sophomores, so I should know quite a few people when I get to campus.

"College will be challenging, especially if I make the soccer team, but I'm ready for it."

As for now, the 5-foot, 11-inch, 153-pound Marx works out and runs to stay in top shape with tryouts around the corner.



FILE PHOTO

Liggett 2012 graduate Billy Marx hopes to earn a spot on Kalamazoo College men's soccer team this fall.

LIGGETT

Knights net victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' soccer team played well in its season opener last week, beating Lutheran Westland 4-0.

The Knights, playing on their home turf, were flying around the field and scored early in the game to grab momentum. It was the Knights' first win over Lutheran Westland since 2009.

"We were really pumped up for our first game," head coach David

Backhurst said. "The guys were prepared for this game and they played well."

The first goal was set up by a corner kick from junior Adante Provenzano. His pass was deflected by senior Peter Hopkins to junior Anthony Simon, who scored the goal.

"We dominated the shots on goal and the play in the field," Backhurst said. "It was a nice effort for our opener."

In the final minute of the first half, junior goalkeeper Patrick Broder, making his first appearance in net, booted a long

pass that Provenzano controlled, dribbled between two Warrior defenders, and scored, making it 2-0 at the half.

"We felt a lot better about our effort after that goal made it 2-0," Backhurst said.

With 16 minutes left in the game, Provenzano assisted on sophomore Andrew Lohman's first of two tallies. The two repeated the effort several minutes later to complete the scoring.

Liggett improved to 1-0 overall and in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Disappointing first week

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' soccer team ended its first busy week with a thud last week, falling 4-2 to Sterling Heights Stevenson.

After the game, head coach Stefan Harris and the Blue Devils shook hands with the Titans and headed directly to the meeting room for a stern discussion.

The host Blue Devils fell behind 2-0 in the opening half. A combination of an offense not generating scoring chances and a leaky defense created the deficit.

The Titans put a goal on the board in the first 60 seconds of the second half, making it 3-0, but the Blue Devils began to turn on the heat.

They created good scoring chances and a defensive handball in the box

gave the Blue Devils a penalty kick.

Senior Jeff Wolstrom blasted the kick past the goalie, putting the home team on the board and giving them some needed momentum.

They had several solid scoring chances, but only scored midway through the second stanza when senior Mark Adamaszak connected with junior Andrew Cornwell, who kicked in the second goal.

The Blue Devils opened the season with a pair of 1-0 losses to Macomb Area Conference Red Division foes, Macomb Dakota and Utica Eisenhower. The loss to Stevenson gave the Blue Devils an 0-3 record against the MAC Red.

South won its MAC White Division opener, 1-0, at Warren Cousino, and lost 2-0 to Romeo Monday evening.

South is 1-4 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Tough week

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' soccer team suffered a frustrating 1-0 loss to St. Clair Shores Lakeview in its division opener Monday afternoon.

The host Norsemen played well and had ample scoring opportunities, but the ball never found the back of the net.

"We're trying to get better with each game," head coach Skip Mukhtar said. "We

haven't been able to gel and we're not as smooth as we should be, but we're working hard."

The host Norsemen had two corner kicks in the final three minutes, but a Huskies defender kicked away a shot on net and the second corner sailed too far away for a shot attempt.

In their first two games of the season, North lost 2-0 at Warren Mott and 2-1 at Utica, falling to 0-3 overall.

David Kracht scored against the Chieftains.

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Tennis

LIGGETT

Knights win Portland Tournament

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' tennis team is off to a fast start this season.

The Knights blanked Jackson Lumen Christi 9-0 in their season-opening match and followed that outing by winning the Portland Tournament with 20 points.

Host Portland was second with 17 points, followed by Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian with nine and Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central with two.

"Our boys are playing well out of the gate," head coach Drew Mascarin said. "They're playing with intensity and that has translated into some nice early season wins."

Against Lumen Christi, six of the nine matches were won in straight sets, including all four singles flights.

Senior Garrett Mallires won 6-2, 6-1 at No. 1 sin-



PHOTO BY SEAN DIAZ

Liggett's tennis team members winning the Portland Tournament were, front row from left, James Jurcak, Garrett Mallires and Alec Petitpren; middle row from left, Matt Ninivaggi, J.T. Mestdagh, Phillip Pierce, August Bonacci, Jack Ninivaggi and Vijay Policherla; and back row from left, Jeff Shell, Patrick Diaz, Neil Sekhon, Alan Jurcak and Steve Kneiser.

gles and senior Philip Pierce won 6-3, 6-2 at No.

2 singles.

Juniors Neil Sekhon

and Patrick Diaz had no troubles beating their

foes, winning 6-1, 6-4 and 6-0, 6-2 at No. 3 and 4 singles, respectively.

In doubles, senior Alec Petitpren and James Jurcak won 6-4, 6-7, 6-4 at No. 1 doubles, while junior Alan Jurcak and sophomore August Bonacci dropped the first set of their No. 2 doubles match, 4-6, but came back to win 6-4, 6-2.

Senior Matt Ninivaggi and junior Stephen Kneiser crushed their foe at No. 3 doubles, 6-1, 6-1, and at No. 4 doubles, sophomores Jack Ninivaggi and Vijay Policherla won with ease, 6-0, 6-1.

The Knights' final match at No. 5 doubles was a 4-6, 6-0 (10-5) win for freshman Alex Dow and junior J.T. Mestdagh.

In the Portland Tournament, the Knights won 23-of-27 matches and four flights took first place.

Pierce won the No. 2 singles flight and

Sekhom beat his foes in the No. 3 singles flight.

Diaz won some tough matches to pull out first place at No. 4 singles and Mallires took runner-up at No. 1 singles.

"We beat the teams in our division, which is good for seeding purposes," Mascarin said. "We want to beat the teams we will see in our regional to get an edge on them."

Petitpren and James Jurcak took second at the No. 1 doubles flight, while Alan Jurcak and Bonacci played well to win the No. 2 doubles flight.

Kneiser and Matt Ninivaggi placed second at the No. 3 doubles flight, as did the No. 4 doubles team of Jack Ninivaggi and Policherla.

"All in all, it was a nice start to the season," Mascarin said. "We have some tough matches ahead of us, which will give our guys a nice test." Liggett is 1-0 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Team blanks foe

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' tennis team blanked Fraser 8-0 in its season-opening match last week.

"The boys did a nice job and played very well," head coach John Willard said.

Leading the Blue Devils were singles players sophomore Nick Paolucci, junior Colden Gosselin, sophomore Brendan Clune and freshman Nick Costakis.

Doubles teams of senior David Wittwer and sophomore William Norris, junior Victor Flynn and senior Patrick Dietz, juniors Isaac Piecuch and Steve

VanWalleghem, and juniors Tomas Garberding and Brian LHeureux, won their matches.

Last weekend, the Blue Devils had their hands full competing in the Ann Arbor Huron Invitational.

Joining the Blue Devils were Saline, Ann Arbor Huron, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Midland Dow, Portage Central, Bloomfield Hills Andover and Holland West Ottawa.

"This was a good learning experience for our team," Willard said. "These teams are very good and there was some solid tennis. We won some matches and that is what we wanted to see." South is 1-0 overall.

LITTLE LEAGUE



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Bullseye

Lehhard Financial Services held a "Home Run Target Bill Board" at Ghesquire Field the week of July 16 for the Local Teams All-Star Tournament. During the 10-year-old division championship game, Gino Lutfy, above, hit the target with a home run, helping the team win the title. In addition to Lenhard Financial agreeing to make a donation to the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League, the home run team was awarded ice cream at Ashby's following the game.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' tennis team started its season on the right foot, earning its most points in several years in the Okemos Invitational.

The Norsemen had success against Ann Arbor Huron, Battle Creek Lakeview and host Okemos.

"The boys really stepped it up and played

well against some teams that finished in the top 10 in the state last year," head coach John VanAlst said.

No. 4 singles player Matthew Kain won his flight and the No. 2 doubles team of Nick Cusmano and Connor Olzen won 2-of-3 matches.

In a non-league match, North improved to 1-0 in dual matches by shutting out Warren DeLaSalle, 8-0.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

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Cross country

NORTH & SOUTH GIRLS; SOUTH BOYS

South, North enjoy season-opening meet

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Three of the local boys and girls' cross-country teams competed in last weekend's unofficial start to the season, the Mariner Invitational at East China Park in Marine City.

Grosse Pointe South won the girls' meet with Grosse Pointe North taking third, and Grosse Pointe South placed second behind St. Clair in the boys' race.

"By race time, the temperature hit 90 degrees and this was felt by all," South head coach Steve Zaranek said. "This was a great first test for our team under difficult conditions. We really performed well."

In the girls' race, South junior Kelsie Schwartz won with a time of 19:09. North senior Allison Francis was fifth with a time of 20:31 to lead the Norsemen.

"Francis is ahead of last season and is looking to have a great senior season," said North head coach Scott Cooper. I want nothing less for her. She has worked hard and now has a chance to really make a stand for her final year with us."

The Blue Devils' other top finishers were senior Christina Firl, seventh at 20:57; sophomore Mary Spencer, ninth at 21:44; senior Nicole Keller, 18th at 22:34; sophomore Alex Dulworth, 19th at 22:35; freshman Elizabeth Sullivan, 21st at 22:46;

and sophomore Megan Sklarski, 31st at 23:50. The Blue Devils' medal winners were Schwartz, Firl, Spencer, Keller, Dulworth and Sullivan.

The Norsemen's other top runners were freshman Katelyn Carney, 11th at 21:58; junior Natalie Schaefer, 12th at 21:59; freshman Sydney Benson, 23rd at 22:57; freshman Ashley Brown, 32nd at 23:53; senior Laura O'Brien, 35th at 24:11; and senior Maria Vasquez, 38th at 24:35. The Norsemen's medal winners were Francis, Carney, Schaefer and Benson.

"Schaefer is a tough runner," Cooper said. "She always goes out with Francis and stays with her as long as she can. She is gaining more confidence and is looking to stay a top 3 runner for us and help a ton to keep our team score down."

In the girls' junior varsity race, the Norsemen's top runners were Alaina Streberger, Marie Bourke, Savannah Ransome, Sarah Cherry, Maddie Denison, Hailey Ferguson and Brigitte Smith.

The Blue Devils' top JV runners were Anna Piccione, Gennie Martin, Maggie Wright, Abby Passamani, Sam Holm, Sarah O'Niell, Natasha Boelstler, Natalia Engel, Bridget Hennessy and Natalie Sullivan.

For the South boys, junior Charlie Warren was third with a time of 17:10 and the duo of seniors



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Grosse Pointe South's varsity runners taking first in the meet were, from left, Kelsie Schwartz, Mary Spencer, Megan Sklarski, Elizabeth Sullivan, Alex Dulworth, Christina Firl and Nicole Keller.

Bradley Sanford and Matt Geist took 11th and 12th with times of 18:14 and 18:17, respectively.

Junior Jacob Knuth was 16th with a time of 18:33 and sophomore Michael Gates was 19th with a time of 18:44 to round out the Blue Devils' top runners.

South's other competitors were senior Andrew Juergens, 41st at 19:57; senior Zach Montgomery, 66th at 21:35. The Blue Devils' medalists were Warren, Sanford, Geist, Knuth and Gates.

Their junior varsity team won its meet with Montgomery, Bailey Labadie and Michael Fennell taking second, third and fourth overall.

South won the "Most Outstanding School" award for the meet.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL SCHAEFER

Grosse Pointe North's Allison Francis, left, and Natalie Schaefer, center, ran well for the Norsemen in Marine City.

Volleyball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils on fire

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' volleyball team is off to its best start in program history.

Head coach Ryan Welser is all smiles after the Blue Devils won two straight tournaments and finished second in another.

"Things are going very well for us and we're off to a great start," Welser said. "We're getting contributions from everyone, which makes this even better since we have more girls to step up."

The Blue Devils began their season by taking second in the Mount Morris Tournament, losing to the host team in the championship match.

In pool play, they split with Croswell-Lexington and beat Yale and Steiner Academy. In the quarterfinals, the Blue Devils

beat L'Anse Creuse North and defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer in the semifinals.

Last week, South won the Warren Woods-Tower and Imlay City tournaments.

In the WWT Tournament, the Blue Devils defeated Roseville, St. Clair and Sterling Heights Stevenson in pool play.

They beat Roseville and Utica Ford in the quarterfinals and semifinals before taking it right at Stevenson, winning 25-14, 25-22 in the championship match.

Welser's squad won four pool matches in the Imlay City Tournament, beating Marine City, Yale, Capac and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

In the semifinals, the Blue Devils defeated Memphis and they had a rematch with Prep in the championship match.

They fell behind 18-8 in game one, but roared

back to win it 25-23. They took care of business in game two, winning 25-20 to win a second consecutive tournament.

Early season leaders in hitting are senior Claire DeBoer and sophomore Izzy Murphy. Defensively, senior Neala Berkowski is the digging specialist, while serving standouts are juniors Grace Metry and Hannah Adams.

Sophomore Carina Bertakis has stepped into the setter role.

Grosse Pointe South is 16-1-1.

Cancer benefit

Grosse Pointe South hosts city rivals Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett Monday, Sept. 10, with all proceeds going to cancer research.

South faces Liggett at 4:30 p.m. and at 6 p.m. Liggett battles North. The final match is 7:30 p.m. when South faces North.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Helping the cause

Members of the Grosse Pointe North girls' volleyball program took time off from practice and matches to make some money for the program when they conducted a car wash Sunday, Aug. 26. The junior varsity team earned bragging rights, raising \$550, followed by the varsity squad at \$500 and the freshmen at \$475. Pictured above are varsity players Christa Raicevich, left, and Olivia Ritchie.

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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Words of Wellness

If you're like most people, your time is precious. Fitting a workout into your schedule means getting everything you can from time spent in the gym. To help you, here's my guide to optimizing your workouts.

Come Prepared. Though it sounds a bit Boy Scout like, being prepared is more than just packing a gym bag. Sure, making the trip to the gym convenient is helpful, but there's more. You've got to enter the gym ready to work! That demands mental preparation for the workout ahead. Try this: The night before your workout, take two minutes to contemplate how your workout will unfold. Visualize it. Decide in advance which exercises you want to perform and that will create your plan of attack.

Use Headphones. No, you're not being antisocial: You're on a mission. The gym is a great place to fraternize, but when you're short on time one errant conversation can derail an entire workout. Using headphones signals to others that you're there for a focused workout. You can choose to plug them into a music device or not!

Circuit Train. Perhaps the easiest way to get the optimum from a tight workout schedule is to circuit train. Set up three or more exercises and perform them consecutively with little to no rest. It's good to vary the types of exercises as well. If you can pair strength and cardio exercises in the circuit, it will help keep your heart rate elevated throughout the workout — and that means more calories will be burned in less time.

Clock Watch. If you've just got 30 minutes on a lunch break, you have an eye on the clock, so use it. Perform sets of strength exercises in increments of 20 to 30 seconds per set. Better still is to limit rest between exercises to 30 seconds or a minute. It's astounding how much time the average gym-goer wastes on down time between sets. Turn off the TV, stow the phone... and for

goodness sake, put down the newspaper!

Use Active Rest. Active rest is something you do between sets. Spend this time stretching, especially targeting muscle groups you're working on. Another option is to perform abdominal exercises. My personal favorite:

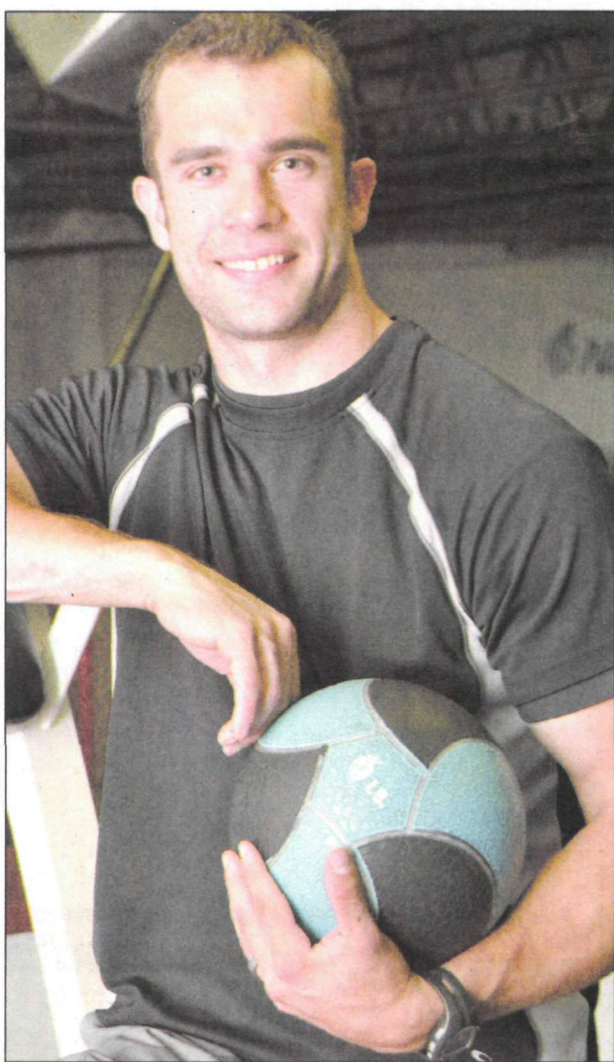
Make putting away weights an exercise! If you've just used a chest-press machine with 25-pound plates, do a few curls with that weight as you put them back on the rack. Not only will your biceps thank you, but so will the gym's staff.

Don't Overthink. You'll see it all the time — a gym-goer with a notebook full of workouts and one-rep max conversion charts. I, too, used to be that guy. When time is tight, however, that needs to go out the window. Listen to what your body wants to exercise and do it. To document each exercise and the weight lifted has its place to record progress, but not when you are on a time-crunch.

Join a Class. If you really don't have time to do all the above, sometimes it's best to leave it to the professionals. Most gyms offer group fitness classes where the trainers do most of the dirty work for you by designing a workout complete with proper rest periods. Your job is to show up. Follow instructions. Perform the exercises and leave the gym a fitter you.

No matter what strategies you might employ in your next trip to the gym, remember that even a quick workout is better than no workout. Come prepared. Stay focused. Live well.

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Mike Hackett

Golf

SOUTH & NORTH

Victorious

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' golf team began head coach Mike Rennell's tenure on the right foot last week, beating Romeo 194-218 at Heather Hills.

Hannah Buzolits and Katie Dalman were the Blue Devils' top golfers in the division match.

The team improved to 1-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and overall.

North results

Grosse Pointe North started its season off on the right foot, beating Utica Eisenhower 204-206 at Cherry Creek.

Ali Scoggin was the medalist with a 43, while

Jenna Paglino and Madison Vens each shot a 51, and Lauren Koeppe had a 59.

The Norsemen followed that with a 194-219 division victory over Fraser.

Scoggin and Paglino tied for medalist honors posting a 47. Vens and Jordyn Parent followed with a pair of 50s.

North improved to 1-0 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 2-0 overall.

"We started off playing well, but we have a lot to improve on," head coach Brian Stackpoole said. "This is also the most competition we have had for playing time in a long time and the girls are responding to the challenge."

Field hockey

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Two earn wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' field hockey team has things to work on before its next game.

However, head coach Millie Tompkins was happy the Blue Devils came away with a season-opening 2-0 win over Dearborn last week.

Alex Rogers and Lily Sterr scored the home team's goals. The host Blue Devils scored at the 13:49 mark of the first half and the 12:21 mark of the second half.

The Blue Devils had three golden scoring opportunities in the opening half, but couldn't convert.

Liggett results

University Liggett's girls' field hockey team opened its season last weekend with a 1-0 win over Dearborn.

Head coach Tamara Fobare's returning players Courtney Knight, Ashley Webster, Ania Dow and Gabrielle Masi played well offensively, while Julia Grimm, Mackenzie Lukas, RoseMarie DeRoo and Jacqueline Diggs were solid on defense.

Anne Grech was stellar in net, stopping several shots to help the Knights earn the victory.

Freshmen Alexis Knak and Megan DesMadryl had a solid opening game, while midfielders giving support were Ellen Bricolas, Rayna Patel, Kaitlyn Vreeken and Maranda Saigh.

North results

The Grosse Pointe North girls' field hockey team fought warm, muggy temperatures, gnats and Livonia Ladywood Monday evening.

Unfortunately, the host Norsemen lost 6-2 to the Blazers with Julia Henderson and Katie Bowles scoring goals.

Head coach Melissa Carron's squad was able to generate great scoring opportunities with Anna Giordano using her speed and stick handling skills.

However, Ladywood goalie Stephanie Mackley came up with several saves and its offense converted its opportunities to win the non-league game.

Last weekend, North lost 3-1 to Grand Rapids Forest Hills in a game played at Dexter.

North fell to 0-2 overall.

YOUTH SOCCER



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Salvo success

The GPSA Salvo 01 Green team won a division title at the Michigan Challenge Cup in Lansing Aug. 12.

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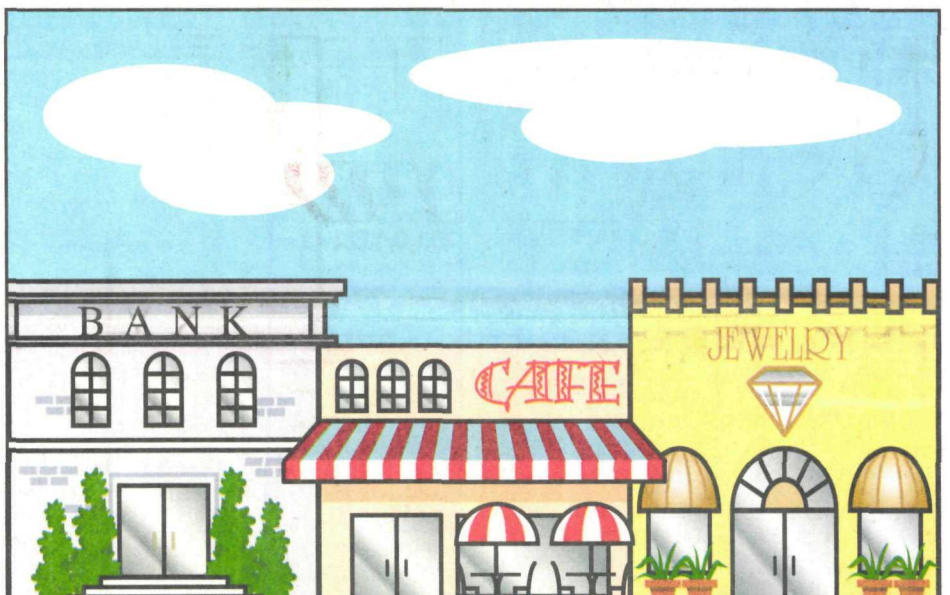
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