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Prosecutor about Bashara: 'He knew what happened to his wife'

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

DETROIT — Bob Bashara sat quietly and without emotion Tuesday morning as Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Lisa Lindsey laid out the case against him in her opening statement as the

trial in the death of Jane Bashara began in Wayne County Circuit Court.

"On Jan. 25, 2012, police found the body of Jane Bashara dumped in an alley in Detroit like a piece of common trash," Lindsey said, before describing Bob Bashara's efforts to deflect atten-

tion away from him.

"He even told police his wife could have gone out for marijuana," she said. "He told police, 'I don't want to narc on my wife, but she smoked marijuana.'"

But, Lindsey continued, "He knew what happened to his wife."

Lindsey's 45-minute statement outlined the case the People will bring against Bashara, who is facing a first degree murder charge, as well as five other counts, in the January 2012 death of his wife. Jane Bashara was found strangled in the backseat of her SUV the

morning of Jan. 25, 2012. Joe Gentz, a handyman who worked for her husband, confessed to the murder, but said he did so at the behest of her husband.

Lindsey showed cell-phone records of hundreds of calls between Gentz and Bashara,

including several in the days leading up to murder. She also showed video clips from interviews Bashara did with various media outlets where he contradicted himself in statements he made regarding Gentz.

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Devils' night

Grosse Pointe South students are fired up for the Homecoming game against Utica High School. Below, South wideout, Brain Blanz, drags a Utica defender along after making one of his four catches. Below right, the cheerleading squad was all smiles at the game.

PHOTOS BY JOHN MCTAGGART



Senior homecoming court members Molly Paddock, Katie Kish and Ginny Hayden wave to the crowd lining the street during the parade. At left, Kish, named homecoming queen, is all smiles as Connie Bedsworth steals the crown from her head during Friday night's football game. The two know each other, however. Bedsworth was a member of Kish's Sunday school class last year.

B&E suspect caught

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The arrest of a burglary suspect Thursday, Oct. 9, coincided with a respite, and possibly an end, to a series of nine home break-ins since Sept. 8.

"We haven't had a home invasion since, which is usually an indication the guy is caught," Detective Lt. Richard Rosati of the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department said this week. "We're not hanging our hat on it, but we're pretty confident."

The suspect, a heroin user, is known to Farms police.

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Teens suspected in heist

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The only things missing last weekend from a house entrusted to a male friend of the homeowners' teenage daughter are 21 pieces of jewelry worth nearly \$40,000.

"A kid has the key to a house and is supposed to dog-sit," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati. "He has six friends over. During the two or three days, they go through the whole house — admittedly so, from the ones I've talked to — and found themselves looking into an unlocked safe."

The house-sitter is a 17-year-old Farms male.

The homeowner told investigators he forgot to shut and lock the safe prior to him and his wife visiting their daughter, 17, in Florida from Wednesday, Oct. 1, to Monday, Oct. 6.

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The Rev. Walter A. Schmidt

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Bennett inducted into Hall of Fame

North coach earns state's highest honor

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls' varsity basketball head coach Gary Bennett was inducted into the Michigan Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame Saturday, Oct. 11, in Lansing.

In addition, there was a reception for Bennett Friday, Oct. 10, at the Grosse Pointe North library.

He joined other hall of famers, such as 2013

inductees Robert Menefee of Detroit Cody High School, Steve Schmidt of Mott Community College, Andrew Sheridan of Jackson High School and Dan Stolz of Okemos High School.

"A lot of people can share in this award because they've all played an essential or critical part in the success I've experienced," Bennett said. "These include my family and friends, as well as all of

the special people who have coached or taught me and influenced me in a positive way throughout the years, all of my assistant coaches, my athletic directors and principals, and last but not least, all of my players and their parents.

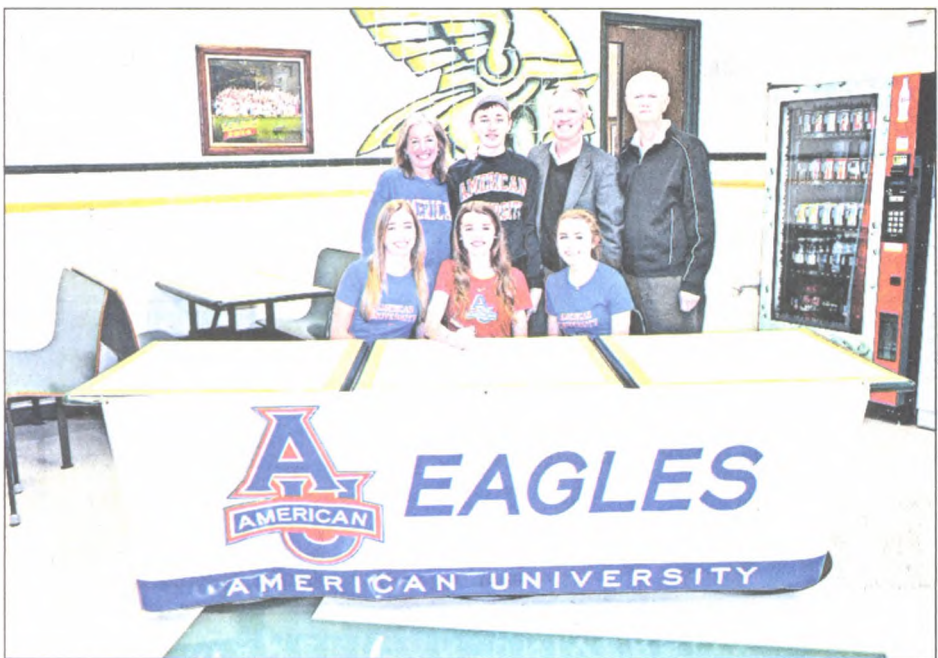
"To receive an award like this you have to be surrounded by great people, and throughout my life I have definitely been surrounded by great people. This I know for certain. I've been truly blessed."

"All games against Gary Bennett coached teams are special in my eyes," said Warren Regina head coach Diane Laffey. "He is a great coach and I am so happy that he is being inducted into the Hall of Fame. It is very well-deserved."

"Gary is a great competitor. Anytime you play one of his teams, you are in for a battle. His teams play the best defense of any team we face year in and year out. I am so glad that we have him back on our schedule. We didn't play them for a few years after we moved to Warren, but we re-established the rivalry last year and I hope it continues. We played some very tough district state tournament games against North when we were in Harper Woods."

"I have the utmost respect for Gary and his teams. I am happy to say that he and I have become good friends."

Throughout his career, Bennett has a 526-198 career record. The teams have won 17 league championships, nine district crowns, four regional titles and one



FILE PHOTO

Grosse Pointe North girls' varsity basketball head coach Gary Bennett, standing far right, is heading into the Michigan Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He helped hundreds of his players achieve success, including the three Liddane sisters, seated from left, Allison, Maria and Micaela.

state championship.

Bennett guided the 2008 North squad to a 58-46 win over East Lansing in the Class A title game at the EMU Convocation Center. It was a tight first half with the Norsemen ahead 28-26 and it was 36-34 North at the end of the third quarter. The Norsemen pulled away with a 22-12 fourth quarter.

Members of the state championship team were Kelly DeFauw, Kayla Womack, Olivia Stander, Jasmine Kennedy, Ariel Braker, Allison Liddane, Sarah Bigham, Madeline Kent, Katelyn Vargo, Sarah Perry and Christine Bedway.

Braker had a double-double with 15 points and 16 rebounds. Kennedy finished with 13 points and DeFauw had 11 as the Norsemen finished

the season 24-4.

Bennett is revered by not only those at Grosse Pointe North, but throughout Grosse Pointe, as well as the coaches in the Macomb Area Conference.

His patience and ability to be an excellent head coach helped Bennett get through to his players. He teaches his players to not only be good basketball players, but to be a good student and a productive adult once they graduate from college.

Those who played for Bennett said they appreciated the life lessons taught on the court and in his mathematics classes.

He has retired from teaching, but it doesn't mean Bennett stops teaching when he is in practice and in games.

Last year, in particular, the Norsemen lost their

all-state starting point guard, Maria Liddane, when she tore her ACL early in the season.

Without an experienced point guard to work with, Bennett worked harder in practice to develop the guards who would fill the huge void left by the injury.

Through growing pains, Bennett's confidence in his players helped the Norsemen surprise everyone and finish with a 6-6 mark in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 12-10 overall.

While the challenges of coaching high school student-athletes is getting tougher, Bennett remains a positive influence. He has helped shape the lives of the young women he coached and even now many come back to say hello and thank you for being there.

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Cora Smith, 4, of the City of Grosse Pointe, doesn't need much help from Lt. Bill Nicholson to aim a fire hose during the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety open house, Sunday, Oct. 12. Nicholson is the department's fire inspector.

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BRAD LINDBERG

Emergency training day

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Trouble the Dalmatian proved ill-named during the public safety open house Sunday afternoon behind city hall.

He let children pet him and posed for photos with the open house's show stealers, four fire rigs.

Grosse Pointe Shores Fire Inspector Lt. Bill Nicholson helped children operate a hose hooked to a pumper truck.

Cora Smith, 4, attending with her mother, Emily Fleury, of the City of Grosse Pointe, scored a bull's-eye with her stream of water.

The experience left Smith, already shy, speechless.

Vehicles displayed included both Shores fire trucks, an aerial truck from Grosse Pointe Woods, a surplus rig truck presented by Wally's Frozen Custard, the Shores ambulance and a war-surplus armored personnel carrier used by the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Special Response Team.

Trouble is a member of the family of Councilman Bruce Bisbal.

The open house Sunday, Oct. 12, capped "Fire Prevention Week" sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association.

"We like kids to see officers in our fire uniforms so when they see us, they won't be afraid," said Chief John Schulte.

"The ambulance is like a mini-emergency room that comes to your home to take care of sick people," officer and paramedic Jessie Lafriniere tells children.

Officer John Jebrail operated a portable smoke house, sponsored by Beaumont Health System and



Above, Officer Jessie Lafriniere, a paramedic, prepares the department ambulance for display. At right, Christian McLeod, 5, of Grosse Pointe Woods, scrambles out of the smoke house.



part of Grosse Pointe Safety Town.

The house fills with simulated smoke so children can practice ducking under smoke in a burning structure and escape outside.

"I learned if there's fire in your house and smoke everywhere, you get down on your knees," said Devin Ferrari, 9, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

"We want them to get out of the house, if they can, as safely and quickly as possible without injuring themselves," Jebrail said. "We don't want them to hide under blankets or a bed."

He also advised families to establish an outdoor meeting place where escaping members of a household can be accounted for.



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Attorney John Holler III sits with client Joseph Gentz during a hearing in Detroit last week.

Gentz won't testify against Bashara

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

DETROIT — Joseph Gentz, who pleaded guilty to killing Jane Bashara but said he did so at the behest of her husband, is refusing to testify in the murder trial against Bob Bashara.

Gentz, along with his court-appointed attorney, John Holler III, appeared Friday afternoon before Judge Vonda Evans, after notifying the court he would not testify in the first degree murder trial against Bob Bashara, scheduled to begin with opening statements Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Gentz had been listed as a witness for the defense by Bashara's attorneys, Michael McCarthy and Lillian Diallo.

Holler said Gentz, who confessed to police he had strangled Jane Bashara on Jan. 24, 2012, in the garage of her Grosse Pointe Park home, said his client would not agree to testify for either the prosecution or the defense unless his plea deal was reworked.

Under terms of the agreement, Gentz was able to plead down to second-degree murder in exchange for his testimony against Bob Bashara. He is currently serving a sentence of 17 to 28 years.

"He is adamant that he was told in an off-the-record conversation with prosecutors that he would have to serve no more than five years," Holler told the court.

That was immediately challenged by Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Lisa Lindsey, saying the prosecution has never offered Gentz such a deal. She also said if Gentz refused to testify, his current plea deal could be revoked and he could be charged with first degree murder.

She also said it appears Gentz is receiving bad advice from jailhouse lawyers. "We don't need his testimony," Lindsey told the court. "We have never put all our eggs in Joe Gentz's basket."

Evans warned Gentz to not rely on information from fellow inmates. "I would not take advice from anyone who is locked up themselves on how to get out," she told Gentz. "You do understand that if the prosecutor decides to withdraw this plea because you have not fulfilled your obligation, they can charge you with first degree murder?"

Gentz replied he understood, then asked Evans if he could return to his cell. He is currently housed in the Macomb Correctional Facility in New Haven.

But Holler asked the court to delay returning Gentz to New Haven on the chance a deal could be worked out. "That won't happen, no way, no how," Lindsey said.

Following the hearing, Holler said Gentz alleges the offer to reduce his time to five years came

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The Week Ahead

THURSDAY, OCT. 16

◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hold a used book sale from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

FRIDAY, OCT. 17

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School choir's fall follies begin at 7 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased at Posterity in the Village or at gpsouthchoir.org.

◆ Hob Nobbin' with Goblins begins at 6 p.m. in Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park.

◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hold a used book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ewald branch. ◆ St. Clare of Montefalco Church hosts a 2014-15 Pistons preview at 7 p.m. at the church. Former Piston Ray Scott and Detroit News columnist Terry Foster are to attend and the documentary "Bad Boys" will be shown. Admission is \$5 and includes food.

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School choir's fall follies begin at 7 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased at Posterity in the Village or at gpsouthchoir.org. ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods residents can drop of hazardous waste material from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the public works depart-

ment.

◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hold a used book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ewald branch. Fill a bag with books, videos, music or CDs for one low price.

SUNDAY, OCT. 19

◆ Music at Memorial Songs of the Spirit Klais Organ 25th anniversary concert, featuring organist James Biery, begins at 3 p.m. in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church sanctuary. The cost is \$10. Those 25 years and younger, with valid ID, are admitted free.

MONDAY, OCT. 20

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers.

◆ Chat with Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, from 9 to 10 a.m. on the second level of Grosse Pointe Park's city hall. For more information, call (313) 224-0920.

◆ The City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers.

TUESDAY, OCT. 21

◆ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts a before business hours meeting from 8 to 9 a.m. at Peet's Coffee & Tea, 17043 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22

◆ The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe host a candidate forum from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Candidates for the state senator, Second District have been invited to speak in Grosse Pointe Park's court room, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Senior curator for Detroit Historical Society Joe Stone discusses the underwater treasures of the Great Lakes shipwrecks at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack. Photographs and under-

water video will be shown at the free event. Reservations can be made by calling (313) 343-2074, ext. 222, or visiting gp.lib.mi.us.

◆ THURSDAY, OCT. 23

◆ The Pinktastic Girls Night Out is from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Village. Participating stores donate 10 percent of the evening's proceeds to the Comprehensive Breast Care Center at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. Health experts are available to answer questions.

◆ The Library Board meets at 7 p.m. in the Woods branch.

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A gift to the community

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

If the Rev. Walter A. Schmidt hadn't become a Lutheran minister, he said, he would have made a living as a woodworker. When he gives his last sermon Sunday, Oct. 26, after serving 25 years with First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. He has an order from his granddaughter to build her a desk in his new workshop in Jackson County.

Raised on a dairy farm in Romeo, his family was active in the church. "There was no lightning bolt," he said of how he chose the career path he did. "The Lord just kept nudging me. No matter what I would have done, I would have ended up in the ministry."

Schmidt earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1970 from Michigan State University, a Master of Divinity degree, with honors, from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, in 1974 and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University, Madison, N.J. He has served on the Southeast Michigan Synod Evangelism Committee, the Board of Governors of the

Academy for Evangelism Committee, the Board of Governors of the Academy for Evangelists and the Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. He served as a Carl Thomas Foundation board of directors member, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club's fleet chaplain and has been an adjunct professor at Oakland Community College for 27 years.

Schmidt came to First English in 1989 from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Royal Oak when his oldest son had graduated from high school and his youngest son was entering high school.

He became the fifth senior pastor of a church begun in 1896 in Detroit, moving to Grosse Pointe Woods in the late 1950s. He and his wife, Carolyn, decided it was the right time to make a move. Also, it was the right time for the congregation as he helped the congregants grow in their faith, community outreach and provided guidance it through the expansion of the church's structure, he said.

For community outreach, the church offers a pizza lunch every Tuesday to Grosse Pointe North High School stu-

dents, supports sporting groups and offers AA a meeting space, among others.

"We have an outstanding sanctuary with good acoustics," Schmidt said.

Both North choir and the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus use the sanctuary for their Christmas concerts. The Detroit Symphony Orchestra has performed there, as well.

With proceeds from its annual OktoberFest, the church helps support Lutheran Social Services and its foster care program.

Ten years ago, a high school-size gym and a stage were added to the church on Vernier and an elevator installed to access the church's five floors. Once a year, the church puts on a musical. About half the cast comes from the community.

Additionally, Schmidt said, "Different groups use the commercial

kitchen." Schmidt is optimistic about the church's future and the changing face of the community.

About half of those in the 48236 ZIP code reflect an older population, yet he confirmed 10 teenagers this year.

He also noted the church has gifted people who will use their talents to maintain the church's full ministry through its strong Biblical and theological foundation.

"Leadership is number one," he said. "I'm a firm believer that leaders are born. They keep everything moving. I encourage people to use their gifts and skills."

"Somebody has to keep the boat going. The advantage of serving in Grosse Pointe, there are so many gifted and talented people they can take care of getting things done."

He gives the same advice to the congregation as he gave to his



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Rev. Walter A. Schmidt delivers his last sermon at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church Oct. 26. He is retiring to a lakefront home in Jackson County.

youngest son who is a minister:

Take care of the Sunday morning service for it is the heart and center of the church;

be there when your members need you and don't get too high with the highs and too low with the lows. You must keep an even keel. You

can't please everybody, but you can proclaim the gospel.

The latter is his parting wish for First English members:

"Continue to proclaim the gospel. Continue to reach out to the community. Continue to remain faithful to God's word," he said.

Keep sweeper path free

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — In the same way the Baltimore Orioles obstructed the Detroit Tigers' path to the World Series, cars parked curbside block John Zaffarano from his goal of keeping gutters and storm water drains clean.

Zaffarano, of the Grosse Pointe Farms public works department, drives a street sweeper. His big, yellow machine



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

The mechanized street sweeper John Zaffarano operates as a member of the Grosse Pointe Farms public works department is nicknamed a pelican because of its big beak. Here, Zaffarano spruces up Meadow Lane.

hugs the curb at 6 mph and burns 20 gallons of diesel fuel per day, Zaffarano said.

His daily rounds clear gutters of clutter that runoff could flush down storm drains, contributing to restricted sewer flows, backups and street flooding.

Parked cars defeat the process.

"Yes, they do," Zaffarano said. "I have to

go around them."

The problem gets worse when the department's loose-leaf collection starts Monday, Oct. 20.

Pickups are scheduled throughout the Farms on the business day after rubbish collection.

If rubbish is collected Monday, leaf pickup is Tuesday and so on until cycling over again.

This year's inaugural

run, Oct. 20, thereby is on streets scheduled for rubbish pickup the prior Friday, Oct. 17.

"DO NOT park in the street during collection day," according to a municipal flier.

Additional rules are:

- ◆ Don't put leaves in the motorway before 5 p.m. the day before scheduled pickup. Before then, leaves may be stored beside the road no closer than 4 feet to the curb.

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GENTZ:

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from prosecutors without Gentz's attorney being present. Holler also said he spoke with Gentz's attorneys at the time, William Winters and Susan Reed, and both said no offer from the prosecutor to reduce his sentence was ever offered.

Gentz made formal requests to the court that his plea deal be overturned, but has been denied. The latest request came at a hearing before Evans in September.

At that hearing, Holler alleged the plea deal was agreed to because Gentz, who has a lower than average IQ, could not read. However, that was refuted by Lindsey, who produced several pages of text messages written and sent by Gentz to people he met on internet dating sites.

Holler also told the court Gentz had not been read his Miranda rights by Grosse Pointe Park detectives and had not been provided with an attorney after requesting one be appointed. Park detective Michael Narduzzi said Gentz was read his Miranda rights, but an attorney had not

been called when Gentz requested one. Narduzzi said that Gentz had already incriminated himself in the murder of Jane Bashara.

"I don't recall his specific words, but he did indicate that, yes, Robert Bashara had pressured him and cajoled him and hired him to kill Jane," Narduzzi said, according to the transcript of the hearing.

Shortly after Gentz left the courtroom, Bashara returned to court for a procedural hearing on what evidence would be allowed related to Gentz. In a statement before prospective jurors, the defense team had said that Gentz would be called to testify for the defense. Lindsey told the court she had informed the defense that Gentz had said he would not testify, but they added his name anyway.

Lindsey told the court the defense may not enter into evidence Gentz's confession that he killed Jane Bashara, but Evans ruled the defense may file an emergency motion declaring Gentz "unavailable," which could allow some of his confession to be brought in.

That emergency motion was to be heard Tuesday morning, prior to opening statements. In addition to Gentz

and some law enforcement officials, the defense listed only two other potential witnesses, one of whom is Lois Valente of Grosse Pointe Park.

According to the witness list provided by the prosecution, several members of the Bashara family, including the Bashara children and Bob Bashara's mother and sister, along with members of Jane Bashara's family, could be called to testify. Several women who testified at earlier hearings they had sexual relationships with Bob Bashara, also are listed.

Jury selection was completed Thursday afternoon, Oct. 9, when 16 jurors were seated, including 12 jurors and four alternates, from a pool of 100 potential jurors.

Several prospective jurors were excused, telling the court they had already formed an opinion about the case. The completed jury is made up of 11 men and five women.

The trial is expected to last at least four weeks. Bashara is facing six counts, including first degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder, both of which carry mandatory terms of life in prison without parole.



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Prelims are next

Three men taken into custody in connection with a series of home invasions were arraigned last week in Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court. David Serrod, 20, Joe Willie Thomas, 23, and James Meeks-Little, 21, entered not guilty pleas after being charged with home invasion in the second degree, a 15-year felony. On Monday, Oct. 6, a joint task force investigating daytime home invasions in the Woods and Harper Woods arrested six people at a drop house in Detroit, after a witness to a home invasion on Norwalk provided information that led police to the house in Detroit. Two of those taken into custody were released, another is being charged in Detroit on receiving and concealing stolen property. Judge Ted Metry set preliminary examinations for the three Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Outages generate issue

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Now that new limitations govern the placement of permanent generators on residential property, work shifts to applying similar rules to portable power units. "This is a popular item right now, seeing that we lost power three times in one month," said Ted Kedzierski, mayor of Grosse Pointe Shores. "My wife is campaigning for a generator for our house."

"I find (portable generators to be) louder than the permanent ones," said Councilman Dr. Alex Ajlouni. "You could hear them for blocks." Amendments to the emergency electrical generator ordinance are intended to clarify how

and where a stationary generator may be installed. "The (former) ordinance (wasn't) clear about placing generators in side yard property, on the roof of a residence or in the front yard of certain properties," said Brian Renaud, city attorney. "In three years, we've had more than a dozen applications for side-yard generators," Kedzierski said. New rules favor generators in rear yards. No matter the equipment's location, they must be mounted on concrete slabs, muffled and enclosed by a "sound attenuated cabinet unless the unit itself is designed with sound attenuated elements," according to the ordinance. If a generator must be

installed in a side yard, it must be located "immediately adjacent" to the owner's dwelling. Roof-mounted units can't be visible from adjoining properties. Front yard placement is allowed on Lakeshore adjacent to the house. Permanent generators are limited to producing 65 decibels of noise, measured at the property line, according to Mary Matuja, chair of the planning commission. She said vehicles on Lakeshore generate 70 decibels. "Motorcycles and trucks are much higher than that," Matuja said. Members of the city council accepted the ordinance for permanent generators, yet instructed the planning commission to draft comparable rules for portable generators.

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Lousy example

Three Grosse Pointe Park teenagers, 14 and 15 years old, being driven to the Grosse Pointe South High School homecoming dance Saturday, Oct. 11, were delayed while their 25-year-old female supervisor from Detroit was arrested.

During a traffic stop on Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Beverly across from campus, police cited her for possessing three baggies of marijuana.

"She admitted the marijuana was hers," said the arresting officer.

The woman was a passenger in a 1999 Mercury that an officer pulled over for speeding 38 mph on northbound Fisher between Jefferson and the boulevard, a 25 mph zone.

After the car stopped, she switched seats with a 15-year-old Grosse Pointe Park male, who had been driving despite not having an operator's license.

"I let them leave the scene," the officer said of the teens. "But, I informed the (teen that had been driving) the youth officer would be in touch regarding the driving without a license charge."

Shoplifter

At 2:18 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, an unknown male shoplifter was reported entering a black Chrysler 300 parked behind a pharmacy in the 17100 block of Kercheval in the Village.

The man reportedly carried dental whitening strips stolen from the pharmacy.

The suspect is described as a blonde-haired white male about 25 to 30 years old.

Bike snatched

An errand to the grocery store in the Village proved costly for a 54-year-old Detroit man during the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 8.

He parked his Tony Hawk mountain bike behind Kroger on Kercheval at 7:45 p.m.

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Ten minutes later, it was gone.

The bike is blue and black with a silver basket behind the seat.

Speeder caught

Speeding 48 mph on eastbound Jefferson resulted in a 31-year-old man from Roseville being pulled over and arrested for drunken driving, according to police.

A patrolman monitoring traffic near the entrance to Neff Park caught up with the man, operating a 2002 Dodge Dakota, on Grosse Pointe Boulevard near Edgemere in the Farms.

His blood alcohol content measured .12 percent, said the officer.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these or other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Now it matters

A woman living in the 300 block of Touraine didn't think anything of her purse being stolen three weeks ago from her unlocked car parked in the driveway.

After all, she soon recovered the purse and its former contents scattered in the backyard.

"(She) did not make a report because she didn't think anything was taken," said a public safety officer.

Searching her purse last weekend, however, she couldn't find her \$15,000, 7-carat emerald ring with 24-karat gold band.

She filed a report Sunday, Oct. 12.

Life of party

The homecoming dance Saturday, Oct. 11, at Grosse Pointe South High School ended early

for an 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man.

At 8:37 p.m. Officer Vince Finn, called to campus regarding two other underage drinkers, spotted him passed out in back of a 2004 Honda Accord parked in a school lot.

"(He) appeared to have vomit on his face, clothes and in the car," the officer said.

Unable to rouse him, Finn opened the car door, setting off the alarm.

"(He) did not respond to the noise of the alarm," Finn said. "After a sternum rub, (I) was able to wake (him)."

The man's blood alcohol level measured .175 percent, police said.

The Honda, owned by a 55-year-old Park woman, was towed away.

Back on campus

Two public safety officers accepted last-minute invitations to the homecoming dance last weekend at Grosse Pointe South High School.

They arrived to arrest two male, 18-year-old South grads for underage drinking.

The men had blood alcohol levels measuring .09 and .14 percent, respectively.

The former is on probation in the Farms for the same offense last month; the latter had fake identification listing him as old enough to legally consume alcohol, police said.

Game misconduct

A 15-year-old Detroit male and a sophomore classmate at Grosse Pointe South High School were arrested one block off campus for obstructing police during the Blue Devils' homecoming football victory, Friday, Oct. 10, according to arresting officers.

At 9:04 p.m., a patrolman saw them with a third teen smoking marijuana on the path from

Radnor Circle to Kercheval.

"All three teens fled," said the officer. "Two were located nearby and the third was unable to be located."

The two in custody included a 15-year-old Farms girl.

"As (she) fled from me, she fell down," said the officer.

A second officer caught the boy.

"(The officer) located (him) hiding in brush in the backyard of 22 Radnor Circle and arrested him," said a patrolman.

Police said he lives in the area of Seven Mile and Gratiot in Detroit.

Both suspects were processed at headquarters and released to their mothers.

The student that got away attends South, the girl reportedly said.

Wallet taken

Someone stole the wallet of a 15-year-old Grosse Pointe Park girl attending the homecoming football game Friday evening, Oct. 10, at Grosse Pointe South High School.

She mistakenly left her black wallet, decorated with a Transformers emblem, atop a dispenser in the women's bathroom.

Upon her return minutes later, it was gone, she told a public safety officer.

Out early

on the alcohol charge, police said.

"(She) became irate and pulled away, carrying on in an uncooperative manner," Krizmanich said. "(I) arrested (her) for obstructing justice."

Add-ons

There are two more reports of items stolen from automobiles parked two weekends ago on the private section of Provençal:

◆ A credit card in a wallet stolen from 2012 Range Rover was used twice Monday, Oct. 6, at a gasoline station at Chalmers and Mack in Detroit.

◆ At another house, someone stole change from a 2013 Ford Escape.

Paint vandals

Someone between 3 and 7 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, spray painted the driver's side of a gray 2013 Dodge Ram parked in the 300 block of Fisher.

Trash talk

A landscaper is suspected of stealing a \$70 rubbish bin from behind a house in the 200 block of Moran.

The suspect is a former Grosse Pointe Park man presumed to be living in Detroit.

He took the bin between the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 5, and 7:30 p.m. the next day, according to the homeowner.

The man reportedly showed up at the house two weeks ago introducing himself as the prior resident's landscaper.

The bin's his, he said.

No, according to the

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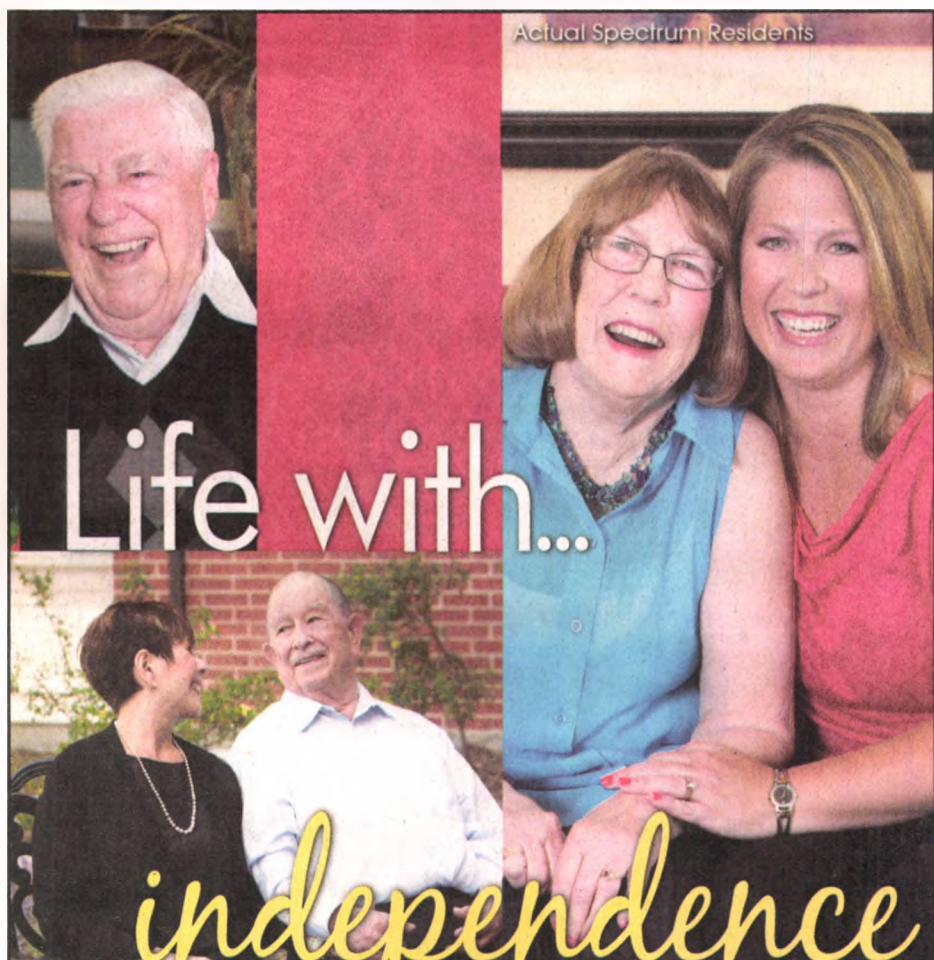
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She also said the prosecution would show that Gentz was not the first person Bashara had attempted to hire to kill someone, oftentimes telling people he needed someone to take care of a "problem tenant."

Lindsey said that Bashara had sought out Gentz to kill his wife so that he could make a life with his mistress and practice an alternative sexual life style. She said that Bashara and his mistress, Rachael Gillette, had planned to buy a house together in Grosse Pointe.

In June 2012, Bashara was arrested after attempting to hire a hit man to kill Gentz, and while the prosecution said Bashara wanted Gentz gone so he could not testify against him, the defense, in their opening statement said Bashara wanted Gentz killed because "he was

the murderer of his wife of 26 years."

Defense attorney Lillian Diallo said investigators had never looked beyond Bashara in determining who killed Jane Bashara.

"Immediately after Jane Bashara was found slaughtered, Mr. Bashara was named a person of interest by the chief of police in Grosse Pointe Park," she said, as she laid her hands on Bashara's shoulders.

She denied Bashara's interest in a BDSM lifestyle had anything to do with the murder, saying that a friend of Jane Bashara will testify to a conversation she had with Jane where Jane Bashara said she didn't care what he wanted to do, "he could go do what he wanted to."

"This is the time for the second half of the story to be told," Diallo said.

The first witness for the prosecution was to take the stand Tuesday afternoon, after deadline Bashara wanted Gentz killed because "he was

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"He's the guy who stole a car (last year) next to Mr. C's when someone left their keys in it," Rosati said.

During the ensuing chase into Detroit, a Farms patrolman currently serving as the K-9 handler nearly lost an eye in a wreck.

A Grosse Pointe News account of the suspect's prosecution summarized his 20-year criminal history, starting in 1993 as a teenager.

Since 1995, he has been incarcerated at least eight times for home invasion, drug peddling, stealing cars and fleeing police, according to state corrections records.

Now 38, he's no wiser with age.

He was arrested Thursday, Oct. 9, for blowing a chance at freedom.

"He was picked up by the Department of Corrections for absconding parole," Rosati.

Early release from jail

stemmed from a larceny in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"He was charged a couple months ago with trying to steal lawn equipment out of a truck on Mack," said Detective Sgt. Al Gwyn of the City. "He did a random urine test that tested positive for drugs, which violated parole conditions."

Corrections officers took him into custody at a rehabilitation facility, Gwyn added.

Overnight Wednesday, Oct. 8, the night before corrections officers got him, a house and parked car were entered through an unlocked window and door, respectively, at separate locations on Meadow Lane.

The next day, Friday Oct. 10, Farms police learned forensic evidence linked him to a home invasion Sept. 8, in the 300 block of Chalfonte.

Investigators at the Michigan State Police Crime Lab told them fingerprints lifted from Chalfonte belong to the suspect.

"This is what we in the detective bureau consider hitting the lottery,"

Rosati said.

Unlike in television crime dramas, where forensic evidence always reveals the truth, real-world investigators face longer odds.

"We have other forensic evidence at the lab, including from the home invasion on Meadow Lane, which we hope comes back to him, too," Rosati said.

"We believe he's the individual we're looking for for all our burglaries," said Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director. "He's familiar with the area, having committed crimes here before."

Jensen gives the devil his due for avoiding beefed-up nighttime patrols.

"This guy's good," he said. "He sticks close to houses. He doesn't walk on sidewalks."

Farms police plan to question him this week.

Nearly \$18,000 worth of possessions, including jewelry, were stolen on Chalfonte.

No one figured at the time the burglary would be the first in a series.

Entry was through an unsecured rear door.

"All but two of the (nine burgled) houses were unlocked," Jensen said. "All he had to do was open the door and walk in."

The burglar exited many scenes rummaging through stolen purses and dropping things he didn't want.

"We were finding little trails of him doing that," Jensen said.

Until the spree, reports of burglary in the Farms were way below last year.

Year to date in 2013, there were 17 residential break-ins, Jensen said.

So far this year, there are 15.

"We were going great this year," Jensen said.

The busy season for crimes of opportunity hasn't started yet.

It usually runs from late October through the Christmas holidays.

Often all it takes to defeat a burglar is to lock the doors and windows, Jensen said.

Also effective are motion-activated outdoor lights and a pet dog that barks enough to scare away burglars, but not enough to annoy neighbors.

Check out the latest on the Bob Bashara case between issues at grossepointenews.com

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"Lo and behold, thousands of dollars of jewelry is gone when they come home," Rosati said.

Police recovered most of the jewelry by Friday, Oct. 10.

"The jewelry was sold at two places," Rosati said. "One is the Devonshire Market on Mack at Haverhill (in Detroit)."

Two pieces remain missing.

Suspects aren't being named until arrested and arraigned.

"The parents of the thieves want to make total restitution on the other two pieces," said Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director.

Of the six original suspects — all Grosse Pointe 17-year-old males — one is a City of Grosse Pointe resident. Three live in the Farms, two in the Park.

Four of them, including the dog-sitter, are cleared.

Two remaining suspects, plus a third not among the original group, face arrest.

"One is a juvenile," Rosati said.

Photographs of the original six appear among members of the junior class in last year's Grosse Pointe South High School yearbook, "The Tower."

"They had a party the night before the homeowners returned,"

Jensen said. "Two came back and broke into the house through the dog port."

"They broke into the house early Sunday (Oct. 5)," Rosati said.

Stolen pieces range in value from \$200 gold and diamond earrings to a \$16,500 Gents Baume et Mercier bracelet watch.

Another watch is a family heirloom.

An ancestor reportedly arranged to hide it from invading Nazis.

"She sent her daughter running through the woods with all this jewelry," Rosati said. "Now, some 17-year-old with nothing better to do takes it and sells it."

Three watches were recovered from a suspect's brother living in Detroit, Rosati said.

The victim's house is in the 100 block of Vendome.

Officer James Labeau took the initial incident report.

"(The homeowner) stated he hired one of (his daughter's) friends to watch the house and dog sit while they were gone," Labeau said. "(The homeowner) did not know (the teen) all that well, but thought of him as a good kid, being that he was (his daughter's) good friend."

The homeowner reportedly questioned the house-sitter about the missing valuables.

"(The suspect) admitted having a few friends over for a party," Labeau reported, citing the homeowner. "(The homeowner) stated (the suspect) denied taking the jewelry, but reported to him that his friends might have stole it while he was gone for a few hours."

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current and past residents.

"(He) appeared to be mentally unstable," the former resident told the current one, according to police.

In the bag

Police intercepted a man staggering along the sidewalk of westbound Charlevoix at Fisher at 7:15 p.m. Monday Oct. 6.

He carried two cans of beer in separate paper bags, according to Lt. Andrew Rogers.

Before crossing Fisher, the man put down an empty 32-ounce can of Miller, opened a 25-ounce can of Bud Light and swallowed 3/4 of its contents.

Rogers arrested the 47-year-old Detroit resident for consuming intoxicants in public.

"(He) thought it was OK to be drinking in public, as the cans were in paper bags," Rogers said. "It was very apparent (he) was intoxicated."

He also was wanted in Wayne County for contempt of court and in Detroit on three alcohol offense.

At Farms headquarters, he yelled and screamed "non-stop," police said.

"Any attempt to verbally calm (him) was pointless," Rogers said. "(He) was finally placed in the holding cell."

—Brad Lindberg

Report information about these or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Excuses

A 29-year-old man from Eastpointe gave all kinds of excuses during a traffic stop at 4:01 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, on southbound Lakeshore at North Edgewood.

A patrolman pulled him over for speeding a white 2005 Chevrolet Impala 13 mph over the limit.

"(He) stated he was stopped approximately 20 minutes prior to this current stop and the last officer kept his license and did not give it back," said the patrolman. "(He) stated he was coming from 13 Mile and Gratiot and going to 13 Mile and Utica Road. (He) stated he was lost and coming from a party and going to pick up his girlfriend because she was in labor."

Police measured his .15 percent blood alcohol level and arrested him for driving.

Down beat

A drunken man driving northbound in the southbound lanes of Lakeshore was arrested at 2:54 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, according to police.

He's a 66-year-old St. Clair Shores resident.

He reportedly had a .11 percent blood alcohol level.

Rough ride

A man living on Michaux got nowhere fast Saturday morning, Oct. 11, trying to drive his red 2013 Chevrolet Cruze.

"(He) went outside at 7 a.m. to go to the gym," a public safety officer reported. "When he got in his car, he heard a grinding noise. When he got out to inspect what was making the noise, he

noticed the tires were missing."

Someone, the night before, stole the tires and left the car propped on cinder blocks.

—Brad Lindberg

Report information about these or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department at (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park

Cars targeted

Sometime during the early morning hours of Saturday, Oct. 11 two garages on Trombley were entered and items were removed from cars. A wallet and credit cards were removed from a car in a garage in the 700 block of Trombley, where police recovered a black facemask at the scene. Another garage in the 700 block of Trombley was entered and sunglasses were removed from an unlocked car. A snowblower also was taken from the garage, but was found nearby.

The same night, a car parked in a driveway in the 800 block of Trombley was entered and some change was removed.

Cars on Trombley were not the only targets last week. Overnight Sunday, Oct. 5, an unlocked car parked in a driveway in the 1400 block was entered and a laptop computer and cellphone were taken.

Gone

The car itself was the target overnight Wednesday, Oct. 8, when a 2013 Ford Explorer was taken from a driveway in the 500 block of Middlesex.

Bike taken

An unlocked blue girl's mountain bike was taken sometime between 3:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, from the entryway of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, located across the parking lot from the Park public safety headquarters.

—Kathy Ryan

Report information on these or other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park public safety at (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

UDAA

A video surveillance camera captured the scene as unknown suspects stole a 2014 Ford Fusion from Severn at 4:45 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 9. The camera caught a dark minivan near the car, and police believe at least one other car was involved.

Purse turned in

A purse, which could belong to a local student, containing cash was turned into the Woods public safety office. It is being held in the property room and can be claimed at the public safety office.

—Kathy Ryan

Report information on these or other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods public safety at (313) 343-2400.



Mixing it up

Nancy and Bob Orr, left, defeated Don Schroeder and Sharon Shehen, right, in the third annual Grosse Pointe Shores Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament Sunday, Sept. 7, at Osius Park. "It was a tight match," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski, middle. Next year's tournament is a two-day affair with separate categories for adult and youth, Kedzierski said. The schedule will appear in the 2015 municipal calendar.

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OUR VIEW

Thanks for choosing the Grosse Pointe News

We've said it before and we're saying it again. Thank you for choosing the Grosse Pointe News. This issue is the third of three times this year we delivered a copy to all residents of the Grosse Pointes.

This issue showcases information about all five of the Pointes, sports and school news of many of our community's athletes and students, along with business, health and feature stories.

You'll read stories about neighborhood crimes and you'll see an introduction to board of education candidates.

YourHome is a special 28-page section filled with local stories, photos, advertising and information about real estate and home improvement in the Grosse Pointes.

We have more than two pages of letters to the editor and we're proud to have our readers express their opinions week after week on the pages of this newspaper.

We invite you to take a look and let us know your thoughts at jwarner@grossepointenews.com or (313) 343-8145.

We're happy to again say thank you to our readers, contributors and our advertisers.

Our relationship with the municipalities, schools, clubs, organizations, nonprofits and residents is everything to us.

Soon we'll start our 75th year and we'll celebrate the history of the Pointes will several special projects during the year.

Thank you. We just can't say it enough.

Court coverage

Bob Bashara's murder trial began Tuesday afternoon and the Grosse Pointe News will have updates between issues at grossepointenews.com.

Be smart

It takes a second to lock your car doors and hide valuables from sight through your windows. In all five Pointes, crimes of opportunity are on the rise. Thieves are entering houses through unlocked doors during the day and night and taking purses or other valuable left out in the open.

Lock your cars. Lock your houses. Our public safety officers have done a good job nabbing several suspects in the last week. We can do our part by not being easy prey.

If you see anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call the police. The thieves strike at all hours - and while a contractor may have to show some proof - a neighborhood watch is a great deterrent.

ULS' turn

The round of homecoming games visits University Liggett School this week. Last week's coverage was of Grosse Pointe North and this week's features Grosse Pointe South. It's a great time of year and there's nothing better than high school sports in full swing.

Editor's note:

In a story, "Stop turns into three criminal charges," in the Oct. 9, edition of the Grosse Pointe News, an error was edited into the story written by Brad Lindberg. The story originally and correctly read: "Farms police want to ship the suspect back to his native Antilles, but his countrymen don't want him either."

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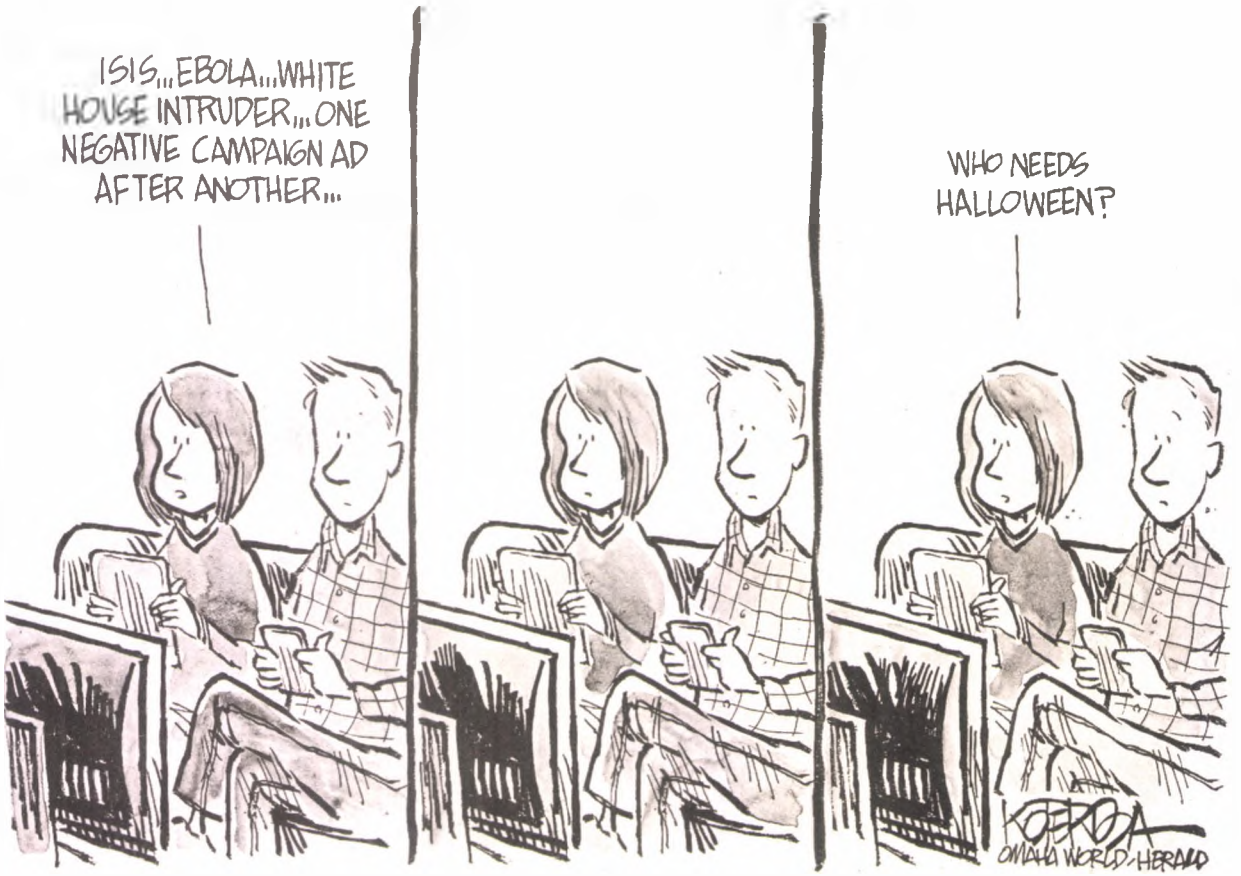
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The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday.
Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to jwarner@grossepointenews.com.

Run as a slate

To the Editor:

The coalition of three Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education candidates, Brian Summerfield, Jake Howlett and Margaret Weertz, each perhaps upstanding citizens in their own right, brings to question, "What agenda ties three people to band together to run as a slate?"

One wonders of their sincerity as independent stewards of our children's education and finances should they accomplish a position on the Grosse Pointe school board.

They are all endorsed by the Grosse Pointe Education Association, they seem to promote the technology bond the electorate turned down 70-30 percent. And they appear to support a superintendent who thwarted South and North high school students with initiative, who, despite every obstacle, were successful in bringing notable speakers to their classmates last year.

Further, our superintendent's lack of direction to administrators and thus faculty for fair and effective discipline, have promoted a negative connotation to the reputation of our neighborhood in regard to our real estate at the north end.

This perception has hindered the successful sale of my home and others. It is alarming to see a once sought after school system, for our children and grandchildren, slowly declining.

We need three independent elected school board members who will research, discuss and then come to a decision.

Three candidates banding together as a slate suggests predetermined agendas and closed minds.

This cannot be tolerated in our community of independent thinkers. The voters, who realize this is a slate, won't stand for it.

MARTI K. MILLER
Grosse Pointe Woods

Independent voices

To the Editor:

The League of Women

Voters of Grosse Pointe screened questions asked at its candidate forum were as revealing about Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education candidate positions and issues facing our school district, as they were about whether the candidates preferred Cheerios to Wheaties.

However, one question and the candidate's answers is worthy of voter consideration. Candidates were asked to confirm a "rumor" as to whether they were running as a slate.

While candidates Tara Burdick, Ahmed Ismail, Cynthia Sohn and Guy Gehlert said they were not, candidates Brian Summerfield, Margaret Weertz and Jake Howlett stated they were working collaboratively since they met on the campaign trail this summer, but they didn't consider themselves a slate.

I was particularly offended when candidate Summerfield, in response to the question about running as a slate, found it "shocking" anyone would think consensus building and collaboration is a bad thing because that is how things got done.

Legitimate questions posed by voters should not shock candidates.

No one should be surprised to learn school board candidates are often recruited by school districts.

In fact, the Michigan Association of School Boards has an 11-page pamphlet titled "Recruiting School Board Candidates" to assist school districts.

The fact Grosse Pointe school district administrators have exercised their prerogative to support the "collaboration slate" by placing their campaign signs at their personal residences, should confirm whom the school district has recruited.

Grosse Pointe voters are sophisticated and don't need help finding the best people to represent their vision for the community and our schools. We all saw how disconnected the school district is from our vision of the community with

the failed technology bond.

Voters should reject the single voice slate and select those whom have pledged to be independent voices for the entire community.

CHRIS KACZANOWSKI
Grosse Pointe Shores

Candidate for schools

To the Editor:

As a candidate for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education, I appreciate the harsh reality of the budget, state funding and "the numbers." That's why I visit Lansing several times a year to talk to key legislators about the funding picture for public schools.

But I also try to bridge the gap of their understanding of what is happening in public schools, the increased pressure on teachers, with paperwork, testing, annual evaluations tied to student achievement, and on and on.

My best friend is a teacher and after 26 years she is the best teacher she has ever been. Yet she is overwhelmed and feels underappreciated for the important work she does.

The best superintendent I ever worked with —Jeremy Hughes — used the saying, "What counts often can't be counted, and what is counted doesn't always count." Morale in the Grosse Pointe schools is such an issue, it counts.

As a board member, I want to do more listening than talking, and this is an issue that is filling my ears. I believe we can do something about this on different levels.

As a board member, I don't want to have my own agenda and perspective, I want to tackle the problems as they arise. That's the listening part. I would do the same kind of listening when reviewing any issue, whether it is residency, management, etc.

The dialogue we are having in this campaign is fruitful and focuses on the important issues: How to attract and retain the best staff, and how to enhance our district so we will continue to attract young families to move here.

MARGARET WEERTZ
Grosse Pointe Shores

All or nothing approach

To the Editor:

To all Grosse Pointe Voters:

Here we go again. I have genuine concerns

for the Grosse Pointe community, regarding the upcoming Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education elections.

Does the existing board think we have lost our short-term memories, are stupid or just too lazy to pay attention in one more election?

Are these not the same group who call themselves the "tech yes" people echoing what they tried to sell us in February?

And, since when are we encouraged to group candidates together, like a package deal?

The voters in the Grosse Pointes made their opinions extremely clear the last time we went to the voting booths.

Now, once again, we are being asked to reject intelligent, individual thinkers, new minds, who listen and hear our concerns and respond with clear voices.

We are urged to lump three candidates into a select little group. Haven't you ever split a ticket when an individual from another party offered an approach that made sense to you?

This election appears to favor an all or nothing approach.

I am further dismayed by the cluster of signs, in threes, prominently displayed on the properties of top administrators of the Grosse Pointe school system.

It is a known fact the teachers union has advised its employees to vote for a chosen slate of candidates.

While this may be legal, as is displaying multiple signs on our properties, it seems highly inappropriate for present members, employed by the board, to be backing a specific group. Who is pulling the strings in this puppet show, perhaps no one, but one remains curious.

I feel it is reasonable, for the citizens, who cast ballots, to be informed of each individual candidate's agendas to improve our system, providing us with a fair and balanced choice.

With facts in hand, we can think for ourselves and vote for capable independent and responsible candidates.

The slate ought not to be presented to us as a hand-selected group, so obviously endorsed by people heavily involved in the present school system. I just don't like the smell of it!

LAUREN E. CHAPMAN
City of Grosse Pointe

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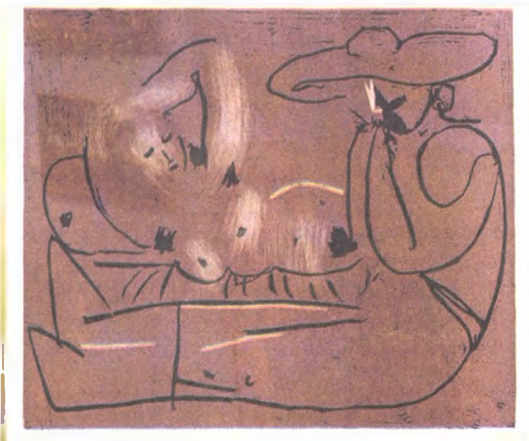
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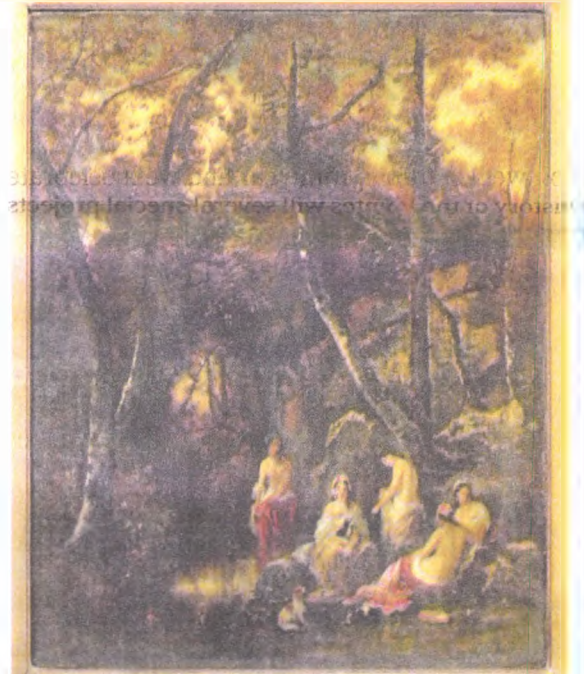
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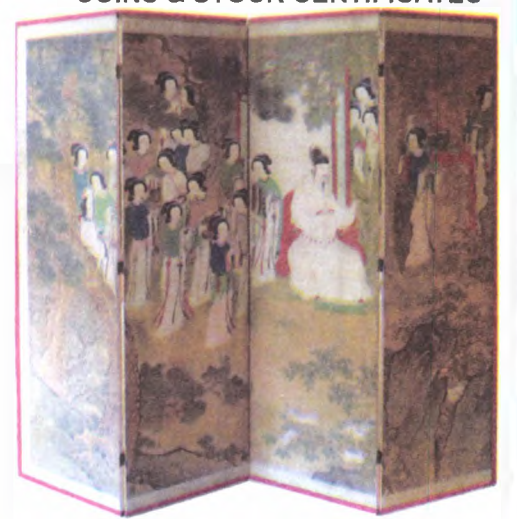
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Hideaway disrupted

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Until one night last week, the only evidence of prowlers on Meadow Lane were rabbits, two raccoons and Martha Cox’s cat, Rosie.

The dead-end is one of Grosse Pointes Farms little hideaways.

Pizza deliverers often need directions to its outlet on lower Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

Overnight Wednesday, Oct. 8, a burglar snuck through an open window into Cox’s neighbor’s house.

Presumably the same criminal that night rummaged through a unlocked car parked in an unlocked garage across the street, stealing nothing.

Now, Cox is shopping for a burglar alarm.

“It would make me feel more secure,” she said.

Whoever entered the house and car used the same method as other B&Es nagging public safety investigators.

“We believe its the same guy or two,” said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati, head of the Farms detective bureau.

Entries typically are at night through an unlocked door or window. A purse in the kitchen is stolen or



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Officer Geoff McQueen searches for clues to identify the crook that entered this car overnight Thursday, Oct. 9.

searched for credit cards. Unlocked cars are targeted.

Stolen credits cards are used soon after at gas stations on Detroit’s east-side.

Officer Geoff McQueen conducted the initial investigation on Meadow Lane.

The female victim told him she went to bed the night before at 11 p.m.

Upon waking at 6 a.m. to prepare for work, she noticed an open family room window.

“Her cat was outside at the sliding back door (to) the same room,” McQueen said.

The door, locked the

night before, was unlocked.

McQueen and Detective Bryan Ford lifted fingerprints on the sliding door and a television in the family room.

“(The victim said) her Visa card had been used a two gas stations, one at Chalmers and Mack (in Detroit) at 6:14 a.m., the other at 6:39 a.m. (at an unidentified location),” McQueen said.

Security video from one station shows a man exiting the passenger door of a car and walking pigeon-toed to a pump.

“We don’t see much of him,” Rosati said.

The driver isn’t seen at

all.

Because at least three Farms home invasions in recent weeks occurred on dead-ends — Waverly Lane and Meadow Lane — or high-risk areas such as the private section of Provençal, Rosati thinks the crooks are familiar with the community.

He also supports Cox installing a home alarm.

But, he has a low-tech way of preventing crimes of opportunity.

“The single most important home security device that everyone has, and that they should use, is a lock,” Rosati said. “Lock the doors and windows.”

Candidates attend LWV forum

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The seven candidates vying for three seats on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education in the Nov. 4 election met the voters last week at a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

The candidates, Tara Burdick, Guy Gehlert, Jake Howlett, Ahmed Ismail, Cynthia Sohn, Brian Summerfield and Margaret Weertz, shared their ideas and concerns in response to questions put forth by residents.

Summerfield is the only incumbent running, while Ismail is attempting to return to the board after resigning in 2009 citing health reasons.

In brief opening statements, candidates introduced themselves and gave their reasons for seeking a seat on the board of education.

Burdick, a Farms resident, graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in

Industrial Engineering. She worked for several years as a consultant, and believes that while technology is a necessary tool, the district’s most important asset are its teachers.

Gehlert, a Shores resident, is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North and the University of Michigan. He is co-owner of Cadillac Coffee, and believes that the defeat of the technology bond in February shows a huge disconnect between school leadership and taxpayers.

Howlett, a Park resident, is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South and Duke University. An attorney with three children, the youngest of whom will graduate in 2030, believes the schools are the cornerstone of the community and this is no time for band-aid solutions to problems.

Ismail, a Woods resident, is an independent businessman who previously served on the board. He has three children and cites his

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Beauty is more than topsoil deep

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — For Randall and Maureen Juia, winning a beautification award for residential landscaping was a family affair.

"It's easy when they help," said Richard, referring to the couple's five young children. "We try to have as much fun together as we can."

The formula works for Susan Hartz, chair of the City of Grosse Pointe Beautification Commission.

"People who garden as adults often were gardening with their parents or grandparents," she said.

Cole Porter could have written the lyrics to the commission's de-lovely ceremony Wednesday, Oct. 8, honoring the owners of 12 properties winning an annual Beautification Award.

"Just lovely," Hartz said of Robert Romero-Galve and Virginia Sabo's yard at 21 Fisher on the corner of Jefferson. "This landscaping is perfect for the house. It's in the right

proportion."

"It is just charming," Hartz said of Jonathan and Susan Walton's 112-year-old house at 510 Notre Dame. "A real example of an old farm house in Grosse Pointe. Just lovely."

Old-time charm also is preserved at 318 Rivard, owned by Gary Ohlsson.

He said the house dates from 1911 or 1921.

"Lovely old house," Hartz said. "Very pretty."

"Very charming," Hartz said of Michelle Smith's residence at 424 Rivard.

"I feel sheepish," Smith said. "I'm changing it entirely. Hopefully, it will be good, still."

Each year commissioners scout the city for properties of note.

"I love giving awards to people who've been working on their landscaping," Hartz said.

"People keeping up their homes keep up the value of our homes in the community."

Each winner gets a Pewabic tile of the municipal seal.

Mayor Dale Scrace said beauty is contagious.

"People look at the



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Attending the City of Grosse Pointe 2014 Beautification Award ceremony are, seated, from left, Virginia Sabo, Richard and Patricia Benz; and Michelle Smith. Standing, from left are Mike Mocer, Gary Ohlsson, Anthony and Laura Clements; Matt Kornmeier, Dianne Schoenith, Paul Owens; Maureen and Randall Juia, of 500 Lakeland; and Susan and Jonathan Walton.

good work you've all done and, all of a sudden, a neighbor does something and another neighbor does something," Scrace told the winners. "That's what keeps all of our Pointes, especially ours, at the high and wonderful standard we

have."

The contagion became an epidemic on Neff.

Thomas and Dianne Schoenith won an award for their property at 367 Neff.

"You've done a great job," Hartz told Dianne Schoenith.

"And more to come," Schoenith answered.

Hartz praised Anthony and Laura Clements for planting "lots of flowers" on their grounds a 651-653 Neff. "It's lovely."

Of the Juia's house at 500 Lakeland on the corner of Kercheval, Hartz

said, "This is the quintessential Grosse Pointe house."

Regarding property at 1 Dodge Place, owned by the Vitito Trust, Hartz said, "Very tastefully done."

Hartz belongs to the same garden club as Richard and Patricia Benz, winning owners of a house at 683 Lincoln.

"Wonderful," Hartz said of the property.

Paul and Susan Owens' award-winning residence at 868 Notre Dame was built in 1928.

"This is another lovely old house," Hartz said. "The landscaping looks so pretty."

An apartment building comprising 822-830 St. Clair is tended by teamwork, according to Matt Kornmeier, representing owners ANK Grosse Pointe Group.

"We bought it about four years ago and did some redoing," Kornmeier. "A couple of my tenants are gardeners. I have to give them some credit, too."

"It's very pretty," Hartz said. "I see people working there quite often."

Squatter banished from Farms, has family support

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A voice and nothing more told a woman to occupy a vacant house on Lakeshore.

She's since been diagnosed with acute psychosis.

"It just came out of nowhere," the woman's daughter said of the men-

tal illness. "Her doctors say it was a rare case. We were kind of puzzled."

On Wednesday, Oct. 8, Matthew Rumora, judge of Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court, sought to temper the penalties of law with compassion for Gwenda Loraine Henderson, 56, of Detroit.

Farms police arrested her Sept. 22, for squat-

ting three days at a vacant house in the 400 block of Lakeshore east of Provençal.

Henderson pleaded no contest to the formal charge of entering the dwelling without permission, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail.

"Anything you want to tell me before I impose sentence?" Rumora

asked.

"I apologize for my actions," Henderson said.

"This really troubles me," Rumora said. "You just decided to live in a house on Lakeshore. I still don't understand how you would go there and knew it was vacant."

The house, owned by a Farms man, is to be demolished.

After Henderson's arrest, she was evaluated at the psych ward of St. John Hospital, she told Rumora.

Ongoing treatment

includes prescription medication and outpatient counseling at Eastwood Clinic.

"I made my first visit Oct. 1," Henderson said. "I have another one the 31st."

"She told me she heard a voice that she was to move into the home," said Henderson's daughter, Keedra Smith, in court.

"I'm concerned something like this might happen again," Rumora said.

"Me and my brother are taking proper steps to

assure that will not happen," Smith said. "We are keeping a close watch on her making sure she is taking her medication promptly and daily and she is going to a therapist. Her therapist was puzzled by this one episode as well."

Rumora sentenced Henderson to:

- ◆ one year of reporting probation,
- ◆ \$480 probation fee,
- ◆ \$625 fines and court costs,
- ◆ no more arrests,
- ◆ no contact with the complainant,
- ◆ banishment from the Farms.

"I normally don't employ something that broad," Rumora said of banishment. "But, it's appropriate in this case to make sure she doesn't go wandering into somebody else's house."

Allowances are made for her reporting probation.

He instructed Henderson to continue counseling and taking her prescribed medication.

"Yes sir," Henderson said.

"You've got support of your two children," Rumora told her. "They're going to keep an eye on you. If you have problems, call them so they can address whatever issue you have."

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At left, Blue Devils head coach Tim Brandon addresses the team after the win.



Bad Boys coming to festival

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The Detroit Pistons will help kickoff St. Clare of Montefalco's annual Fall Festival and Oktoberfest, scheduled for this weekend, Oct. 17-19, rain or shine, on the parish grounds at Mack and Whittier.

"We are planning a weekend full of fun for everyone," said Oktoberfest 2014 chairman Ann Baxter. "Children, sports fans, music lovers, we will have it. And in keeping with our Oktoberfest theme, we will have specialty and craft beers and authentic German and Polish food."

Friday night's festivities will feature a Detroit

Pistons Season Preview hosted by the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. The program, starting at 7 p.m., will include a showing of the celebrated "30 for 30" documentary film "Bad Boys" with in-person commentary by former Pistons great Ray Scott and Detroit News columnist and radio host Terry Foster. Admission is \$5 per person, which includes hot dogs, pizza and pop.

A special Kids Fest will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inflatables, arts and crafts, face painting and dancing to the music of DJ Robert Taylor will be featured. Admission is free, tickets may be purchased for games and food.

Saturday night will

welcome the music of Detroit's premier polka and parody band, the Polish Muslims. From 6:30 to 11 p.m., enjoy dancing, a wide selection of specialty and craft beers from the Atwater Brewery and Polish Okocim beer from the Polish Village Café, and a full array of German, Polish and American food, wine and soft drinks. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door and include a souvenir beer mug (while supplies last) and \$5 worth of food and drink tickets, with additional food and drink tickets available for purchase throughout the evening.

Come back Sunday morning for breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. under the tents, hosted

by the Knights of Columbus. Polish pancakes will be on the menu. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children under 12. The weekend will conclude with an outdoor mass, weather permitting, at 5 p.m., offered by St. Clare's pastor, Father Andrew Kowalczyk.

"This is a wonderful chance to come together with friends and family," Baxter said. "It will be a true Oktoberfest, with a weekend full of fun, wonderful food, delicious beers and dancing. We had a wonderful time last year and are really looking forward to this year's event."

Tickets are available at the parish office, 1401 Whittier and at Posterity: A Gallery at 17005 Kercheval in the Village. Additional information is available on the St. Clare website, stclarem.org.

FORUM:

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involvement with the Michigan Association of School Boards and will soon earn the President's Award of Recognition certificate.

Sohn, a City resident, is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North and has a degree in education. She has three children who have attended district schools, and she has served as president of the Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club. She said she is running as an independent candidate and says the district should work to develop the whole child.

Summerfield, a Park resident, graduated from the University of Michigan and is an attorney who served in the JAG Corps during two tours with the U.S. Navy. He has three children in the district. He was appointed in 2013 to fill a vacancy on the school and currently serves as board treasurer. He expressed support for differentiated curriculum and believes the district needs to provide teachers with the best resources and tools possible.

Weertz, a Shores resident, is a communications professional. She has two children who have attended district schools. She cites the importance of communications, as well as putting strong emphasis on the effectiveness and quality of our teachers, and doing all the district can do to attract and keep dedicated staff.

The panel was divided over the most important issues facing the district. Burdick said teacher morale was low and needed to be improved, while Gehlert said the board needs to seek more input from the community. Howlett said technology funding is the greatest issue, while Ismail said the board has

lost the trust of the community. Sohn said while there are several important issues, communications is the most important and teachers feel they have no voice. Summerfield cited test scores, while Weertz said the defeat of the tech bond should force the district to explore how to finance technology.

Questions addressed by candidates included inclusion for special education students, how they would address financial issues, their view on the switch to all-day kindergarten classes and if they have concerns with the Common Core Curriculum. Also addressed were candidates' views on teacher concessions and how to handle concerns within the community that some schools receive favorable

treatment.

One issue all candidates agreed on, with all offering a resounding "no" was the question of whether they were in favor of schools of choice.

They also addressed the issue of whether some of the candidates were running as a "slate."

Weertz said she was running as an independent.

"I have found Mr. Howlett and Mr. Summerfield to be positive and enthusiastic and I support them," she said. Summerfield said he was also running as an independent.

"I got to know Mr. Howlett and Mrs. Weertz and I support them," he said. "They share ideas I believe in. If that's called a slate, so be it."

Howlett urged voters to not listen to rumors.

About 100 residents attended the forum.

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Hydrant flow testing will take place between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

During the testing process, some residents may experience a temporary loss of water service due to the opening and closing of fire hydrants. You may also experience discoloration of the water due to the disturbing of the natural sediments in the pipeline. **This does not contaminate your water.** If possible please refrain from using your washing machine between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00p.m., on both Wednesday, October 22, 2014 and Thursday October 23, 2014 to avoid any potential staining of the laundry. Should you notice "rusty water" it is recommended that the basement faucets be allowed to run until the water is clear. Some cloudiness of the tap water will be common while conducting the flow testing.

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LETTERS:

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Walled-off city

To the Editor:

Tear down those sheds on Kercheval. Drivers coming east on Kercheval from Alter Road used to be greeted with a sign that said welcome to Grosse Pointe Park. But that sign has been taken down.

Today people driving east on Kercheval who want to dine or shop in Grosse Pointe Park or the Village will find plywood sheds and several concrete blocks impeding their way.

If you want to proceed down Kercheval, you have to take a left through a private, poorly maintained parking lot, a right on a narrow alley, another right on Wayburn and then go through an amateurish traffic circle.

This is a mess. It doesn't work for auto or bike traffic. It forces emergency vehicles and delivery trucks onto residential streets. It doesn't work for residents like me who are trying to get to and from I-94.

To add insult to injury, the city has erected these sheds in the middle of the street so they block half the frontage of Shaw's bookstore, a valued and respected business.

We love the Grosse Pointes, but we also love Detroit. We don't want to live in a walled-off city.

Grosse Pointe Park should tear down the sheds, remove the circle,

and restore normal, grid traffic to Kercheval, an important commercial street.

If the city wants to slow down traffic, a flashing red or some stop signs should accomplish that worthy goal.

Let's put the welcome sign back up.

DICK OLSON
Grosse Pointe Park

Loud and clear

To the Editor:

Time to wake up again Grosse Pointers. The same Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education members, administrators and activists who proposed and supported February's failed \$50 million bond are at it again.

They are actively supporting and campaigning for the Grosse Pointe school board candidate slate of Margaret Weertz, Brian Summerfield and Jake Howlett. Why? Weertz works for the Detroit Federation of Teachers union, supported the \$50 million bond and is on record saying she would support it again. Where will her allegiance lie?

Summerfield was appointed by the school board to fill a vacant seat and went along with the administration majority on every substantive vote, including the \$50 million bond vote and the vote to retain our dysfunctional superintendent, Tom Harwood. Where will his allegiance lie?

More troubling is these two candidates partnered

with Howlett to complete their trio. Where will his allegiance lie?

Last February in the dead of winter, an unprecedented 70 percent of voters sent a loud and clear message the school board was grossly out of sync with the community with size and scope of its \$50 million bond request.

Let's send that same message again by selecting three independent voices from among the four other school board candidates: Ahmed Ismail, Cynthia Sohn, Guy Gehlert and Tara Burdick. In my view, they offer the best chance of putting our community's interest ahead of any special interest.

MICKEY SHIELD
Past Chairman
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Responsible Spending

Cooperation

To the Editor:

Who will run?

It was disappointing to see the tired and sordid old political trick of innuendo aimed at three excellent Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education candidates.

We are fortunate to have three well educated, professionally successful people willing to serve on the school board for four years. To imply because they are cooperating with each other, they have somehow lost their ability to make independent decisions is insulting.

We have been asked to examine their positions. Listening to the answers Margaret Weertz, Jake Howlett and Brian Summerfield gave at the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe forum, it was apparent they had worked hard and familiarized themselves with the issues.

They exhibited a realization the issues are complex, not calling for simplistic yes or no answers.

The educational and professional background of each of these candidates equips them to deal with tough questions. Rather than offering easily arrived at positions Margaret, Brian and Jake spoke of the importance of listening to the community and informing themselves as they make decisions.

When there is nothing substantive in their qualifications to criticize, it is easy to attack "the process."

Our teachers are the most precious resource in our schools. If the teachers are disgruntled because of the recent 10 percent pay cut they took, would it not make sense to have people on the school board the teachers trust and are comfortable working with?

Instead of presuming that somehow this spirit of cooperation will lead to no good, let's recognize the

Grosse Pointe Education Association endorsement should be highly sought after and valued by any school board candidate.

Imagining candidates are beholden to assistant superintendent Jon Dean because he has their campaign signs on his lawn, is laughable.

Board members have to be able to listen to the community and work together.

Summerfield lives on the south side of the district, Howlett in the middle, and Weertz on the north side. Suggesting there is something wrong with them cooperating with each other shows a lack of understanding of the work of the school board.

Voting for someone simply because they are a "lone eagle" would be setting a very low bar for school board members.

If you want to vote for a different candidate, do so because you see them as better qualified, not out of fear of some imagined "secret pact."

Brian Summerfield, Jake Howlett and Margaret Weertz are all highly educated, professionally acclaimed candidates with deep roots in Grosse Pointe and a long history of community service, much of it centered on the schools. They are happy to answer any questions you have.

If the community sees these three good people subjected to mudslinging and nay saying, who will be willing to run for school board in the future?

JACK RYAN
Past President
Grosse Pointe Public
School System Board
of Education

'Anti-slate slate'

To the Editor:

I think we can all agree we need to vote for the three individual Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education candidates who are the most qualified and have their priorities in the right place: what is in the best interest of all students and our community as a whole.

I've gone to meet and greets for all but one, Tara Burdick. I've attended the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe question and answer forum, met with and spoken to all the candidates. I've been watching and listening closely to make an informed choice for myself.

My take: One set of three obviously aligned themselves to run early, and are united by a very specific, one-issue agenda.

Two of the three — Ahmed Ismail and Cynthia Sohn — were intimately involved in the recent controversy swirling around Grosse Pointe South High School's former principal, Matt Outlaw. All three, including Guy Gehlert, have stated numerous times they want to get rid of superintendent Thomas

Harwood and deputy superintendent Jon Dean. I see them as the "Let's Change Everything" slate.

Tara Burdick from Florida has only lived here a year. My feeling is she needs more exposure to the ins-and-outs of our community and its school system so she can make a greater impact in this arena down the line.

Three others — Brian Summerfield, Margaret Weertz and Jake Howlett — were apparently drawn to one another on the campaign trail, specifically because they have no agenda, preconceived notions or bias.

They seem united not by one issue or plan, but by an appreciation for each other's background and experience, and respect for one another's ability to view all angles of district issues with an open mind — administration, residency, special needs, budget, technology, etc. I call them the "Anti-slate slate."

But now you have some candidates' supporters calling Summerfield, Weertz and Howlett names and implying, because the teachers union has endorsed them, they must have sinister intentions.

But what actually is scary to me is a group of people who want control of a board so they can start firing people with whom they have some previous complaint.

We need school board members who are not so entrenched in their own perception of reality that they already have their minds made up.

We deserve trustees who can remain objective, who, no matter what issue is brought forth, can work respectfully with each other through disagreements. Because that's the way a school board is supposed to work.

True leadership is a willingness to be adaptive, listen and learn.

I continue to see all of these qualities in Brian Summerfield, Margaret Weertz and Jake Howlett. That's why I believe they are the best three choices for our school board.

LAURA GUSHEE
MONAHAN
Grosse Pointe Farms

Mission

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education has been mentioned recently in campaign literature related to the upcoming November election.

We would like to take this opportunity to clarify our mission. The foundation is an independent, non-profit organization that brings our community together to fund extraordinary educational opportunities for our children.

As an independent 501(c)(3), we maintain a neutral role in elections.

As in the past, the foundation as an organization will not endorse or otherwise support any individ-

ual candidates, platforms or ballot issues.

We are honored to fulfill our mission and partner with our community. We encourage all Grosse Pointe residents to exercise their right to vote on Nov. 4.

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Restore trust

To The Editor:

With an important local election just weeks away, I urge all residents to do their research on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education candidates and the school millage.

I am concerned about increasing apathy among our residents. I've heard many say "now that my kids are no longer in Grosse Pointe schools, I don't care." Some expressed frustration over problems ignored or not solved. Trust has been severely damaged or broken.

As I see it, there were three types of voters during the technology bond issue: those who strongly agreed with it; those who would agree with it with some changes; and those who turned it down because they were upset with other issues.

I would take a close look at that third type of voter. That voter could very well go to the polls and turn down the school millage.

It is disheartening to hear of such problems as: procedural disagreements never fully addressed or solved; the departure of top-notch administrators; letting go highly qualified and effective teachers; favoritism in extracurricular activities and athletics; abusive, bully athletic coaches; etc.

When discussing the technology bond with other parents, the comment I heard most often was, "If I can't trust them to address a certain issue I've had, how can I trust them with \$50 million more?"

I'm afraid this lack of trust will spill into the school millage as well.

It is of utmost importance to restore the trust.

Our school board needs to ask tough questions and demand answers.

Administrators need to take action when a student or parent comes to them with problems or issues that need to be addressed, and show the courtesy of a follow-up to be assured the issue was properly solved.

I urge all voters to do their homework before this election. Please, no more apathy.

This is our community and our schools are the integral part of it. Together, we can restore the trust and maintain our excellent schools.

MARIA A. DEFRINI
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Fall fest

Mason Elementary school held its annual fall fest Saturday Oct. 11. Below, despite having to be on crutches, Mikayla Pochert tosses a 'ghost' into a cauldron in the cauldron toss game.

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Face painted like a kitty, Devin Winsinski picks out the pumpkin perfect for her family. Jacob Sahadi works his way through a doughnut on a string to win the game.



Alarm does its job

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A smoke alarm in a house on Colonial shows why this year's "Fire Prevention Week" promoted working smoke alarms. The alarm on Colonial alerted a sleeping resident of a fire at about 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10. "Condensation dripping on the circuit board of his furnace started a fire inside the furnace and sent smoke throughout the house," said Lt. Bill Nicholson, Grosse Pointe Shores fire inspector. Firefighters arrived to "a house full of smoke," Nicholson said. "If he didn't have a smoke alarm, he may have slept through it."

Nicholson is a 24-year veteran of the department. He remembers when

household smoke alarms were akin to luxury items. "They were expensive," he said. "Now, you can get one for \$5." "Simply having smoke alarms isn't enough," said a representative of the National Fire Protection Association in a news release about Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11. "They need to be tested and maintained properly," Nicholson recommends changing alarm batteries at least once per year. "Whether the battery is good or bad, take it out and put in a new one," he said. The fire association recommends installing smoke alarms on each floor of a house, outside all sleeping areas and in every bedroom. Interconnect alarms so when one sounds, they all do.

City leaf pickup starts Oct. 20

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Curbside leaf collection resumes Monday, Oct. 20. Collection ends Dec. 4. This is the sixth year since the City of Grosse Pointe switched from vacuuming leaves to the broom-and-chute method. Participating residents stack their leaves in neat piles on the street next to the curb no sooner than 4 p.m. the day before pickup, but before 7:30

a.m. the day of pickup. Leaves blocked by parked vehicles are passed by until the following week. The collection schedule is: Monday ♦ Cranford Lane, south side, Village Lane, ♦ Cadieux, ♦ Loraine, ♦ Fisher and ♦ all roads south of Jefferson.

Sycamore residents must bag their leaves to prevent equipment damaging brick pavers. Island Lane residents must pile leaves on the house-side of the road, not along the wooden fence. Tuesday ♦ Notre Dame, ♦ St. Clair, ♦ Neff Road, ♦ Grosse Pointe Court, ♦ Neff Lane and ♦ Cranford Lane, north

side. Wednesday ♦ Lakeland, ♦ University and Rivard. Thursday ♦ Washington, ♦ Lincoln and ♦ Roosevelt and Charles. The Thursday, Nov. 27, pickup is rescheduled to Monday, Dec. 1, because of Thanksgiving.

LETTERS

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Campaign trail

To the Editor: People are making a big deal about the Brian Summerfield, Jake Howlett, Margaret Weertz slate for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education. I certainly see those signs together. But I also

see Ahmed Ismail, Cynthia Sohn and Guy Gehlert signs stacked together as well. At the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe forum, Summerfield, Howlett and Weertz said they met each other on the campaign trail. They said they found each other to be reasonable and respectful and could work together. Ismail said publicly Sohn and Gehlert met with him for his advice

before starting their campaigns. Ismail announced the candidacy of Sohn, who claims to be independent, on his website. The other candidates quite independently and transparently announced their own campaigns on their own websites. By the way, the hidden slate candidates have stated their goal: to get on the board and fire administrators. Why is acknowledging you met on the campaign trail and can work with

other candidates bad? Yet forming a hidden slate is OK? I would be wary of a hidden slate with one objective. I urge voters to support transparency and collaboration. GEORGE R. MCMULLEN JR. Grosse Pointe Woods

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Small fine here; trouble in Tuscola

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Michael Calvin Morris, 62, a Detroit handyman, slouched against the courtroom podium.

With a leisurely "Yup," he acknowledged the charge against him of obstructing police.

"Are you going to plead guilty or not guilty?" asked Judge Matthew Rumora of Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court early afternoon Wednesday, Oct. 8.

"There was no probable cause, in my estimation," Morris answered, protesting his arrest Oct. 1, for not giving a patrolman his name.

"So, you're pleading not guilty?" Rumora said. "That's not a plea, 'probable cause.'"

"Not guilty," Morris said.

Rumora scheduled a preliminary hearing later that day.

By then, Morris, represented by a court-appointed lawyer and having conferred with the prosecuting attorney, changed his course and attitude.

"It is our understanding that there would be a \$75 fine and, upon payment of that, dismiss the case," his attorney clarified with Rumora.

"Is that what you want to do, Mr. Morris?" Rumor asked.

"I'm sure of it," Morris said.

"Are you going to pay the \$75 today?"

"Yes, sir."

Morris' problem with Farms police began shortly after 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Patrolman Thomas Dionne, investigating a black 1997 Chevrolet S-10 parked 18 inches off the curb in front of a house in the 400 block of Touraine, noticed the house was vacant but had an open side door.

The incident occurred during a period of home invasions and a Detroit woman occupying a vacant house on Lakeshore.

"There's no question the officer had probable cause, based on that," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati. "That's just good police work. (Morris) can challenge anything he wants, but the real test is if it sticks."

Dionne found Morris in the kitchen repairing drywall.

"I asked Morris for his name," Dionne said. "He hesitated. Morris' response was staggered and appeared to be deceptive."

Morris is wanted on a \$58,246 warrant from Tuscola County for child support, and for failing to appear in 36th District Court on a traffic charge, police said.

Tuscola authorities won't travel beyond neighboring jurisdictions to retrieve him.

Some surplus used

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — About 1/3 of an anticipated \$375,000 municipal surplus is being set aside for capital improvements.

The remaining 2/3 is paying for municipal retiree healthcare.

Although accounting for the City of Grosse Pointe's fiscal year 2013-2014, which ended June 30, isn't finished, a surplus is predicted by Kimberly Kleinow, municipal finance director.

"It's going to be approximately \$375,000," she said.

She and City Manager Peter Dame urged the city council this month to

transfer sufficient surplus to the retiree healthcare fund to cover current 2014-2015 fiscal year expenses, which should be approximately \$258,000.

The fund pays monthly premiums and prescription costs of current retirees.

"We already budgeted to transfer \$192,000 in the current fiscal year," Kleinow said. "The \$258,000 would get us to \$450,000 for current year expenses."

She and Dame recommended transferring the remaining \$117,000 surplus to the capital projects fund.

Projects include municipal building maintenance and improvements for which there weren't funds

available in this fiscal year's budget, passed in May.

The surplus is above and beyond a 20 percent fund balance.

"Approximately seven years ago, the city established a goal of maintaining an unrestricted general fund balance of 20 percent of the succeeding year's expenditures," Kleinow said.

Last year, the council transferred about \$200,000 from the prior fiscal year's general fund surplus to cover part of this fiscal year's retiree healthcare fund.

Accountants from Plante Moran are expected to present the annual audit at the 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, city council meeting.

Main work could start soon

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Water main replacements, mainly on the inland side of the city, are

likely to start this winter.

Grosse Pointe Farms officials intend to finance the work, which includes some sewer relining, by issuing bonds totaling \$3,575,000.

"If all goes well, we plan to award a contract for the work later this fall, with work commencing at the end of this year," said

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Halt on head shops

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Although attempts to open medical marijuana shops in the city are nearly nonexistent, a moratorium on accepting applications for such businesses was enacted this week by the city council.

It acted on the advice of Grosse Pointe Farms city attorney William Burgess.

He recommended the moratorium while state senators consider a bill enacting the Medical Marijuana Provisioning Center Regulation Act.

"It would clarify the level of municipal control over medical marijuana dispensaries, related paraphernalia and businesses," Burgess said.

The legislation, HB 4217, was introduced last year by state Rep. Mike Callton, R-Nashville.

It passed the House in

December and is now being debated in the Senate.

"The bill is expected to be considered sooner rather than later," Burgess said.

Provisions include:
◆ letting cities prohibit or impose licensing requirements on medical marijuana dispensaries,
◆ limiting the location of shops near schools and
◆ requiring centers to be licensed.

Farms officials passed

the moratorium to keep prospective city ordinances from butting heads with whatever state regulations arise if the act becomes law.

"We will revisit this in ensuing months after the legislation has been final-

ized," Burgess said.

The moratorium applies to consideration of business license applications for any type of establishment that dispenses medical marijuana and related paraphernalia.

"In other words, our moratorium would be at the license application stage, not saying anything about zoning, at the

moment," Burgess said.

He said he knows of only one application for a medical marijuana store being filed with the Farms in five years.

Public Safety Director Dan Jensen supports the moratorium.

"Federal and state law already governs what you can and can't do as far as growing and being a provider," he said.

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Shane Reeside, city manager.

"Work will happen during winter months when water isn't used as heavily," John Lamerato, city controller and finance director.

"The bulk of water main work would be completed in 2015," Reeside said.

Most construction is west of Ridge Road in the inland sewer district:
◆ Fisher, from

Chalfonte to Charlevoix; McKinley, from Chalfonte to Mack;

◆ Moran, from Chalfonte to Mack;

◆ Madison, from Chalfonte to Mack;

◆ Touraine, from Charlevoix to Parcels;

◆ Beaupre, from Lothrop to Cloverly and

◆ Provencal above Kercheval.

"We identified a list of water mains that were the most problematic, either in terms of age,

flow or frequency of breaks," Reeside said.

"We are in the process of doing the engineering

and specifications for water main replacement."

"We're trying to address areas where we've had water main breaks in the past and put in almost \$3 million worth of new water mains," Lamerato added.

The bond would be funded by the water fund and a 9.19 percent increase in water rates effective July 1.

"We set up water rates based on doing a significant amount of water main and sewer replacement and lining," Reeside said.

Fishing derby results show nice catches

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The two-hour fishing derby would still be running if contestants had their way.

"When I blew the whistle to conclude the event, people were pleading with me to extend it another five or 10 minutes," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "I gave them another 10 minutes."

The derby Saturday morning, July 26, was the first in recent years at Grosse Pointe Shores Osius Park.

"Over 30 little kids

came," said Councilwoman Kay Felt.

"They didn't want to leave," Kedzierski said.

"One resident said he's lived here 29 years and never seen so many people at the pier fishing at one time," Kedzierski said.

Contestants caught more than 80 fish.

"They got trophies for first fish, biggest fish, the most fish and the smallest fish," Felt said.

Winners were:

◆ first fish caught, Max Kluge, a 7 3/4-inch bluegill;

◆ smallest fish caught, Dominic Lucido, 3 1/4-inch goby;

◆ most fish caught, Max Kluge, 11 fish.

Two contestants tied for catching the biggest fish.

Loren Barthell caught a 13 1/4-inch small-mouth bass.

Alex Steiger matched her with a 13 1/4-inch large-mouth bass.

"They each got a prize," Kedzierski said.

He thanked Lakeside Fishing Shop in St. Clair Shores for donating the grand prize, a fishing pole, reel and tackle box.

"After the tournament, one of the contestants said to me, 'Can we do this next week?'" Kedzierski said.

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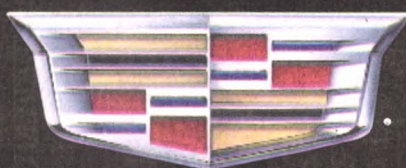
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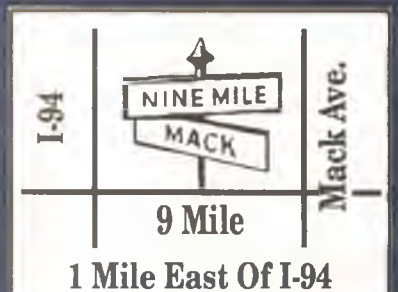
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Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe

Those interested in the French language and culture can join this non-profit group whose purpose is to keep the French culture alive in Grosse Pointe though diverse events and activities and to have fun. The club also raises money for scholarships given to high school students who excel in their French studies.

Members do not need to be fluent in French or have knowledge of the French language to participate. French classes are offered in the fall and spring.

Adults and high school students studying French can join and spend a few hours a month attending monthly events.

For more information, contact Christiane Stein at (586) 777-4602 or e-mail cstein44@comcast.net. The club's website is afgrossepointe.org.

Daughters of the British Empire

The national organization requires members, or their husbands, have British heritage. The group supports The British Home, a retirement home in Brookfield, Ill. The group holds monthly meetings in members' houses or local restaurants and includes various programs. The group has two major fundraisers a year and annual dues are \$30. As part of the national organization, members can attend a national convention.

For more information, call Marleine Ricca at (810) 794-5449.

Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

This non-profit organization sponsors activities encouraging literacy, lifelong learning and love of reading as well as stimu-

lating interest in the library.

Anyone can join the group that sponsors the Friends' Down Under Bookstore, classical book lecture series, the Halloween costume sale, book sales, children's and teen programs and author visits, among others. An individual pays annual dues of \$25 and a family pays \$30. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 204 or visit gplibraryfriends.org.

Friends of Vision

FOV is part of the non-profit Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology and volunteers work with a support group to assist those who are visually impaired or blind in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities.

Compassionate and caring volunteers are needed to help two to 10 hours per month with day-to-day activities at the DIO, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Membership dues are \$25.

For more information, contact Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-4710, ext. 225 or visit npilorget@dioeyes.org.

Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club

This social group has a 60-year history of enhancing the community for city residents. It runs events and parties throughout the year and is open to boaters and nonboaters, alike. The club partners with the Farms parks and recreation department to hold parties and events, such as the annual Regatta and fireworks, wine tasting, feather bowling, a commodore's ball, picnics and rendezvous. Club annual individual dues are \$35 and family dues are \$50.

For more information, contact commodore Scott Bade or vice commodore Ron Mack at gpfbclub.com.

Grosse Pointe Camera Club

The camera club provides educational opportunities for members of the community to develop photographic interests and skills, affording members contact with

other people with similar interests and accomplished through image feedback, participation in assignments, mini-programs, field trips and organized shoots. Monthly meetings provide members with feedback on their images and recognition of improvement.

Anyone interested in photography at any age can join.

Time required include two-hour meetings and time to take photographs. Meetings are two to three times each month from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays from September through May at Brownell Middle School, C-11. A calendar is on the website.

Annual dues are \$20. Normal expenses associated with taking and displaying photographs are incurred. Club meetings are open to the public.

For more information, contact Mike Florian, at (313) 822-7080 or visit grossepointecameraclub.org or gpcc.photoclub@services.com; e-mail gpcc.club@comcast.net

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club is a member of the Greater Detroit Camera Club Council, that includes nine other camera clubs from the Greater Detroit area including Windsor. The GDCCC provides opportunity for competition with the other clubs.



Grosse Pointe Friends & Neighbors Club

The non-profit women's social club holds meetings featuring guest speakers, gourmet meals, discover Detroit salad lunches, book clubs and craft groups.

Women of any age can attend functions as often as they like. Annual dues are \$30.

This organization encourages new residents to join to meet other Grosse Pointe women. Guests may attend two events before being asked to join.

For more information, contact the club's president, Vicki Clevenger at (313) 824-8246 or vclevenger@comcast.net



Grosse Pointe Camera Club member John Forest created this image "Faucet Falls."

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Grosse Pointe Garden Center, Inc.

The garden center, a non-profit corporation 501(c)(3), is the recognized local resource and coordinating organization for gardening information and education for the Grosse Pointes and nearby communities. Its mission is to promote education, beautification, horticulture and conservation in the community.

The GPGC provides gardens to visit and enjoy on the Grosse Pointe War Memorial grounds.

The Trial Gardens feature the creativity of local garden clubs.

The Veterans Garden at the War Memorial is dedicated to those who have served in the armed forces and its brick pathway has veterans names inscribed. The GPGC has a cadre of volunteers who prepare all program offerings and hands-on gardening projects.

Each June, the club coordinates a garden tour in the Pointes and its fundraiser. The fall's fundraiser is the sale of bulbs.

It coordinates the spring Sue Abbott lecture focusing on floral arrangements and the fall Berry Memorial lecture focusing on horticulture education. Quarterly newsletters are mailed to all members.

Members are men and women who are interested in any aspects of gardening, floral arranging and conservation. They donate their time based solely on the interests and availability. Dues are \$20 per year.

Meetings are at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and in the



Grosse Pointe area. For more information contact the Grosse Pointe Garden Center at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI. 48236, or call (313) 881-7511 ext. 206 or e-mail gpgardenctr@warmemorial.org or visit gpgardenctr.org.

The garden center's long-standing commitment provides programs and workshops presented by garden authorities in an effort to expand the knowledge of gardening among its members and community.

Grosse Pointe, Michigan Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW)

The AAUW is a non-profit 501(c)(4) organization to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. All proceeds from fundraising activities help accomplish these goals. Various fundraisers are held throughout the year to raise money for scholarships for post-secondary education. This year's fundraisers include a Yankee candle sale, Circare shopping spree, Big Salad event and a community game night.

Program topics include Pinnacles of Detroit Oct. 18; Christmas party and attendance at the Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "White Christmas" Dec. 20; a February field trip to the G.A.R. Castle

and a lecture on the history of great female artists of Detroit March 28.

Membership is available to those who have paid dues and a degree from an accredited community college, a four-year college or university, or a specialized two-year program.

The club includes various interest groups, including book clubs, lunch gatherings, stitchery, music appreciation, beginning bridge and plays. A complete list of interest groups, with meeting schedules, is available at grossepointemi.aauw.net.

The amount of time members are involved is based on meeting and fund-raising projects.

Annual dues are \$76, that include national, state and local dues.

For more information, contact president Linda Marchildon at (313) 885-2855 or vice president for membership Vicki Granger at (313) 460-5250 or (313) 882-9878 or via e-mail at aauwgp@comcast.net or grossepointe-mi.aauw.net.

Grosse Pointe North Athletic Booster Club

This non-profit group raises money for North's athletic department when a specific team budget falls short. Money is raised through concession sales, scoreboard advertising, spirit wear sales and bake sales.

Parents of past and present students, grandparents and alumni can join at no cost. Meetings are the second Monday of each month at North High School.

For more information, contact Mark Cwiklinski at mcwik@youngsupply.com or Cheryl Cusmano at cacusmano@comcast.net or Luke Ciaramitaro at luke@dc-ins.com.

The booster e-mail address is gpnclub@gmail.com.

Grosse Pointe Woman's Club

The non-profit organization promotes women making friendships, socializing, lunch and diversified programs. Funds are raised annually toward scholarships to local public school students.

Residents, former residents, property owners, owners of Grosse Pointe businesses or interested residents of a community whose legal boundaries border any of the Grosse Pointes can join.

See CLUBS, page 4C

SEVEN RULES OF INVESTING



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DEFINE YOUR GOALS
Defining your goals is where a solid investment plan begins. Building a portfolio starts with understanding what the portfolio needs to accomplish. Are your goals short term or long term? Do you need income rather than growth? Are you funding for a specific date and objective (college,

wedding, car purchase) or are the funds for providing for a comfortable retirement or a legacy for your children? Knowing the purpose of the funds is imperative in selecting the risk required to meet those objectives.

EQUITY INVESTING IS NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART
Surely you heard the saying, "If you can't take the heat, stay out of the kitchen", the same holds true for the stock market. If you can't tolerate volatility then stay out of the equity market. Every individual investor needs to measure their own risk tolerance. If the market drops by 20% how will you react? How will you react to a 30%, 40%, or even 50% drop in the stock market? Put those percentage drops in dollar amounts for your

portfolio, you may change your mind and choose to take on less risk.

BUY LOW/SELL HIGH
This rule is merely common sense, but very difficult for individual investors to adhere to in their personal portfolios. The market is driven by fear and greed in the short term, when investors are fearful they sell their holdings and drive prices down further in almost a self-fulfilling prophecy. When the market is rising greed rears its ugly head and many investors decide they can tolerate more risk and add to their equity exposure driving prices beyond reasonable valuations. When the market turns south, these investors quickly learn that the risk was too great and sell, often times at great personal loss.

So, although Buy Low/Sell High is a common sense rule, buying high and selling low is more often what is seen in the marketplace by personal investors.

INVESTING IS A LONG TERM VENTURE
Investing in the stock market has many risks, those risks decrease with time. Markets are volatile, which means they go up and down. Equity investing is meant for long term investors who can afford to wait (and are willing) and will hold steady through a down market.

BEWARE THE MEDIA
Ratings and subscriptions are the primary focus of television, periodicals and newspapers. Sales are the driving force for all media outlets and "The

Sky is Falling" is much more interesting than "the economy continues to recover, albeit sluggishly".

THE STOCK MARKET IS NOT A GAMBLING HALL
When buying an exchange traded fund (ETF) or mutual fund that holds stocks, or a stock of an individual company, understand what you are buying. A share of stock represents a small percentage ownership of a company. A company does not grow overnight and can take many years to reach its potential. Buying and selling stocks to make a quick buck generally ends badly.

NO ONE HAS A CRYSTAL BALL
Timing the market is a fruitless effort; no one is able

to consistently beat the market. There will be recessions, bull markets, tsunamis, political unrest, astounding new technologies, and the world will continue to grow. Building a well diversified portfolio, patience, and reasonable expectations will weather the storms.

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AREA ACTIVITIES



Honorary consul

At Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe's July Bastille Day celebration Pascal Goachet, center, the Honorary French Consul in Detroit, presented on behalf of the French government the decoration of "Chevalier dans l'Ordre du Mérite" to AFGP member, Robert Weyhing of Grosse Pointe Farms, left. The award was given in recognition of Weyhing's 15 years of service as the past honorary French Consul in Detroit. David Thoms of West Bloomfield and president of AFGP is at right.

des Jardinieres

Members of La Societe des Jardinieres take a road trip to Romeo Thursday, Oct. 16. They meet at the Thee Office Pub in Romeo at 11:30 a.m. for lunch compliments of the hostess Cara Buttery.

BNI

Business Network International meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at Assumption Cultural Center.

For more information about the business organization, call Olga Tecos at (313) 423-0087.

Friends of Vision

Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology Friends of Vision Low Vision Support Group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 20, at the DIO, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-4710, ext. 225.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets at 7 p.m. at Henry Ford Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Friends

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library celebrates the 200th anniversary of publication of Jane Austen's "Mansfield Park" at 7



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The Family Center's 2014-2017 board directors are standing from left to right Gabriela Boddy, Beth Walsh-Sahutske, Milissa Pierce and Rebecca Papas. Seated is Dona Johnson-Beach.

New board members not pictured are Rania Routsis and Marina Southers.



New member welcome

Soroptimist welcomed three members, Barbara Flood, Bettie Cook and Suzy Manning, during its Sept. 10 meeting at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. From left, Flood, Cook, Soroptimist Roseanne Horne, club historian Ann Cunningham and Manning. The Grosse Pointe chapter of the women's service club was founded in 1956 and has 50 members who work to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment in local communities and throughout the world.

p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch. To register for the free event, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 204 or e-mail gpfriends.org@gmail.

com. Lisa Maruca, Wayne State University's associate professor and associate chair of the English department, lectures on the book.

Cake will be served and local book clubs recognized.

Optimist

Grosse Pointe Lakeshore Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

For more information, call Dave Hohlfeldt at (313) 268-8743.

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"Setting a Place, Motor City Style" is the theme for the Daughters of Penelope of Grosse Pointe 12th annual Festival of Tables, Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Thirty-three themed tables can be viewed from 1 to 4 p.m. Advance ticket price is \$10. The price at the door is \$15. The event benefits the St. John Health System Breast Care program.

Included in this is a gift boutique and entertainment.

Those attending the 4:30 p.m. dinner can purchase wine, drink the evening's signature Motown martini and purchase homemade Greek cookies while browsing the fishbowl and silent auction items and holiday bouquet. The evening concludes with entertainment and fashion show by Ann Taylor of Grosse Pointe. Models are members of the Detroit Young Survival Coalition. The cost is \$65.

The Daughters of Penelope began the Festival Tables in 2002 to support women's related issue and concerns.

Since partnering with the Van Elslander Cancer Center/Liggett Breast Center 11 years ago, more than \$60,000 has been raised for the program.

Doctors and staff members of the center will decorate tables, along with committee members and local businesses, including the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House staff, The Lake House members and Mancuso's Florist staff.


Past events have raised \$100,000 for the St. John Providence Health System Breast Care Program, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, AHEPA educational



Mary Bakalis and Kathy Papapanos designed this table, "Flamenco" last year.

scholarship program and Cass Community Services. 550-3095 or e-mail Kjergs1@gmail.com or stop at Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, 102 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.


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Women's Connection

The "Life with Lavender" is Iris Underwood's topic at the Thursday, Oct. 23, meeting of the Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe meeting at Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

She is the owner of the Yule Love It Lavender Farm in Leonard. She discusses the emotional, mental and spiritual benefits of growing and using lavender.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. followed by the presentation.

For reservations and more information, call Jan Baumann at (586) 243-2241.

Play Central

Play Central at The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods is a drop-in, open play group where children can be active and their care givers can socialize from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Play Central meets in the gym at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$5. For more information, call (313) 432-3832 or visit familycenterweb.org.

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Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month September through May, except for October. Meetings begin with a light 12:30 p.m. lunch, followed by a program or speaker and a short business meeting.

The highlight of the fall season is a luncheon and fashion show to raise scholarship funds for local public school students, awarded in May. The club includes women from all walks of life who enjoy being together and hearing interesting and informative speakers/programs.

Dues are \$65 per year and include seven lunches and programs in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

For more information, call president Pam Zimmer at (313) 926-6726 or membership chairwoman Peggy

Hickey at (313) 407-1842.

John Paul Jones Society, National Society Children of the American Revolution



The purpose of this non-profit children's patriotic service organization is to conduct activities to promote patriotism, service and education about American heritage through national, state and local projects and programs during the year. Any boy or girl under the age of 21 years old, who can document their direct lineage to an American Revolutionary soldier or patriot can join. Members spend about 10 hours per year in club

activities. Dues are \$22, plus a one-time application fee. Meetings are held throughout the Grosse Pointe area and Detroit.

For more information visit michigancar.org or e-mail jpjnsr@icloud.com or jtheros77@gmail.com

The John Paul Jones Society hosts various activities throughout the year including an annual flag retirement ceremony at the Farms Pier Park with Grosse Pointe Boy Scout Troop No. 96, and the national "Wreaths Across America" project at a local national cemetery.

Louisa St. Clair Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

A women's non-profit patriotic service organization has the motto: God, home and country.

Monthly meetings are held with the purpose to support the DAR objectives of historic preservation, education and patriotism. Membership is open to all women who can document their direct lineage to an American Revolutionary soldier or patriot.

The club provides historic preservation by supporting efforts to preserve and mark historically significant local, state and national sites; supporting of local, state, regional



and national historical societies, museums, genealogical organizations and archives. In its educational arm, the DAR sponsors American history essay contest for students; awards college scholarships; supports literacy promotion programs, libraries and the local classical radio station.

Its patriotism segment distributes patriotic materials to new citizens, schools and community organizations and supports veterans and active duty military service personnel. Members participate in medal recognition of area military affiliated cadet programs.

The DAR members award Youth Citizenship Medals and Good Citizen recognition to local students, promotes conservation, reforestation and community beautification, provides flags and holiday wreaths to national cemeteries, promotes flag protocol and etiquette, participates in local Memorial Day, Independence Day, Patriot Day and Veterans Day ceremonies and services.

Members commit about two hours or more a month at various Grosse Pointe sites. Expenses are available upon request.

For more information, contact chapter regent Peggy King Scully at peggyscully@me.com or visit louisia.michdar.net.

Men's and Women's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe

This garden club's members participate in a wide variety of projects, fundraisers, events and programs, meeting two to four hours a month at Brownell Middle School. People of any age with an interest in gardens and plants can join. Dues are \$20 for a single member and \$30 for a family.

The club meets January through May, discussing a wide variety of garden topics.

June through August are reserved for working in personal gardens and touring gardens. The annual tomato tasting meeting is held in September and in October awards are presented to those who volunteered. November's topic has a holiday theme and in December members have a holiday party at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The club has been recognized by Keep Michigan Beautiful for its program to help Grosse Pointe elementary children learn about plants. Members also plant flowers in Pier Park.

For more information, call (313) 473-8625 or write fischerh@ameritech.net.

Northeastern Toastmasters

Toastmasters is a pub-

lic, non-profit organization speaking group focused on improving listening and speaking skills to boost confidence in those 18 years and older.

An annual dues are \$84. The group meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch.

For more information, contact Wendy Bradley at (313) 720-8444 or wendy.bradley@lpps.info.

Services for Older Citizens (SOC)

The non-profit organization's purpose is to help Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods' older citizens maintain their lives in independence and with dignity.

Volunteers aged 14 years and older who are interested in working with older citizens can help in a variety of ways: mailings, providing escort transportation, data entry, facilitating groups, to becoming a Medicare/Medicaid Assistant Counselor.

Children under 14 should be accompanied by an adult.

SOC's staff will work with a volunteer to find the best fit based on his or her interests and skills. Time commitment may vary depending on volunteer task.

There are no dues or expenses.

For more information, contact SOC Volunteer Coordinator Heidi Uhlig at huhlig@socservices.org or (313) 882-9600.

A prospective volunteer must complete the volunteer application process, which includes a reference check and criminal background check. Also, all volunteers working in direct contact with clients (Meals on Wheels, escort transportation drivers, chores inside the home, etc.) are also required to submit a satisfactory TB test result.

Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe



Women, aged 18 to 90, meet with the mission to improve the lives of women and girls through educational awards and human trafficking awareness.

Those who volunteer should allow a minimum of three hours a month to being a member of a team dedicated to women and passionate about helping women.

The dues cost \$125 annually. Soroptimist meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Soroptimist has been a service organization in Grosse Pointe since 1956. For more information,

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Know Your Skin

By Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

Do you regularly check your skin?

Everyone should do a skin exam at least every 6-8 weeks. And if you or family members have a history of skin cancer, it is especially important to do regular self skin examinations of your entire body, from your scalp down to the soles of the feet. But what do you look for?

A good tool to use is the ABCDE's.

A - an Asymmetric shape is often a sign that a mole could be skin cancer

B - Borders of suspicious lesions are often uneven with jagged or notched edges

C - Lesions that have multiple shades of colors or are very dark in Color should be brought to your physician's attention

D - Large moles with a Diameter larger than the eraser on a pencil may also indicate a malignancy

E - Watch for lesions that are starting to Evolve or change in one of these areas. Most benign lesions do not change over time.

Benign lesions are typically round or symmetrical.

Once you bring a lesion to the attention of your doctor, she/he may recommend biopsy, destruction, excision or other complete removal, or you may be advised to continue to watch the lesion, depending on the diagnosis.

If you have a suspicious lesion, or to learn more about self skin exams, contact your dermatologist, or call us at **Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates.**

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OBITUARIES

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

Lillian J. Bryk

Lillian J. Bryk, 90, died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014.

She was the beloved wife of Michael, who predeceased her, and dear mother of Michael (Tammy). She is survived by her sisters, Nell, Vera, and was predeceased by her siblings, Frank, Lloyd, Berti, Joe and Helen.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9:15 a.m. at the church.

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

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Michael Timothy Crowley

Michael Timothy Crowley, 27, a resident of both Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe Park, died suddenly at home Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014.

Mr. Crowley attended Colorado Mesa State and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance from Western Michigan University in 2009. He worked with his father at Member Mortgage Services, Farmington Hills, in all aspects of the business.

He was an avid outdoorsman and especially enjoyed snowboarding. He also loved music.

Mr. Crowley is survived by his parents, Tim Crowley (Missy); mother, Kristin Scott (Mike); sisters, Jennifer Coxon (Ryan), Amy Richards (Daniel), Ali Crowley, Paige Crowley and Ava Crowley; brother, Russ Scott, and grandparents, Joan and Angelo Pugliesi.

He was predeceased by his grandparents, Frances and Gerry Crowley and Richard Peters.

A celebration of his life was held Oct. 4 at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Detroit Recovery Project, 1121 E. McNichols Road, Detroit, MI 48203.

Robert Ducastel

Robert Ducastel, 96, died Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014.

He was the beloved husband of Beatrice (nee Calcaterra), who predeceased him; dear father of Karen Loosvelt (Ron) and Gaile Priest; loving papa of Marc Loosvelt (Georgia), Adam Loosvelt (Stacy), Anne Loosvelt, Erik Priest, Zachary Priest (Jamie) and Stacey Priest and cherished great-papa of Teddy, Will, Sara, Josh, Copper and Miles.

He also is survived by his siblings, Joseph Ducastel and Bernice Wenzel and was predeceased by his siblings, Maurice Ducastel and Elle Meek.

Visitation will be held from 12 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Prayers and military honors will be at 7 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the funeral home.

The family extends a special thank you and asks that memorial contributions be made to Season's Hospice, 27355 John R Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071 or a charity of the donor's choice.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Margaret E. Evans

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Margaret E. Evans, 98, died Monday, Oct. 6, 2014, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

She was born July 23, 1916, in Detroit to Clara and Robert Webster Sr. and owned Evans Flying Service and Rental Car business which operated out of Detroit City Airport.

Mrs. Evans enjoyed helping and taking care of seniors and she loved cats.

She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods senior club and Soroptimist International Club.

Mrs. Evans was predeceased by her husband, John E. Evans and sister, Phyllis F. Walker. She is survived by her brother Robert R. Webster Jr.

A funeral service was held Oct. 9 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Club.

John Mazer Jr.

John Mazer Jr., died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, after a three-month battle with a series of medical issues.

He was born March 25, 1944, in Detroit's Hutzel Hospital, the first child of Stelene and John Mazer Sr. He spent his early years living with three generations of his mother's family while his father served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Soon after his dad returned, the family moved to Grosse Pointe, where Mr. Mazer attended Maire Elementary, Pierce Middle and Grosse Pointe High schools.

He began a lengthy career in radio at Detroit stations WEXL and WQRS where he learned broadcasting from the ground up. Broadcasting introduced him to Detroit's active jazz community and opportunities to meet and interview jazz greats, including Duke Ellington.

Mr. Mazer's career took him to Rochester, N.Y., Philadelphia, and Buffalo, N.Y., before returning to Detroit to launch country-music station, WDEE. His success in Detroit led Storer Broadcasting Company, then owner of WDEE and other radio stations, to ask him to introduce the modern country format into The Big Apple.

He and his wife returned to Detroit several years later and Mr. Mazer earned a law degree, fulfilling a lifelong dream to work with his father, a criminal defense attorney.

Mr. Mazer's life revolved around his family: wife, Marianne; sister, Juliet and brother-in-law, Ken; of Grosse Pointe Farms; godchildren, Kenny and Juliet Jr. (Dan); brother, Bill; nephew, Zachary, and niece, Malia.

His family said Mr. Mazer believed it was his obligation to pay forward all that he had been given to help others. He was a student, always thirsty to learn, and a teacher and mentor, happiest when he could share good conversation with others.

An elder and former confirmation teacher at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Mr. Mazer's passions included studying and writing about the law, doing everything he could to further the cause of justice, equality and fairness,

and spending time with family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Detroit Bulldog Rescue at detroitbulldogrescue.org or Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Attention Carol Marks, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or a charity of the donors choice.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Thomas James Maurer

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Thomas James "TJ" Maurer, 20, died Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014.

A 2012 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, he attended Macomb Community College and worked part-time at Chinese Delight and Cottage Inn, both in Howell.

TJ enjoyed learning from elders, rugby, officiating basketball and soccer games, music, video and board games, bonfires and conversation. He also loved animals, especially the family dog, "Benny."

TJ is survived by his parents, Kelly Maurer and Peter Maurer; sister, Gretchen Maurer (Mike); brother, Erich Maurer (Rose) and grandmothers, Marion Maurer and Delores Vandenbussche.

He was predeceased by his grandfathers, Thomas James Maurer and Robert Vandenbussche.

A funeral service was held Oct. 14 at Christ Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. His body was bequeathed to Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Donations may be made to Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4509.

Henry Malcolm Kuhlman

St. Clair Shores resident Henry Malcolm Kuhlman, 87, died Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014.

He was born in Detroit to Henry Augustus and Helen McColl Kuhlman and graduated in 1949 from the University of Michigan. He was the president of A. Kuhlman & Co. in Detroit.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Kuhlman enjoyed tennis, golf and skiing. He was active in numerous professional and community organizations throughout the years, including regional director and president of the American Surgical Trade Association, past president of the University of Michigan Club of Greater Detroit and member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe, Woodworkers of Grosse Pointe, Country Club of Detroit and Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, where he had served as trustee, deacon, Stephen Minister and teller. He also was a Master Gardener.

Mr. Kuhlman is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Sites Kuhlman; son, Henry Nelson Kuhlman (Laura Hunter); daughter, Sarah Kuhlman Gray; grandchildren, Jane McColl Erickson, Anne Elizabeth Gray, Henry Kuhlman Gray, Caroline Elizabeth



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Henry Kuhlman



Matthew B. Savage



E. Frederick Lang M.D.



Roberta Fay Fuller

Kuhlman and Margaret Anne Kuhlman.

He was predeceased by his sister, Jane Kuhlman Truettner.

A funeral service was held Oct. 13 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Matthew B. Savage

Matthew B. "Bud" Savage, 84, died peacefully at his home Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014, surrounded by his family.

He was born July 2, 1930, in Detroit to Matthew and Viola Savage and grew up on Detroit's eastside. He attended St. Juliana Grade School and graduated from DeLaSalle High School. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent on a tour of duty with the 2nd Armored Division.

After discharge, he enrolled at the University of Detroit and earned a Bachelor of Science degree. In February of 1955, he married Diana Moro at St. Veronica Catholic Church in East Detroit.

Mr. Savage began working at his father's company, the M.B. Savage Co. of St. Clair Shores, as a manufacturer's representative. He retired in 1997 after 43 years. He was a former president of the Society of Manufacturer Representatives.

He enjoyed sailing, woodworking and travel. He sailed his own sailboat in six Port Huron to Mackinac races and crewed on many more.

Mr. Savage is survived by his wife of 59 years, Diana; children, Matthew Savage (Susan), Judith Nicholls (Steve) and Dennis Savage (Rhonda) and grandchildren, Nicholas, Angela, Paul, Erin Brandon and Olivia.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 11 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to Morris Animal Foundation, 10200 E. Girard Ave., Suite B430; Denver, CO 80231.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Jeanne Mackenzie

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident Jeanne Mackenzie, 65, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014, in Mesa, Ariz.

She was born in Pensacola, Fla., and graduated from Grand Valley State University. Prior to moving to Arizona, She worked as a medical manager in Grand Rapids. She enjoyed volunteering with the Humane Society of West Michigan in Grand Rapids.

As a child, Mrs. Mackenzie lived various places throughout the country. Her family moved often while her father served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mrs. Mackenzie is survived by her husband, Scott; son, Ryan (Stephanie); daughter, Megan and four grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at a future date.

Donations may be made to Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or at socservices.org.

E. Frederick Lang M.D.

E. Frederick Lang M.D., 97, died Friday, Sept. 26, 2014, in Ann Arbor.

Born Dec. 16, 1916, in Detroit, Dr. Lang and his wife, Virginia (nee Davis), lived in Grosse Pointe Farms more than 40 years before moving to Ann Arbor to be with family.

Dr. Lang was predeceased by his wife, Virginia. He is survived by his children, William (Janet), Carolyn Jayne, Elizabeth Lang and Barbara DeLancey (John); eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and two sisters.

Dr. Lang earned a medical degree in 1941 from the University of Michigan and trained in radiology at Harper Hospital. He received many professional honors and served as editor of the American Journal of Radiology. His family said his remarkable intelligence, kind generosity and entertaining wit

made him a popular and respected physician.

A celebration of Dr. Lang's life will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, in the Hanson Room at Glacier Hills Retirement Community in Ann Arbor, 3909 Research Park Drive, No. 600, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the University of Michigan's Medical School at leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#/scu/med or a charity of the donor's choice.

Roberta Fay Fuller

Roberta Faye Fuller, 96, died Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014, at Shore Pointe Nursing Center in St. Clair Shores.

She was born Aug. 5, 1918, in Detroit to Bessie Van Wormer Fuller and Jesse Wilder Fuller and was employed by Arvon-Meritor as a draftsman from 1941 to 1982.

An active member of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, she volunteered 30 years in the Cottage Hospital Gift Shop.

Miss Fuller was an avid reader, traveler and long-time supporter of the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, The Henry Ford, the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle. Her family and friends said they admired her for her love of life, dry wit and independent spirit.

Miss Fuller is survived by her cousin, Jane Rominski of Tecumseh and many friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 5000, Rochester, MI 48307; Methodist Children's Home Society, 26645 West Six Mile Road, Detroit, MI 48240 or Salvation Army, 1627 West Fort Street, Detroit, MI 48216.

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OBITUARIES:
Loved ones
remembered
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Joseph F.
Page III

Joseph F. Page III, passed away Monday, Oct. 6, 2014.

He was the loving husband of Wendy Page for 47 years; cherished father of Catherine "Carrie" Page Bach, Joseph F. "Jay" Page IV and Eric Page; father-in-law of William Bach, Janet Page and Meggan Page; Grandfather of Henry, Campbell, Jack, Allyson, Annie, Ava, Madelynn, Noelle and Lincoln.

Mr. Page served as president of the law firm of Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton P.C. since 2007, where he worked for 20 years. He was a member of the firm's corporate division, serving as chair-

man of the health care law section.

Mr. Page earned a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University. He was recognized by Martindale Hubbell AV rating, the highest ranking by peers for ethical standards and legal ability, as well as a Best Lawyer in America, U.S. News & World Report Top Lawyer, Michigan Super Lawyers and D-Business Top Lawyer. He served on the American Health Lawyers Association Board and the Michigan State Medical Society task force on medical legal issues.

Mr. Page was a retired colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He joined the Air Force directly from ROTC at Princeton University and actively served as the Academy Liaison Officer until 2002.

He was an avid racquet-

ball, tennis and golf enthusiast. He authored three novels under the pen name Jeffrey Baldwin.

His family said Mr. Page will be remembered as a gentleman among gentlemen, ethical, principled and an eternal optimist. He was generous of spirit, always willing to assist, and whether with his children, grandchildren, prospective recruits, colleagues, clients or church members, he gave of himself tirelessly.

Donations may be made to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation at the mmrf.org, the Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org or the University of Michigan Law School Scholarship Program at leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#/scu/law/student.

A memorial service was held Oct. 11 at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills.

Anne
Schaklewski

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Anne "Auntie" Schaklewski, 96, died Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014.

Born Jan. 9, 1918, in Detroit to Carl and Pauline (nee Klatt) Schaklewski, she earned her high school diploma in 1968, at age 50, through adult education at Southwestern High School in Detroit.

Known affectionately as "Auntie," Miss Schaklewski belonged to various church groups and volunteered at Faith Lutheran Soup Kitchen in Detroit. Gardening, sewing and baking were favorite pastime activities. She was devoted to and cherished helping her family, friends and church.

Miss Schaklewski is survived by her nieces, Brenda Newsome and Barbara Whitney; grandnieces, Leanne Craig, Jessica Huebner and



Joseph F. Page III



Anne Schaklewski

Samantha Schlag; grandnephews, James and Stephen Newsome and Alexander Whitney, and many great-grandnieces and great-grand-nephews.

She was predeceased by her nephew, David Vickerman and grandnephew, Daniel Whitney.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 1203 Lawndale, Detroit, MI 48209 or the Macomb Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, 40900 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Rotary wraps up children in warm coats

The Rotary clubs of Grosse Pointe and Detroit are again keeping metro Detroit warm by providing free winter coats through Operation Warm.

Began in 2012 when the Grosse Pointe Rotary, Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary, Detroit Rotary and Detroit A.M. Rotary combined resources to promote the program and raise funds. Coats are purchased from the national clearinghouse for about \$20 per coat. In 2013, nearly 3,500 coats were purchased and distributed to agencies and schools in the metro area, including Crossroads of Michigan, the National School Lunch

Program in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, For the Seventh Generation, the Children's Center of Detroit, Northeast Guidance Center and Matrix Human Services.

Mary Honsel, Crossroads' executive director, said, "We are very grateful for the coats we receive from Rotary and Operation Warm. This program meets a basic need for the clients we serve. Detroit's winters can be cruel to the poor and extreme poverty hits children especially hard. The smiles on the faces of the boys and girls when they receive these brand new coats can light up a room."

The Rotary clubs' Operation Warm fund raising effort is set to exceed the number of coats distributed in 2013.

"Our goal is to raise funds that will provide the resources to purchase and distribute 4,000 coats before December 1," said Paul Rentenbach, Grosse Pointe Rotary's 2014 Operation Warm chairman. "The need in our community remains high. A donation of only \$20 will buy a coat for a child and have a huge impact on that child's well being. We hope metro area residents will step up and contribute to this worthy cause."

To donate, visit opera-



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Rotarians from the morning and afternoon clubs in Grosse Pointe and Detroit come together every December to sort thousands of coats to be delivered to less-fortunate children as part the four clubs' Operation Warm initiative. Warehouse space is provided by the Stroh family at River Place in Detroit.

tionwarm-detroit.org or P.O. Box 36366, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, or visit the mail a check to: Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, through grossepointerotary.org and click on the "Donate to Operation Warm" link.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical
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The Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins at 7 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16, Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. John Minnis of the Pointer magazine is the 7:45 a.m. guest speaker. The meeting adjourns at 8:15 a.m.

For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

St. Clare

St. Clare of Montefalco Church hosts a Pistons preview at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at the church.

Former Piston Ray Scott and Detroit News columnist Terry Foster are to attend and the documentary "Bad Boys" will be shown. Admission is \$5 and includes food.

The events kicks off St. Clare's annual weekend Oktoberfest.

Christ Church

The girl choristers sing during the 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, Evensong service at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

This is free and open to the public. A reception follows the service.

St. Paul's

St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, holds a rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18.

This is sponsored by Thrivent Financial.

Jefferson Avenue

Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 Jefferson, Detroit, holds a free new evangelization dramatic event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 25.

To make a reservation, call (313) 822-3456.

The performance, "At His Feet, Women in Scripture," explains how the scripture is relevant and meaningful in today's society. The public can attend.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Jim Rizer

Are you thirsty?

The opening lines of Psalm 23 paint a wonderful picture of God as the shepherd who will take care of our needs.

Initially we think about this in terms of "daily bread" which nourishes the body, but as we continue, we discover this shepherd is actively reaching out to us to heal the wounds and scars deep within.

In John 4 we get a glimpse of this as Jesus meets the woman at the well. The woman, an outcast in her community, comes to draw water in the heat of the day when no one else will be there. She comes to satisfy her physical thirst when she discovers Jesus at the well. As the conversation develops Jesus offers her "living water" that will allow her to "never thirst again." (John 6:10-14)

He acknowledges she will be physically thirsty as he points to the thirst that marks her soul. She thirsts for acceptance. She longs to be more than the sum of her mistakes and bad choices. She thirsts for wholeness. She longs for her soul to be restored.

Are you thirsty not only for still waters, but for the living water, for a restored soul, for wholeness?

The Old Testament concept of shalom, often translated as "peace," is best understood as wholeness. The image frequently used to describe this was a wheel where all the spokes are the right length so the wheel, the life, can roll properly. When some of the spokes are broken or short, life doesn't roll quite right.

Jesus knowing the fullness of her brokenness and the stunted or damaged areas of her soul offers her living water to satisfy her thirst and restore her soul.

Are you thirsty?

Jesus invites you. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Rizer is minister at Living Hope Evangelical Church. For more information, visit LivingHopeEC.org.

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contact membership chairwoman Ross Braun at (313) 823-0192 or braunross@aol.com.

The Family
Center of
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The non-profit organization is a resource center for families, individuals and professionals and provides educational presentations, videos, online referral directory and resources for the community on a variety of topics from prenatal through the senior adult years.

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of skills should be willing to lend their time and expertise with program planning, event planning and marketing awareness — media, communications, print and social media support.

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with its broad outreach programming. We are seeking volunteers who share our vision and mission of enriching the communities through stronger families.

Approximate time commitment is one to four hours per month and the work can be done from home. Meetings and activities are held at the Family Center office or community sites. There are no dues or expenses.

For more information, contact executive director Debbie Liedel at (313) 432-3832 or at Debbie.Liedel@familycenterweb.org

The Lake House

The non-profit Lake House fills the social and emotional gap often left by medical treatment, provides a safe harbor to support, educate and empower those individuals living with cancer, as well as their family and friends.

Its support groups and programs are available to

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The Family Center's 2014-2015 board of directors is, from left to right, back row, Pamela Flom, secretary; Cathy Leverenz, president; Gabriela Boddy; Beth Walsh-Sahutsky; Rebecca Papas; the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver; and Erin O'Mara. From left to right in the front row: founder Diane Strickler; Melissa Pierce; Dona Johnson-Beach; Allison Baker, vice president; Mary Beth Austin; executive director Debbie Liedel; and Beth Vernon, assistant to the director. Board members include Lynne Merrill Aldrich, Ann Marie Alia, treasurer Deann Newman, Rania Routsis, Marina Southers, and Torrey Stackpole.

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8C | COMMUNITY

A Hudson’s visit

Grosse Pointe Public Librarian Diana Howbert only planned on 60 people to attend the showing of a documentary on J.L.Hudson Co. setting it up in the Woods’ branch program room. However, some 500 people wanted to remember that era, so it was moved to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. “The response to this event is incredible. People are so passionate about their memories of this beloved Detroit institution,” said Grosse Pointe Library Foundation director Jennifer Bingaman. Joe Hudson, right, signs “Remembering Hudson” for Carol Shipton of Grosse Pointe Farms. Joe Hudson is the grand nephew of the founder, who in 1961, at age 29, became president of the department store.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Wounded warrior to speak Oct. 21

Retired Army Capt. Sam Brown, a nationally-recognized advocate for wounded warriors, speaks at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 21, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The presentation is free.

Brown completed five years of training at the U. S. Military Academy and is a graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger School. He was attached to the 1st Infantry Division “Big Red One.”

While deployed to Afghanistan, Brown led a 34-man platoon in multiple combat missions inside the epicenter of a Taliban stronghold, planned and executed multinational coordinated missions with Afghan, British and Canadian forces.

In September 2008, while providing backup to an ambushed patrol in Kandahar, Afghanistan, Brown’s vehicle struck an IED. He suffered third degree burns to 30 percent of his body and lost



Sam Brown

his left index finger.

Brown was assigned to Brooke Army Medical Center and the Center for the Intrepid in San Antonio, Texas. While there, he was treated for burns, underwent dozens of surgeries and hours of physical therapy. Brown was medically retired from the U.S. Army and began helping wounded soldiers and returning veterans.

He served a mentorship with former Dallas

Cowboy and businessman Roger Staubach, building Allies in Service, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit, dedicated to serving veterans, service members and their families as they reintegrate into the Dallas, Texas, community. He was the inspiration behind Sons of the Flag Burn Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit advancing the development of innovative technology and research aiding burn survivors.

In addition to receiving a Purple Heart, Brown was awarded a Bronze Star and an Army Accommodation Medal for combat valor on the battlefield. Brown now talks about his army leadership experiences and teamwork.

Brown and his wife, Amy, who served in the U.S. Army for six years with a deployment to Iraq in 2009 are parents to Roman and Esther.

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those dealing with any diagnosis of cancer, including those in treatment, survivors, caretak-

ers and the bereaved. Along with the support groups, there are social opportunities and stress management activities.

Those 18 years and older can volunteer. All skill levels of volunteers are needed as reception-

ists, fundraising and development committee members, marketing, communications and public relations assistants. The time commitment varies with the needs.

Most activities take place at The Lake House, 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call executive director Madeline Bialecki at (586) 777-7761 or e-mail her at director@milakhouse.org.

Woman’s History Club

Members of this club prepare papers in the areas of history, literature and current events and participate in discussion of those assigned topics. All ages can attend 12 meetings between September and May, held at 10:30 a.m. Fridays in members’ houses.

The club is the oldest women’s club chartered in Michigan in 1877. Members have a wide variety of interests, skills, political and religious interests. An opening and closing lunch are held in September and May, respectively.

Annual membership dues are \$15.

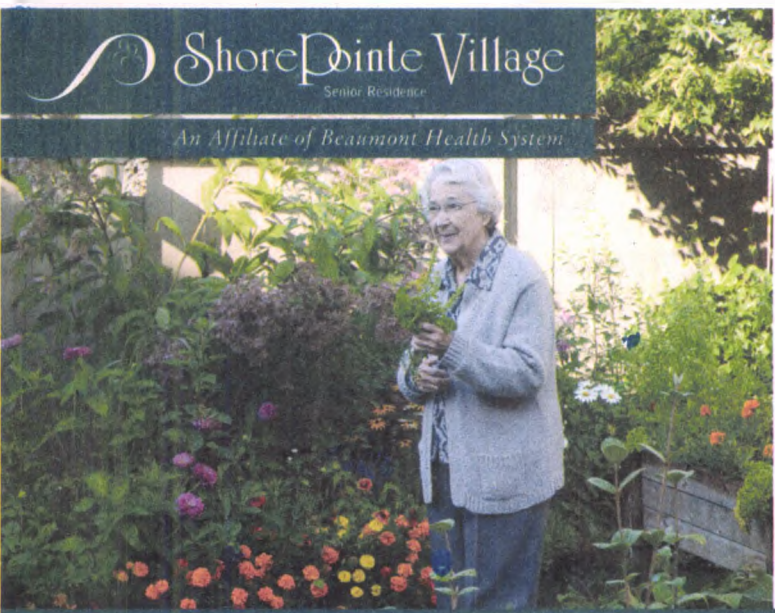
For more information, call president Marilyn Schorer at (313) 823-4295 or vice president Vesta Dajani at (313) 885-4422.

Women’s Connection of Grosse Pointe

The non-profit organization meets once a month for dinner and a presentation at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

One-pot fresh veggie recipe



I have a weekly goal during harvest season. To cook (or prep and freeze) all of the fresh vegetables that I tote home each Saturday from the Eastern Market.

I love bringing different vegetables together in a single vessel. Poblano peppers paired with sweet corn from the cob and black beans had a party in my stainless skillet. Yes, they did.

Black Bean "Skillet" with Poblano Chilies and Sweet Corn

- 1/2 cup (or so) olive oil
- 2 poblano peppers, seeded and cut into thin strips
- 1 large onion (or 2 small) peeled, halved and thinly sliced
- 3 cups fresh corn cut from the cob
- 3 to 4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 2 - 15 oz. cans black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 teaspoon whole cumin seed
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- salt and pepper to taste

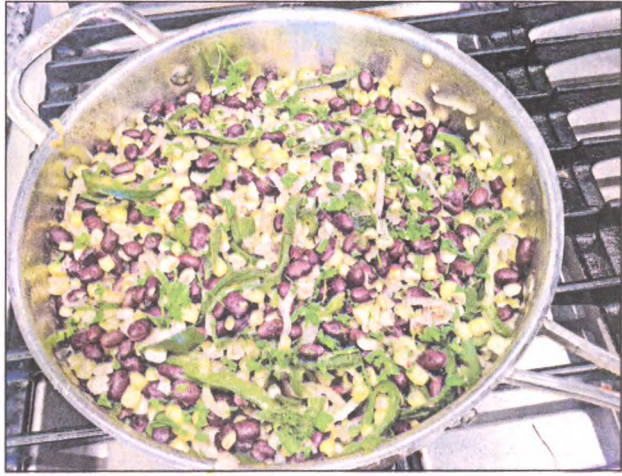


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Black beans, corn and poblano peppers are cooked together in one dish for a side or as part of the main meal.

Heat a couple table-spoons of oil in a large deep skillet over medium heat. Add poblanos and cook for a five minutes. Add onion and cook and stir for another five minutes or so.

Add corn and garlic and continue to cook for eight to 10 minutes, until vegetables become soft. Add more olive oil as you go along.

A splash of water here or there will help prevent vegetables from sticking to the bottom of the skillet. Lower heat a bit and stir in black beans, cumin and parsley.

Season with salt and pepper. Taste, and season again to taste.

Keep covered over low heat until heated throughout.

You'll find lots of ways to enjoy this black bean skillet:

- ◆ topped with a fried egg, salsa and avocado,
- ◆ rolled into a warm flour tortilla with some shredded cheddar,
- ◆ over rice or
- ◆ over a juicy steak Black bean skillet. Make it. Enjoy. Freeze the leftovers for down the line.

Annie's fall feast cooking class is 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For more information, visit warmemorial.org.

Auditions for GPT musical begin Oct. 24

Grosse Pointe Theatre holds open auditions for "Little Women - The Broadway Musical" from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Grosse Pointe Theatre's office, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

Jeanne Chrisman is the director.

Characters

There will be a cast of 22: 12 roles and 10 chorus (five men, five women).

Josephine (Jo) March: Age 17 to 20, lead — A passionate, adventurous and brave young woman who always seems to say and do the wrong thing.

Marmee March: Age 40 to 50, support — The March sister's mother. She is the strong backbone of the family who is raising her girls while her husband is away at war.

Professor Bhaer: Age 30 to 35, support — A German professor who

exemplifies proper manners, he is reserved and self-confident. He is a resident at Mrs. Kirk's boarding house in New York, and doesn't know what to do with the willful, boisterous Jo March.

Theodore (Laurie) Laurence, III: Age 17 to 20, support — The fun loving, bright-eyed boy-next-door. A fixture in the March girls' lives. He falls in love with Jo.

Amy March: Age 12 to 17, featured — She is the youngest, most energetic sister with a rather pompous air about her. (This part will be played by two actresses, one younger and one older)

Margaret (Meg) March: Age 19 to 23, featured — The pretty, simple, oldest sister who yearns for a great life.

Elizabeth (Beth) March: Age 16 to 18, featured — The second youngest sister, a peacemaker, very shy, timid, loving and sees the good in everyone.

Aunt March: Age 55 to 65, featured — A formidable, grouchy, overbearing matron and the great aunt of the March sisters. She is very rich and cares greatly about society and appearances.

John Brooke: Age 25 to 35, featured — Laurie's tutor, a very reserved man.

Mr. Laurence: Age 60 to 70, non-featured — Laurie's grandfather. He is stiff and stern with a soft side.

Mrs. Kirk: Age 45 to 65, non-featured — The owner of the boarding house in New York where Jo and Prof. Bhaer live.

Chorus: Various ages, non-featured — Small dance numbers and character parts. Must sing and dance.

Most parts require a song to be sung during auditions. Show dates are Jan. 18, 22 through 25 and 29 through 31.

For more information, visit gpt.org.

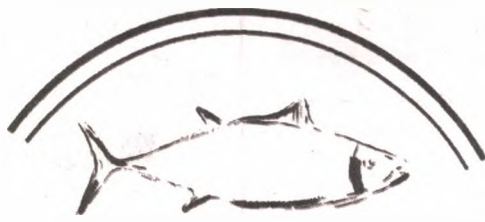


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Theatre arts

The comedy, "The Smell of the Kill," revolves around three malicious wives and their unloving husbands. During an evening get together, the women are faced with a life-or-death decision. Oct. 17, 18 and 19 performances are at the Players Playhouse, 3321 E. Jefferson, Detroit. For ticket information, visit theatreartsclub.com. The cast, from left, is Katy Pounds, Kristin Schultes of Grosse Pointe Park and Agnes Ward of the City of Grosse Pointe.

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10C | ENTERTAINMENT

Two new staff head War Memorial's food service

Angelo Loria joins the Grosse Pointe War Memorial staff as its executive chef and Amanda Slomski is senior director of food, beverage and sales.

Loria comes from the Fox Theatre where he was executive chef for four years and has been Oakland Hills Country Club sous chef, worked at Sur la Table and Bacco Ristorante.

"I'm thrilled to be working at such a spectacular venue," Loria said. "No other space on the water is this stunning or has the versatility to play host to many different things. I'm excited to create seasonal, sustainable and as local as possible restaurant-quality

food for our catered events."

A Shelby Township resident, Loria has an associate's degree in culinary arts, pastry arts and restaurant management. Prior to entering the culinary field, he worked in the automotive industry and has a bachelor's degree in computer engineering. He and his wife have two daughters.

Slomski comes from New York City where she was director of suites and catering for the new Yankee Stadium.

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Angelo Loria and Amanda Slomski



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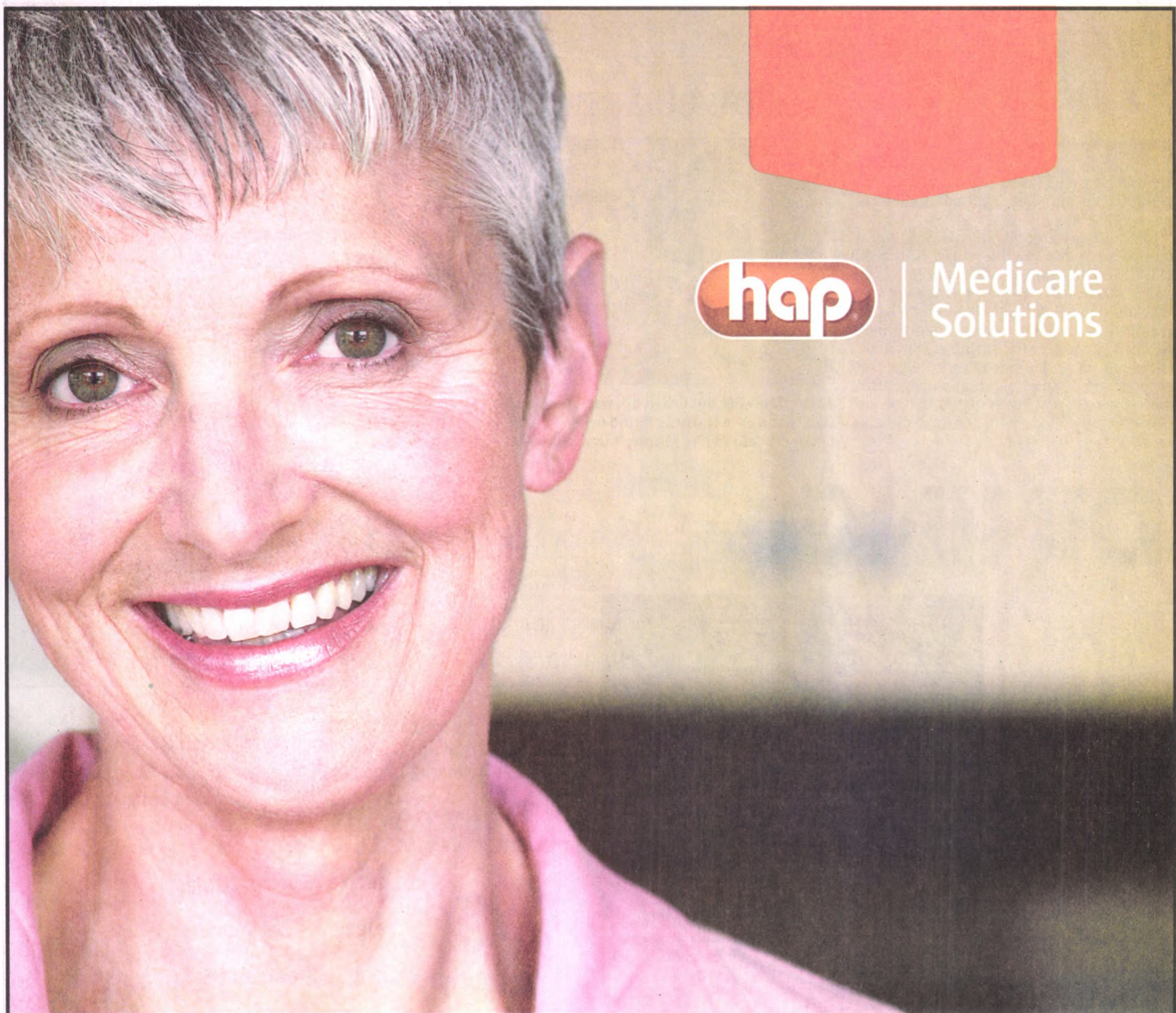
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FOOTBALL

ULS, South rock to big victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett football team looked like the Monsters of the Midway last week in its division-title clinching 26-6 win over host Lutheran Westland.

"We played very well defensively and its only touchdown came on a long run," head coach Dan Cimini said. "Besides that, I think they only had three first downs the entire game."

"I'm proud of the guys for coming out and staying focused against a good football team and winning a MIAC title."

It's the third outright Michigan Independent Athletic Conference championship for the Knights. They also shared a title in the six years the football team was brought out of mothballs.

In addition, the victory gave the Knights six wins and an automatic spot in the state playoffs.

"Winning on the road and getting a division title, as well as a shot in the state playoffs is a great thing for our young team," Cimini said. "However, we still have a chance to win a couple more games and get a home playoff game."

It was 6-6 at the half, but the Knights recovered an onside kick to open the third quarter.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett's Matt Gushee rushed for two touchdowns in the Knights' division title-clinching victory at Lutheran Westland.

Junior Matt Gushee finished the drive with a 5-yard fullback dive for a touchdown, giving the Knights a 12-6 lead.

It was 18-6 after junior running back Tommy Jackson raced 75 yards for a score.

In the fourth quarter, Gushee rumbled 10 yards for the clinching touchdown.

The defense did the rest, holding the Warriors at bay and lifting the Knights to a 5-0 record in the MIAC and 6-1 overall mark.

Sophomore quarterback Connor McCarron threw for 170 yards and one touchdown, while Jackson had 170 yards rushing with one TD and Gushee finished with 70 yards with two TDs.

Defensively, senior Caleb Stokes had 10 tackles and four quarterback sacks.

He played like NFL Hall of Famer Mike Singletary to lead the team to the win.

Junior Sean Fannon had eight tackles and junior Nick Gawel had eight tackles and an interception.

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

Homecoming games are always important.

For the team from Grosse Pointe South, the game was a must-win.

At 2-4 heading into the contest against Utica High School, the possibility of an automatic bid to the postseason is out of the equation since six wins in needed for such an invite.

Five wins, however, can be enough, and homecoming or not, the Blue Devils needed to win-out to reach the five-win threshold.

"Look, our backs are against the wall," head coach Tim Brandon said. "We know we have to get everyone going forward. If we play like this going forward, though, we can beat anybody."

South's performance was nothing short of dominant, much to the satisfaction of a packed house.

Racking up more than 350 yards of total offense on the night and jumping out to a 26-8 halftime lead set the state for a convincing 33-8 victory over the Chieftains.

"For the first time, maybe since Romeo, everything clicked," Brandon said. "We played really hard. We

executed. We didn't eliminate all the mistakes, but we kept them down and didn't allow them to capitalize when we did make those mistakes."

"Great effort by our guys tonight. I'm really proud of them."

It took the Blue Devils a quarter to heat up and just 24 seconds into the second quarter, Kavon Scott scotted 56 yards, parting a sea of would-be tacklers to put South ahead, 7-0.

A safety on the following possession pushed the lead to nine points before Ryan Liagre plowed his way into the end zone from 9 yards out to increase the margin to 16-0 midway through the second frame.

A 65-yard touchdown strike from quarterback Sam Blanzky to wideout Brian Blanzky on a post route answered a Utica score and put the Blue Devils up 23-8.

Kicker Andrew Fabry's 45-yard field goal fired up the crowd even more just four seconds before halftime.

South wrapped up the scoring late in the fourth quarter when Sam and Brian Blanzky connected again, this time from 6 yards out, moving the score to 33-8.

Aside from the offense's role in the victory, Brandon was impressed with the effort his defense put into executing the game plan.

"We knew we had to stop No. 25 (Kumehnnu Gwilly)," he said. "That kid is an incredible athlete and an outstanding back. Our game plan, obviously was stopping 25. We did a good job of that."

Gwilly rushed for 182 yards on 26 carries, but the Blue Devils were able to limit him to just one touchdown on the night, a 15-yard run in the second quarter.

Scott led the Blue Devils on the ground with 101 yards on 20 carries, while Sam Blanzky went 13-for-20 for 169 yards and two touchdowns.

Brian Blanzky led the receivers with four catches for 89 yards and two scores.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 2-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 3-4 overall.





Next for South is a home game against Utica Ford.

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Football

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Tough loss

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's football team did everything right in its home game against Cousino last weekend, except win the game.

The Norsemen dominated time of possession, but the Patriots used two big plays, a North penalty and a huge quarterback sack to tie and clinch at least a tie for the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division title.

"We played a pretty good football game, but that penalty on first-and-goal hurt, and that last sack before the field goal attempt hurt," head coach Frank Sumbera said after his Norsemen lost, 24-21.

The Norsemen trailed 24-21 with 7:59 left. They forced a punt and got the ball back on their 17-yard line.

After a 5-yard false-start penalty, junior running back LaTorris Greer went to work, gaining 18 yards on four straight runs.

Senior quarterback Dan Robinson ran for 4 yards and Greer roared down field for a 22-yard gain to cross midfield.

Junior fullback Lawrence Bryant had two big runs of 15 and 19 yards to give the Norsemen a first-and-goal at the Patriots' 10-yard line.

A false start penalty took it back to the 15 and Greer gained seven yards on the next play to put the ball at the 8.

Bryant had a 4-yard run to make it third-and-goal at the 4. This is



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North's LaTorris Greer continues to tear it up on the ground, running for more than 200 in last weekend's tough loss to Cousino.

where Cousino came up with the big quarterback sack. Robinson tried to scramble left toward the far side of the end zone, but he was caught for a 5-yard loss, setting up a field goal try to tie the game with a little less than two minutes remaining.

Sophomore kicker Kevin Topciu, in his second game of his career, just missed the field goal.

The Patriots gained one first down and ran out the clock.

"We played hard, but a couple of things didn't go our way," Sumbera said. "They defended the play well and we went for the field goal to tie the game.

"We still have a lot to play for, so our kids have to stay focused for Lakeview. We still have a shot to share the division title if we beat Lakeview and a Cousino loses."

Cousino took a 3-0 lead on a field goal by Anthony Secci, but North took a 7-3 advantage on the ensuing possession when Robinson raced 40 yards

for a score. Topciu kicked the extra point.

The Patriots retook the lead, 10-7, but once again the lead changed hands when Greer raced 35 yards for a TD. Topciu's PAT made it 14-10 at the half.

It was 17-14 Cousino when Robinson threw a 42-yard TD pass to junior Tristan Richardson. Topciu's PAT gave the home team a 21-17 lead with 8:07 left in the third quarter.

Two of Cousino's touchdowns came on a 60-yard run and a 71-yard run.

Greer finished with the best effort of his young varsity career, rushing for 217 yards and one TD and caught one pass for eight yards.

Robinson was 3-of-7 for 69 yards with one TD and had the long TD run.

Sophomore Dillon Webb had one reception for 19 yards.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 3-1 in the MAC Blue Division and 4-3 overall.

Field hockey

RIVALS

Knights ease past Norsemen

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' field hockey team took the first step toward claiming itself the best in the city after beating visiting Grosse Pointe North 3-1 last week.

The game, played at the school's old middle school on Briarcliffe, was close throughout, but in the end the Knights had too much firepower for the Norsemen.

Senior captain Mackenzie Lukas scored twice and junior Alex Kmak once to lead the Knights' offense. Defenders Lucy Alpert,

Kara Francis, Riley Marchin and Allison Stapleton played well in front of goalkeeper Haley Malewicz.

For the Norsemen, sophomore Casey Hedman scored, with junior Jen Kusch netting the assist.

"We played a better second half, but getting off to a sluggish start hurt our chances of winning today," North head coach Brittany Paquette said. "We need to put two solid halves together to win games, not just one. It was evident today that we didn't play two good halves."

In other action this

week, North beat West Bloomfield 2-0 as Kusch and senior captain Karina Lucchese scored goals.

Grosse Pointe North is 2-7-1 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Division 2 standings and 2-10-1 overall.

Liggett also played earlier in the week and won 2-0 over Saline in a battle for first place in D2.

Molly Murphy had both goals and Malewicz posted her 10th shutout of the season.

With the division victories, Liggett is in first place in the MHSFH Division 2 standings, one point ahead of Detroit Country Day.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

North's Naomi Yoshida, left, and Liggett's Jane Ninivaggi battle for possession during the first half of the Knights' 3-1 win over the Norsemen.

Golf

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Team makes finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

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It wasn't Grosse Pointe North's best team score, but it got the job done.

Head coach Brian Stackpoole and his North girls' golf team finished in the top three in last week's Division 2 regional tournament at Pine View Golf Course and earned an automatic bid to the state finals.

South Lyon easily won the tournament, firing a 341. North tied with Pinckney with a 421 to make it.

"The setup for the course was very challenging and the scores came out higher than what anyone expected, but I was very proud of how the girls bounced back from a rough front nine and played better on

the back," Stackpoole said.

For the Norsemen, senior Leesie Paglino led the way with a 101, followed by juniors Liz Gallagher with a 104, Olivia Benoit with a 107 and Lindsay Gallagher with a 109.

Junior Caelin Micks also played and shot a 113 to help break the tie with Pinckney and allow the Norsemen to finish second.

North finished 6-2 in dual matches and third place in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division Tournament. The team is currently ranked No. 10 in Division 2 and in the past three seasons the Norsemen are 21-3.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Duo in finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South juniors Lucy Buzolits and Ally Dalman qualified for the Division I state finals, thanks to their solid scores in last week's regional tournament at Sanctuary Lake Golf Course in Troy.

Dalman led the Blue Devils with an 83 and Buzolits posted an 84 to make the finals as individuals. Sterling Heights Stevenson's Ava Gardiner also made it by firing an 87.

As for the team, South is not going to the finals after finishing fourth in the regionals.

The top three squads

made it and Dearborn won the title with a 334, followed by Troy at 335 and Bloomfield Hills at 352.

Head coach Nate Vincent and the Blue Devils finished with a 366. Other teams which did not make the cut were Troy Athens, 375; Macomb Dakota, 394; L'Anse Creuse North, 401; Stevenson, 410; Fraser, 415; and Utica, 475.

Coming up for Dalman and Buzolits is the Division 1 state finals tournament Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17 and 18, at Bedford Valley in Battle Creek.

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Tennis

Three times the fun at finals

South in with 20 points

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' tennis team had a goal.

All season the boys played tough competition to make sure they would be as prepared as possible to earn the needed 18 points to earn the automatic spot in the state finals.

Head coach John Willard and the Blue Devils hosted a Division 1 regional tournament last week and accomplished that goal by taking third with 20 points.

No. 2 ranked Troy won the regional trophy with 30 points and Troy Athens was second with 22.

Nick Paolucci made the finals at No. 1 singles, but pulled out of the match against Troy's Michael Faber due to a shoulder injury.

Patrick Willard also made the finals at No. 2 singles. He won a three-hour marathon semifinal

match, which left him drained for his title match against Troy's Steve Forman. In the end, Willard lost 6-0, 6-1.

Doug Kubek, playing No. 3 singles, lost in the semifinals after defaulting due to a knee injury. He was losing the first set 5-1 to Athens' Naren Nathan.

At No. 4 singles, Teddy Sweeney lost 6-2, 6-2 to Athens' Pravinth Ravithas in his semifinal match.

Will Norris and Mikey Schaller played in the finals, but lost 6-4, 7-6 to Troy in the title match, and the No. 2 doubles squad of Brendan Clune and Nick Costakis made it to the championship match before falling 6-3, 6-3 to Troy's duo.

Ben Abud and Morgan Warner made the semifinals at No. 3 doubles and lost a tight match, 7-6, 6-4, to Athens, and the No. 4 doubles tandem of Geron Gosselin and Kevin Dietz also made the semifinals before losing a very close 7-6, 6-2 match to Athens.

Next for Grosse Pointe South is the Division 1 state championship tournament Friday, Oct. 17, and Saturday, Oct. 18, in Midland.

Liggett cruises in regional

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' tennis team cruised to a perfect 24 points to win last weekend's Division 4 regional tournament at Almont.

Taking second and earning the other bid to the state finals was Almont, which finished with 11 points. Flint Powers needed 10 points to make the state finals, but finished with 9.

"The kids played well, despite some pretty cold temperatures in the morning rounds," head coach Mark Sobieralski said. "The guys really turned it up in the finals and dominated their matches."

"You can see they put in a lot of effort to improve their games. It showed today."

T.J. Dulac did not lose a game in the finals, beating Sandusky's Josh Dekam 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 singles, and Christian Ilitch beat his Flint

Powers' foe 6-0, 6-1 at the No. 2 singles championship.

Spencer Warezak crushed Almont's Ben Wright 6-0, 6-1 in the title match at No. 3 singles, and at No. 4 singles, Andrew Staricco blanked Almont's Tyler Stryker 6-0, 6-0 to capture the gold medal.

At No. 1 doubles, August Bonacci and Jackson Benning beat Flint Powers in the championship 6-2, 6-2, and the No. 2 doubles squad of Alex Dow and Dave Sekhon was pushed by their Almont foes, but prevailed 7-6, 6-3 in the title match.

Casey Scoggin and Thomas Van Pelt won 6-0, 6-1 over Imlay City in the No. 3 doubles title match, and completing the sweep was the No. 4 doubles tandem of Will Gersch and Charles Becker, who beast Almont 6-1, 6-3 for the crown.

Earlier in the week, Liggett prepared for the regional tournament by beating city rival Grosse Pointe North 5-3.

Coming up is the Division 4 state finals Friday, Oct. 17, and Saturday, Oct. 18, at Holland.

North sweeps regional

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' tennis team earned a perfect 24 points to capture a Division 2 regional championship last weekend.

The win moved the Norsemen into the state finals this weekend at Kalamazoo College.

"We worked hard during the off-season and had a tough schedule to prepare us for this tournament," head coach John VanAlst said. "Our boys played some solid tennis today and hopefully they keep it going for one more week."

The four singles players lost only a total of 13 games, while the four doubles teams dropped only four games.

Nick Cusmano and Mitchell Zacharias won 6-0, 6-1 over Dearborn Edsel Ford in the title

match.

Andrew Delas and Ben Zacharias won 6-0, 6-1 over Edsel Ford at No. 2 doubles, and the duo of Nick Lucchese and Adam Berry cruised to an easy 6-0, 6-0 win over St. Clair Shores Lakeview in the finals at No. 3 doubles.

Ethan Aziz and Evan Olzem won 6-1, 6-1 over Lakeview in the title match at No. 4 doubles.

At No. 1 singles, Max Stallings beat Edsel Ford's Evan Siemasz 6-4, 6-2 in the title match. Siemasz earned a spot in the state finals by making the finals at No. 1 singles.

Jack Williams cruised to a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Lakeview's Brandon Logan at the No. 2 singles title match, and Tyler Scoggin was a 6-0, 6-0 winner over Lakeview's Lucas Sliwinski in the finals of No. 3 singles.

Blake Graham completed the sweep with his 6-3, 6-3 win over Warren Woods-Tower's Brandon Agents in the No. 4 singles title match.

The Division 2 state finals are Friday, Oct. 17, and Saturday, Oct. 18, at Kalamazoo College.

Swimming

NORTH & SOUTH

Ladies shine at MISCA meet

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Competitors from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls' swimming and diving teams participated in the annual Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association meet last weekend at Eastern Michigan University.

No team scores were kept.

Grosse Pointe South had some top-10 finishes as Alex Hughes was third in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:06.08 and fourth in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:09.42. Claire Young was fourth in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 58.06. Ava Boutrous was eighth in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:10.53, the 200-yard medley relay team of Young, Hughes, Sarah McCabe and Amy Krausmann was eighth with a time of 1:50.82, and Perri was 10th in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:08.92.

In the 200-yard freestyle, the Blue Devils' Brigit Jogan, Boutrous and Mackenzie Stapleton placed 25th, 26th and 57th with times of 1:58.80, 1:58.89 and 2:03.27.

Other finishers in the 200-IM were Young and Grace Perri who had times of 2:14.15 and 2:19.26 to place 12th and 35th.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Krausmann was 27th with a time of 25.35, while Olivia Frederickson was 41st with a time of 25.73. Caroline Frederickson was 59th with a time of 25.99, followed by Kathleen Vern and Sarah Cauvel, who placed 64th and 67th with times of 26.04 and 26.10.

Blue Devils in the 100-yard butterfly were Jogan, Vern and McCabe, who finished 22nd, 41st and 59th with times of

1:00.93, 1:02.31 and 1:04.23, and in the 100-backstroke, Jackie DeLoof and McCabe finished 56th and 60th with times of 1:03.96 and 1:04.12.

The Blue Devils had five finishers in the 100-yard freestyle. Cauvel was 50th with a time of 56.61, while Olivia Frederickson was 67th at 57.23, Krausmann was 70th at 57.34, Caroline Frederickson was 73rd at 57.47 and Vern was 75th at 57.54, respectively.

Others in the 500-free-style for South were Mia Baldwin and Stapleton, who finished 37th and 41st with times of 5:30.65 and 5:32.55.

The Blue Devils also had 15th-place finishes in the other two relays. The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Caroline Frederickson, Vern, Cauvel and Jogan had a time of 1:42.47, and the 400-yard freestyle squad of Cauvel, Jogan, Young and Hughes had a time of 3:42.20.

For the Norsemen, the

200-yard medley relay team of Sam Villiani, Kayleigh Gehlert, Olivia Asimakis and Julia Gehlert finished 14th with a Division 2 state qualifying time of 1:53.49, and Asimakis finished 24th with a season-best and state-qualifying time of 1:01.06 in the 100-yard butterfly.

Villani finished 19th in the 100-yard freestyle and ninth in the 100-yard backstroke with season-best and state-qualifying times of 54.82 and 59.12, respectively.

Isabelle Nguyen finished in 29th place with a season-best performance in the 1 meter diving event, and Julia Gehlert finished in 61st place with a season-best performance in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:04.24.

In dual meets earlier in the week, Grosse Pointe North dropped a 113-72 decision to Romeo.

Villiani was a double winner, taking the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke.

O'Connor said season-best performances were recorded in the 200-yard freestyle by Sydney Eger; 500-yard freestyle by Ann Marie Nicholson and Eve Feldman; 100-yard backstroke by Grace Addy; 100-yard breaststroke by Amber Giesekeing; and 100-yard butterfly by Asimakis.

North is now 4-4 overall and 0-3 in the Macomb Area Conference Division.

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen drop division contest

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls' volleyball team had a chance to get to .500 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last week, but lost a tough five-set match to visiting L'Anse Creuse, 23-25, 25-21, 17-25, 25-15, 17-15.

"We had too many highs and lows tonight and weren't consistent enough to win," head coach Chelsea Brozo said. "I keep telling the girls they have to play better to win these matches and so far we haven't been able to do that with regularity."



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

North's volleyball players huddle around head coach Chelsea Brozo during their tough loss to L'Anse Creuse.

The Norsemen were without leading hitter, senior Christa Raicevich, who is nursing an injured back. Others have had aches and pains which kept them out of the lineup.

"We were the walking wounded for a few weeks, but we are starting to get everyone back," Brozo said. "We will continue to work hard and be ready for the stretch run heading into the districts."

Leading the way against the Lancers was senior captain Vita Aluia, who had 27 digs and was solid in serve-receive, and junior Lucy Dodge

had 42 assists. Offensively, senior Maddy Bessert finished with 19 kills, followed by junior Erin Armbruster with 14 and senior Olivia Ritchie with 9. Ritchie also had four aces, including three in a row in game three.

The Norsemen also received contributions from seniors Kelsey Parafin and Katie Roy, as well as sophomore Katie Snow.

Earlier in the week, Grosse Pointe North swept host Port Huron Norther, winning 25-18, 25-18, 25-17 to stand 2-4 in the MAC Red Division.

LIGGETT



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Senior pride

Liggett seniors from left, Meg Shannon, Carina Ghafari and Jacqueline Kopicki are all smiles since the Knights' girls' volleyball team is playing better than during the first half of the season. In recent Michigan Independent Athletic Conference matches, Liggett lost in five games to division-leading Sterling Heights Parkway Christian and beat Allen Park Inter-City Baptist in four games to sit 6-1 in the MIAC and 8-10-2 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win 2

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' volleyball team won a big home match last week, beating Sterling Heights Stevenson 25-22, 25-15, 25-22.

In order to stay in the Macomb Area Conference White Division race with Utica Eisenhower, the Blue Devils had to win this tough match against a solid Stevenson squad.

"We wanted to put pressure with our serving and we did it," head coach Kevin Nugent said. "We practiced some different things the past

couple of weeks and they worked well in this match.

"It was a big match and the girls are focused as we head down the stretch."

Senior hitter Izzy Murphy was dominant in front of the home fans, finishing with 11 kills, eight service points and one ace.

The Blue Devils received offensive contributions from senior Carina Bertakis, who had more than 20 assists, as well as senior Martine Maes, and sophomores Sarah Simmet and Lexi Kohut, who combined for 11 kills.

Defensively, senior

Ashley Borowicz and Kohut led the blocking, while junior Kayli Johnson led the team in digs.

"It was a nice team effort tonight and now we start the second half of the league schedule at Fraser," Nugent said.

South hosted Fraser two nights later and won 25-17, 25-7, 26-24.

Murphy and Borowicz each had 11 kills, while senior Paige Hall added 19 assists and 11 service points.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 5-1 in the MAC White Division and 19-10-4 overall.

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It's that time of year

By Diane Morelli
Schools Writer

Vultures on the rafters await guests this Halloween season at Haunted Garage Productions, 19520 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms.

So do large bats on the ceiling, a mad cat on the couch and a witch in the cauldron.

Glen Williams is the creator of Haunted Garage Productions which is located on one acre — in his home, yard and on his parents property next door.

Williams is a physical education teacher for the Grosse Pointe Public School System elementary schools. He not only has a passion for teaching, but a passion for collecting, displaying and showing Halloween props and decorations.

His passion has unfolded into a Halloween production fundraising venue for charities and a fundraiser event for the Grosse Pointe schools, its students, their families — the community as a whole. “It all started in 2007 with Halloween parties in the garage,” said Williams. “This years presentation is our largest and has required me to bring in more professionals to help me set up.”

Williams said it's a year-long process with two months setup at the get-go. He tries to have 25 percent new attractions added to the production each year, and they always meet their goal.

This year there is new lighting outside and on the scenes. The show is made even more visually attractive and family-friendly for the children.

A new blinking light baton replaces last year's



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Glen Williams, creator of Haunted Garage Productions, holds one of the new glow batons available for children to hold to help calm any fear. The baton replaces last years glow stick. This vampire, at right, is one of Williams favorite and oldest piece in his collection.

small glow stick. The baton empowers children to not be scared by an actor who, when he or she sees the blinking lights, might say “Happy Halloween” or step back behind the scenes. The show is made to entertain children, not scare them.

Williams most enjoys the making of the scenes. One scene has a flickering light perfectly placed to appear as if a monster's mouth is quivering.

New attractions include an 8-foot, 300-pound mechanical spider; bigger creatures; and a 20-foot long enclosed vortex.

“We have a new vortex tunnel families can walk through to experience an outer space feeling,” Williams said. “We also have added new spider scenes and a pumpkin patch filled with live, and not live, creatures.”

A new 14-foot, tall human-manipulated creature, made by Gore Galore, has eyes that light up, its scream machine is activated for the older vis-

itors.

The production is a work of art.

“We are a museum,” Williams said.

Each year the production is extended. This year's tour is 25 to 30 minutes long.

And each year more Grosse Pointe elementary schools students and their families take the tour with more money raised for the schools.

There's a witches room where “The Wizard of Oz” Wicked Witch of the West hangs with other witches. A realistic-looking old woman in a rocking chair is in the room. The old woman and two other pieces in the production were made by Distortions Unlimited of the “Making Monsters” Travel Channel TV show. Another is a ghostly mom entitled “Lullaby Animated Prop.”

One of Williams oldest and dearest collectible piece is a long-fingered vampire overlooking a casket. It's in the garage, where it was placed years

ago.

Some pieces were bought from other Halloween attractions and look to be from the 1950s. One attraction was once on the set of the TV show “Sir Graves Ghastly.”

“I couldn't have done the production without my parents,” Williams said. “I couldn't have asked for better parents.”

During this year's production his parents, at age 86, are working behind the scenes. His dad is working the mechanics of a spider scene and his mother is working in the nature scene.

“I have also leaned on a number of former Grosse Pointe schools students to help me out,” Williams said. “Jacob Malbouef, 2013 Grosse Pointe South; Robby Whaley, 2014 Grosse Pointe South; Kylie Rose, 2013 Grosse Pointe South; and Nicole Rosenberg, 2015



University Liggett School, Friday, Saturday and have put in a great number of hours into this year's show. Hopefully all the families who attend will recognize all of our effort and hard work.”

About 20 people run each show. Haunted Garage Productions is open every

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Zoufal wins award

By Diane Morelli
Staff Writer

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“I believe Artsonia provides a great method for

students to integrate technology into the art classroom by accumulating and presenting an online digital portfolio of their artworks to the public,” said Zoufal, who also

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