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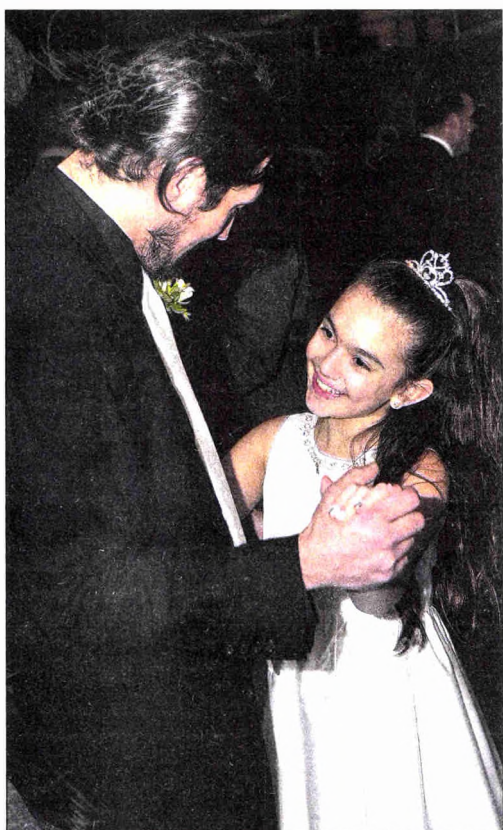
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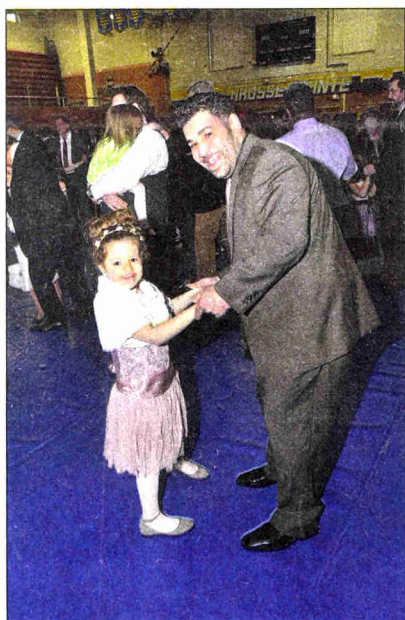
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Aliana Ritter shares a dance with her dad, Mike Ritter, who wore a white satin tie to match her dress.

John Tasios dances with his daughter, Isabella Tasios.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Daddies & daughters

The All Pointes Daddy Daughter Dance took place March 25 at Grosse Pointe South High School, during which girls danced with their fathers and friends. The dance, for girls age 12 and younger, included snacks, punch and a surprise visit from Cinderella. At the end of the dance, each girl was given a rose.



Barry Loucks and his daughter, Chloe Loucks, share a dance.



Daddies and daughters dance the Cupid Shuffle.



Cinderella visited girls at the dance.

## Candy sale on in new location

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll candy sale, for years a fixture at the intersection of Mack and Vernier, is moving in order to comply with state traffic laws.

This year's event, scheduled 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 7, and Saturday, April 8, will be held in the circular driveway of the Woods city hall complex on Mack. This agreement was reached between the event's sponsor, the Knights of Columbus from Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, and the Woods Public Safety Department.

Under the new plan,

volunteers will be stationed along the driveway, so drivers can pull in off Mack and not block traffic. This also means volunteers will not be stepping out into traffic to sell the candy, often impeding traffic and causing safety concerns.

The move is a compromise between the charity and city officials over an opinion issued by Michigan Attorney General William Schuette that individuals selling items at intersections are impeding traffic. The city agreed with City Attorney Chip Berschback and City Administrator Bruce Smith that the city would be responsible in the event of an injury and the council voted to not

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## City shrugs off recession with AAA rating

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — In terms of its new, over the moon bond rating, the city is rising from the recession as though shot from a cannon.

Credit analysts at Standard & Poor's boosted the City of Grosse Pointe's status this week one notch to the highest possible, AAA.

"It's a statement to the hard work our staff and council has done over the years with our consultants and others to make this a reality," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

"If you have expenses under control during tight times, then get a little break from the economy, the result is an improved balance sheet," added Councilman Chris Walsh, a stockbroker.

"The hardest part was having to do more with less," said City Manager Peter Dame.

He referred to budget

and personnel cuts mandated by the nearly decade-long recession and real estate crash starting about 2008. Property values — and property tax revenue — plummeted 20 percent.

"Our revenue has not recovered from that 10 years later and it's projected not to recover for another 15 or 20 years," said Dame, speaking amid empty work stations at city hall that used to be occupied. "We have about 20 percent less people here than there used to be. We tried to do that with as minimal impact on services as possible. Every person here is responsible for more."

Throughout the recession, the city maintained the second-highest possible AA+ bond rating.

Officials balanced yearly budgets and maintained a fund balance, also known as a rainy day account of savings, sometimes exceeding the

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## Grants fund SOC warming shelter

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Seeds for a designated warming shelter at the headquarters of Services for Older Citizens were planted before day-long winds March 8 stressed the need by blowing trees into power lines, cutting electricity to the furnaces of some residents for

days.

SOC's forthcoming shelter comes from newly formulated federal community block grants, which Wayne County officials normally divide among the jurisdiction's 43 individual communities.

"We asked local communities to pool their money to fund bigger projects that would have

a bigger impact on community development," said Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, representing the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

"The Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods applied for warming center money for SOC to build out its basement," said Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse

Pointe.

"There's going to be a new emergency generator at SOC," Killeen said. "They're also going to put a roof over the stairwell off the parking lot that's open to the elements. Seniors going up and down ramps and stairs will be protected."

SOC is located at 158

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**Kathleen Gallagher**

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New outreach librarian with GPPL



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# Chamber website Upgrades moving along gets overhaul

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Soon the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce will launch its new website, offering a complete redesign that includes a mobile friendly experience for users.

"The chamber's website is the community resource promoting Grosse Pointe 24/7," said Jennifer Boettcher, executive director of the chamber. "To maintain and increase visitors' engagement, the site needs to look professional and loaded with useful content, design and structure and also needs to be responsive and mobile friendly. User experience and the flow of information is extremely important and we want information to be easily found and not overwhelming."

The new website, designed by Costello Design Group, who also designed the chamber's website in 2010, will give users an "engaging design concept which includes updated colors, images, textual content and navigation that will allow

visitors to find what they are looking for and experience Grosse Pointe," Boettcher said.

Changes in online behavior prompted the redesign so it reflects optimized usage for mobile, tablet, PC and laptop users. Audience expectations are developing with technology, Boettcher said, and the new site will reflect it.

"We want our viewers to be able to experience Grosse Pointe by using their tablet, PC, smartphone and laptop and to shop, dine and play locally," she said. "The website will improve the community's image and we hope to increase traffic."

"The new website will also provide a variety of features that are designed to maximize membership value to more than 650 members," she continued. "If you want to know what's going on in Grosse Pointe, it's just a click away."

The redesigned site carries the same address — [grossepointechamber.com](http://grossepointechamber.com) — and is expected to launch in the next week or two. For more information, call (313) 881-4722.

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — A monthly update on natural gas transmission line replacement focuses on the south end of the city.

Crews from DTE Energy and their subcontractor, Infrasource, began connecting residences last week to a newly-installed underground gas main on Lakeshore south of Vernier.

"The line is going to be charged," said Brett Smith, director of Grosse Pointe Shores public works. "Scheduled Friday (March 24), is the beginning of gas main installation on Webber. They'll be going up Webber to Ballantyne, Deeplands Court and Woodland Shore."

"After that: Clairview, Shelden, Fairford, North and South Deeplands in that order."

DTE is replacing decades-old cast

iron gas mains with plastic ones throughout the Detroit metropolitan area.

Construction in the Shores began more than a year ago and is spreading to Grosse Pointe Woods, Farms and City.

## Cable

Two crews from Wide Open West continue rigging the community for competition in the cable communications market, according to Smith.

While one crew lays cable underground in neighborhoods where utilities are buried, the second strings lines where utilities hang from poles.

"They have crews working on both sides of our city simultaneously and are working fast," Smith said. "They plan to do marketing the middle of April."

Shores officials amended the peddling ordinance to accommodate WOW's door-to-door sales method.

## Stander named VP of marketing

Brandon Stander, a 1993 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, recently was named vice president of

marketing at Lumosity. Stander, the son of Rick and Pat Stander of Grosse Pointe Woods, will lead the company's marketing organization and oversee all aspects of the function in its global operations.

Stander, who earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan and his Master of Business Administration degree from the Yale School of Management, brings 15 years of technology marketing and product experience to the post,

including extensive experience in the gaming industry. He has held positions at Sony PlayStation and Microsoft.

"This is an exciting time for Lumosity and I'm thrilled to be a part of it," said Stander. "I'm looking forward to bringing my experience with the gaming industry, digital and brand marketing businesses to drive awareness of products that I've personally enjoyed, as well as the many features slated for release in the next year."

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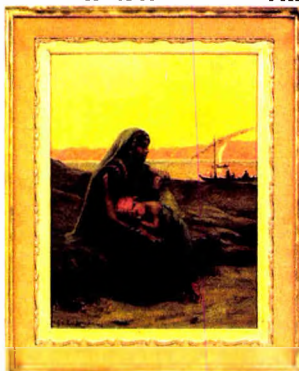
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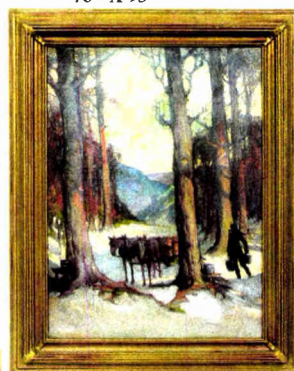
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# Funding undermines breakwall repair

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

## GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND SHORES

— The county must brace its finances before Grosse Pointe Farms and Shores officials can count on it to repair the Lakeshore breakwall.

"The seawall has been neglected, no doubt about it," said Tim Killeen, representing the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods on the Wayne County Commission.

"The Farms and Shores has expressed to Wayne County for a number of years Lakeshore through the Farms and Shores is a county road, which is protected by the seawall, which has been maintained by Wayne County," said Shane Reeside, manager of the Farms.

"I'm concerned that road might be undermined at some point," Killeen said. "With breaks in the wall, I don't know how much dirt is coming out."

"(On) a stretch between Deeplands and Webber there are areas there's no wall," said Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "We have to get some assessment of the condition (and) develop a plan for it."

In the 140 block of Lakeshore west of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in the Farms, a section of breakwall with crumbling concrete and a spider web of exposed rebar is reinforced by a scratched and weather-beaten, green and white

plywood highway sign marking Northland Drive.

Killeen, Shores City Manager Mark Wollenweber, Reeside and other municipal representatives met Monday, March 20, with staff from the offices of U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to start the process of putting the breakwall in order.

"The Corps of Engineers will identify how we're going to go about assessing that seawall," Killeen said. "Of course, that's going to cost money. They're going to identify ways this can get paid for."

The county's an unlikely source.

"We are starting to generate a little black ink, but don't get too excited," Killeen said. "We have a nostril above water. If a rowboat goes by, its wake could put us back under."

"We've been trying to work with the county cooperatively to help secure potential federal funds for redesign and construction of that seawall," Reeside said.

The meeting was part of that process.

"We walked the seawall so they were able to see it firsthand," Reeside said. "Now, they're going to go back and explore potential funding sources that could be applied for."

Kedzierski discussed the breakwall Friday, March 17, with Wayne



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

The Grosse Pointes' Wayne County commissioner worries about waves from Lake St. Clair washing through the crumbling breakwall, such as near the foot of Moran in the Farms, and undermining Lakeshore.



This Northland Drive highway sign proves it's any port in a storm when supplies are needed to shore-up the Lakeshore breakwall.

County Deputy Chief of Staff Bernard Parker.

"I told him we're a donor community," Kedzierski said, meaning Shores taxpayers send more money to the county than they receive in services. "Residents are concerned about

what we get back from Wayne County. I shared with him we were told Wayne County has jurisdiction of the seawall and agreed to maintain it."

"It will be a long process, but we're starting to go down that road," Killeen said.

# Street sweeper swept up in storm debris

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Small bits of storm debris from tree-shredding winds early this month are finding their way onto roadways and clogging the municipal street sweeper.

The public works director suspects residents and lawn crews as culprits.

"It plugs the machine and is giving us a lot of downtime," said Brett Smith, head of DPW. "Twigs and branches resulting from the storm need to be bagged or bundled and placed at the curb for the regular pickup day, not blown into the street."

Winds Wednesday, March 8, knocked down 20 large trees or branches in the Shores, he said.

Private property own-

ers are legally responsible for damage and cleanup if their trees topple onto public property, including roadways.

"Typically, if it's a private tree, we may assist with it in some way, like removing it from the street," said Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

"We're still working on cleanup," Smith said. "It's a mess still. They are going very slowly."

Half the city lost power during the storm due to damaged electrical lines. A generator backing up city hall failed shortly past midnight three days later.

Yard waste collection began Monday, March 27.

"Yard waste must be in brown paper bags placed at the curb for pickup on regularly scheduled (rubbish collection) days," Smith said.

# Kayak could help water rescues

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Two Lakeshore motorists going off-road into Lake St. Clair since late last month have the public safety director finding ways to expedite water rescues.

"It's been over 26 years since we had a vehicle in the water," said John Schulte, public safety director of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Although in the first instance, Monday, March 13, U.S. Coast Guardsmen from St. Clair Shores rescued the driver unharmed; and in the second, Saturday,

Feb. 25, Shores officers did likewise, Schulte plans quicker response by consulting City Manager Mark Wollenweber about buying an inflatable rescue kayak.

"We can quickly deploy it," Schulte said. "It's a small inflatable craft that could get us there."

Water rescues often must be made within a matter of minutes, especially in cold weather where victims risk hypothermia, he said.

"You have to go now," Schulte said.

— Brad Lindberg

## SALE:

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approve this year's sale.

Dennis Janowski, grand knight of Star's Knights of Columbus, approached the council with a compromise plan moving the sale to the city hall driveway. That plan was approved by council, pending a minor change in the insurance document supplied by the Knights.

Under the agreement, signs posted on Mack will inform drivers about the sale and direct them to the driveway. Six volunteers will be along the drive, all wearing bright yellow vests, to accommodate drivers. To avoid congestion along Mack, volunteers will not be stationed near the entryway, but further up the drive, allowing cars to enter. All volunteers will be familiar with the rules of the organiza-

tion.

Mayor Robert Novitke said the new plan will be conducted on a "trial basis" and evaluated once the sale is done. This approval applies only to the April sale by the Knights of Columbus.

Janowski was pleased with the city's ruling. "We're glad we could reach an agreement," he said. "City officials have been very helpful in setting up the new plan and we are looking forward

to seeing how it works. This is such an important event and a huge fund raiser for special needs children. Twenty percent of our proceeds go to the Special Olympics and the rest stays right here and is used to support local groups that work with special needs children.

"Now we just need to get the word out that we've moved and we hope everyone comes to our new location."

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Ridge at the corner of Muir in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"SOC serves all of us and meets federal (block grant) requirements for benefiting the senior population," said Shane Reeside, Farms manager.

Block grants are tax monies collected by the federal government since the mid-1970s. They're administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and distributed through counties.

"Those dollars have shrunk and become increasingly restrictive," Reeside said.

Funds must be used to thwart urban blight, provide affordable housing and maintain compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

City officials are using most of their \$39,868 block grant this year to modify sidewalk intersections with ramps for benefit of blind pedestri-

ans.

In the Farms, the city council designated \$26,000 of grant funds for sidewalk ramps plus another \$5,200 to support the Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services bus transit system.

Shores officials designated \$14,000 of this year's grant to a jobs program at the municipal park, plus nearly \$3,200 to PAATS.

Wayne County communities will continue receiving individual block grants, at least for now.

"Instead of completely eliminating direct allocations, the county decided for two years to give slightly reduced allocations to all cities and reserve part of it for a pilot grant," Dame said. "They encourage multiple communities to join and apply for discretionary grants the county would pick and chose from."

"We still need to iron out a few things," Killeen said.

"Instead of distributing

grants to communities based on population in Wayne County, they're looking at pooling larger

sums," Reeside said. "Communities would apply for that to larger projects."

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# Passing the torch

## GPPL gets new outreach librarian

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Public Library's outreach program has successfully brought books, movies and magazines into the homes of residents unable to get to the library itself.

For 10 years, Cynthia Lewis was at the helm, even expanding outreach to include story sessions at local senior living centers. A longtime Grosse Pointer — 1979 to 2016 — Lewis retired early this month, but has left the outreach program in capable hands.

Kathleen Gallagher, a GPPL children's librarian since 2003, has filled Lewis' shoes. She plans to expand the program to reach more homes.

### Farewell

Lewis joined the GPPL family part time while she was a Wayne State University student in 1993. Once she got her degree, she joined the staff full time in September 1994.

"I did my field experience there," she said, "and I spent my entire career there. There's a reason people don't leave. It's a nice place to work."

Lewis said she was lucky to have fallen into the outreach librarian post. She had been the library's assistant director for 11 years, but, "I was kind of ready to get out of management and get into possibly just being a librarian again," she said. Former Library Director Vickie Bloom

was supportive of the move.

"I made that change and never regretted it," Lewis said.

The outreach program was designed in the 1980s to serve individuals in the GPPL district who, for whatever reason, could not physically come to the library, Lewis said. From homebound senior citizens to someone recovering from surgery, individual needs were assessed during phone interviews by Lewis.

"It was like a rubber band — sometimes the list goes down to eight or 10 (clients), then up to 22," she said. "But it never became unmanageable."

"I did a lot of dropping off," she continued. "Some clients knew exactly what they wanted every time. Other people would just give a general topic. They'd say, 'I like mystery. You choose.' Some people wanted a movie to watch or a magazine, or books on tape. They did the choosing, however they wanted it done. Some wanted me to stay and visit, so I'd spend a little time with them, too."

In addition to outreach

and "regular librarian" tasks, Lewis elected to expand the program to include local nursing homes, which she visited for storytelling and singing.

"No question, my favorite part was storytelling at Sunrise," she said. "I made friends there. I loved that program — reading stories and singing. That was my favorite day of the month."

Since her retirement, Lewis, 65 and a newlywed, has moved to Algonac.

"It was time," she said. "It felt good. It came to a real natural close. Everything ended positive and I left with a really great feeling."

"What a wonderful experience it was. It was a great career," she continued. "What wonderful peers, the people there, the friendships formed. It's a marvelous group to work with."

### Welcome

One of the friends Lewis left behind was her replacement, Gallagher.

"I couldn't have been happier handing it off to her," Lewis said. "She was a children's librarian. When I was a super-



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Kathleen Gallagher is the new outreach librarian at the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

visor for 11 years, I supervised her. We got to be good friends."

Gallagher joined the GPPL staff in 2003, spending eight years at Central branch before moving to Ewald, where she spent five years.

As part of her children's librarian post, she visited the Barnes Early Childhood Education program for storytime and said she "wanted to continue doing outreach, expand it more, do more things and find other areas we could serve."

She said her predecessor did a great job involving senior communities in the program. She looks forward to growing the program even more.

"I'd like to expand the outreach service to homebound people," Gallagher said. "A lot of people don't know the service is available, even if it's just a temporary thing. It's wonderful to be able to bring them materials."

Gallagher said the service not only benefits the person using the materials, but in many cases families benefit as well.

"A lot of people have family willing to come and get things (from the library), but when you're stressed out and caring for an ailing family member, this (program) can be something to help take a load off — one more thing they don't have to do," she said. "I'm

excited to go out into the community and bring the library to people who aren't using it."

The Grosse Pointe Farms resident said she would have been happy being a children's librarian the rest of her career, but is excited to share library services with the entire community.

"Our concept is we're a library without walls — you can be at home, you can be online," she said. "There are things you can use here without ever having to leave home. If we can get our services out in the community and get people to come back in, that's really rewarding. I want to see the library continue to grow and be an important presence in the community."

As she begins her new position, Gallagher said she's spending half of her time in the community and the other half onsite. While based at Central branch, she's also still covering the children's librarian position at Ewald until a replacement is found.

"I loved being at Ewald," she said, "but this is like coming home."

While her job is important, No. 1 in her life is her family — her husband, Ed Hill, and children, Nathan, 10, and Sophie, 7.

"We enjoy living in Grosse Pointe," she said.

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## Grants fund more sidewalk ramps

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**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Construction resumes this year on sidewalk intersection ramps funded by community development block grants.

A "bunch" of curbed sidewalk intersections along Maumee need converting to ramps, according to Peter Dame, City of Grosse Pointe manager.

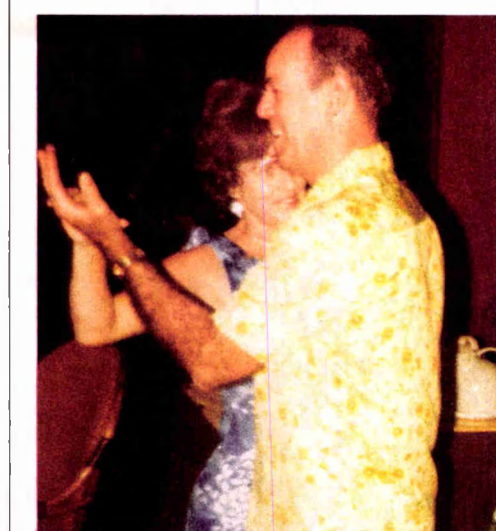
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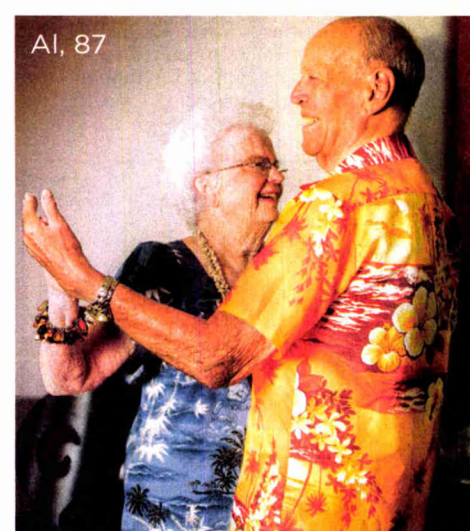
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Home & Garden Expo a hit



David Ferguson, of Ferguson Landscaping, talks with an event goer.



Above, John Ruedger greets people at the Lakeshore Optimist Club table and shared information about this year's fundraiser, Choose Your Cruise. All money raised benefits the club's programs. Right, Mary Leahy looks through racks of clothing at the LuLaRoe booth.



Marilyn Stanitzke speaks with Gretchen White at the Grosse Pointe Moving and Storage table.

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Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors Past President Judy Barker pours a cup of coffee for vendor Susanna Shankie.

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# Crime controlled in 2016 public safety report

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Two car thefts in this 1.5-square-mile community last year were the first since 2011.

They boosted the five-year average to .6 annually.

So, if Grosse Pointe Shores residents notice six-tenths of a car missing, they'll know why.

There's a saying that crime doesn't happen in the Shores; it comes to the Shores.

While the citizenry is a dependable source of lawfulness, statistics show people passing through town on one of eastside metropolitan Detroit's major thoroughfares, Lakeshore, don't share that hometown pride.

Witness the most common crime recorded during 2016, drunken driving. There were 77 cases, up from 71 in 2015 and 22 percent more than the five-year

average of 63.

So, too, with the second and third most frequent criminal offenses: 28 narcotics violations and 25 cases of fraud.

Both are heavily associated with traffic enforcement; the former when officers searching cars find drugs, the latter due to catching motorists possessing forged and fraudulent auto insurance certificates, a felony.

Couple those with most citations being issued Friday through Sunday, late afternoons and nights with final blips during the 2 a.m. hour, closing time for bars.

Figures are contained in the public safety department's annual report for 2016.

The two stolen cars were practically giveaways.

Both were parked unlocked in driveways overnight, keys within, prime targets for "car hoppers" from

Eastpointe.

"They walk down a street flipping door handles," said Shores Chief John Schulte at the time. "If a door opens, they take whatever they can get and in 30 seconds are back in the shadows. If the door is locked, they move to the next car."

Police recovered the vehicles and made three arrests within minutes of the thefts being reported. One victim was still on the telephone with a public safety dispatcher when Shores officers caught two teenagers in his car down the block.

"We continue to provide high visibility in the community and aggressive investigations of all reported criminal activity," Schulte said, releasing the annual report Tuesday, March 21.

Among crimes rated most serious by the FBI, seven cases of burglary in the Shores during 2016 represented the

biggest percentage increase compared to none the year before.

Among crimes the FBI rates relatively less serious, increases in fraud, narcotics and drunken driving were more than enough to account for an overall 16 percent jump from 2015.

"As far as local crime, we were pretty consistent," said Detective Lt. Scott Rohr. "There are no dramatic increases and, as you'd expect with such a low crime rate, there's no dramatic decreases."

## Traffic & training

Traffic enforcement remained a focus during 2016.

"My officers issued 1,686 hazardous and non-hazardous violations, which comes out to five per day, which generated \$435,487 in fines and related costs," Schulte said.

The department's 17 officers, including Schulte, working

12-hour shifts, responded to:

◆ 3,172 calls for service during the year,

◆ made 6,425 individual house checks for residents on vacation or otherwise out of town and

◆ completed 1,580 combined hours of training covering the three components of public safety: law enforcement, fire fighting and emergency medical response.

The detective bureau managed 233 cases.

## EMS

"Shores paramedics answered 166 calls for service, 143 of those for advanced life support," Schulte said.

Some 72 percent of patients were age 61 and older; 76 percent of overall EMS calls concerned medical and cardiac issues.

EMS response time averaged 3:52 minutes, less than half the 8-minute national "gold standard," according to the

## Fire

"We had two structure fires in 2016, both minor," Schulte said. "There was \$0 (property) loss."

Officers also answered 22 false alarms, the most in five years and 41 percent more than the five-year norm.

"Most are activated (by) construction workers sanding floors, kicking up a lot of dust that gets into the fire alarm," Schulte said.

## Recovery

Offenders in the Shores literally pay for crime and damaging property.

"Again for 2016, the Shores recovered 100 percent of all claims for structure damage," Schulte said.

Drunken drivers paid \$14,625 for their prosecution, about equal to 2015 but nearly twice the sum from 2013.

Cost recovery totaled \$112,660 for the year.

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## Auto insurance cases go local

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — It's now a municipal violation to operate an uninsured motor vehicle in the city.

An amendment to the Grosse Pointe Shores Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance (chapter 34 of the main city code) shifts prosecution in-house.

"Prosecution will remain local," said John Schulte, public safety director. "It will not require communication and coordination with the Wayne County Prosecutor's office."

Handling cases locally pays benefits beyond streamlined arrest and booking procedures.

"Fines for operating a motor vehicle without insurance under the

ordinance remain here," Schulte said.

"It's a revenue producer, always a good idea," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman of the finance committee.

Public safety officers have an easier time enforcing state-mandated no-fault auto insurance due to an expanded database that updates vehicles' insur-

ance status every two weeks.

Offices conducting curbside investigations can determine probable cause to arrest motorists for lacking insurance and, in many cases, possessing fraudulent policies.

"Grosse Pointe Shores processes between 10 and 12 cases of no insur-

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## RAMPS:

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years," Dame said. "We're slowly but surely tackling each street corner to make them ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) accessi-

ble."

This year's grant totals \$39,868, about 5 percent more than last year. Some \$5,500 is earmarked for city administration, leaving \$34,368 for ramp work.

Most sidewalk intersections at City-owned

roads have been outfitted with ramps featuring a tactile surface to let blind people sense they're one step from entering a thoroughfare.

"The question is are we responsible for the ones along Jefferson, which is a county road," Dame said. "If we have to do Jefferson, there's a whole bunch more. If not, we might be close to getting them all done in the next two years."

Grant funds also will be used for sidewalks in the Fisher Road commercial district to offset some costs of streetscape enhancement starting in June.

More than half of the \$627,000 streetscape beautification is funded by a grant from the state transportation department.

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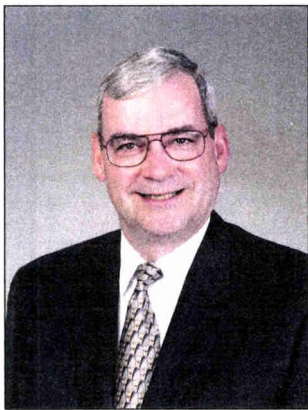
# Navy League recognizes Grosse Pointe Woods resident

The Navy League of the United States has recognized Grosse Pointe Woods resident and retired U.S. Navy Capt. John McCandless for his leadership and contributions in the commissioning of one of the U.S. Navy's newest warships, USS Detroit.

USS Detroit is the seventh high-tech, super-fast Littoral Combat Ship and the fifth U.S. Navy ship named Detroit. Built in Marinette, Wis., it was commissioned on the Detroit waterfront Oct. 22, 2016, and now is homeported in Mayport, Fla.

"Your work and dedication over the past three years provided for a historic ship commissioning at the gateway to Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, on the Detroit River," said retired Cmdr. James Semerad, Navy League regional president and national director. "This historic event brought together leaders of the U.S. Navy, Fincantier/Marinette Marine, governor of Michigan, the mayors of Detroit and Windsor, and Michigan and Canadian citizens to honor the crew and bless the ship for success on the high seas."

McCandless served as chairman, then vice chairman of the USS Detroit Commissioning Committee while president of the Metropolitan Detroit



Council of the Navy League from 2013 to 2016. The committee was responsible for organizing commissioning week events and working with Canadian Navy and government officials in planning the ship's first international port call at Windsor, Ontario. The ship's sponsor was Barbara Levin, wife of retired Michigan Sen. Carl Levin.

A key role of the committee was to build community awareness and raise funds needed to sponsor the many events honoring crew members during commissioning week. With the commissioning accomplished, the Metropolitan Detroit Council will use monies left over to support the Navy men and women who serve on Detroit and their families.

McCandless retired from the Navy in 1999 after 32 years of active and reserve service. He is a military and veteran's advocate and has been a guest lecturer at five universities, including the Naval War College. In 2011, he retired from Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., where he was national manager in charge of Toyota's six regional public relations offices. He and his wife, Roberta, have five grown children.

# If pigs could fly

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — If past is prologue, this month's appointment of a construction board of appeals is one of the most useless mandates the state imposes on municipalities.

"We hope it never meets, but we're required to have one," said Mark Wollenweber, manager of Grosse Pointe Shores.

"That's under the construction statute," added Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

"Every government subdivision enforcing state codes must establish a construction board of appeals," according to a 2006 bulletin from the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth citing a 1969 law.

A united Shores council Tuesday, March 21, conformed by establishing the board with a required three members: Wollenweber, Public Safety Director John Schulte and resident Ron D'Agnese, a builder.

The board's purpose is self-described: "To provide local administrative recourse for matters relating to construction code administration and enforcement and to handle highly technical issues related to construction code compliance," according to the bulletin.

Compliance with the statute is spotty. "Many governmental subdivisions fail to establish a construction board of appeal," according to the bulletin. "Enforcing agencies, which have a construction board of appeals, often have no procedures in place for conducting business. Decisions, therefore, may be legally challenged."

Wollenweber said St. Clair Shores, which he managed prior to retiring to manage Grosse Pointe Woods before his current job, has a construction board.

"In all my years in St. Clair Shores, it met once to allow a guy in an historic home to put in a bath tub with legs which didn't have an overflow," he said.

report, released this month: "With increased emphasis in Michigan to enforce auto insurance statutes, our officers arrested and charged 76 motorists with no insurance, which generated \$2,666 in impound fees."

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## CASES:

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ance per month," Schulte said. "There are quite a few."

The offense warranted mention in the department's 2016 annual

report, released this month:

With increased emphasis in Michigan to enforce auto insurance statutes, our officers arrested and charged 76 motorists with no insurance, which generated \$2,666 in impound fees."

## RATING:

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auditors' recommended 20 percent of the annual general fund.

"We permanently had to restructure how we do things and it wasn't easy," said Dame, hired 11 years ago from assistant manager of a Chicago suburb. "I didn't come here anticipating a financial crisis in the City of Grosse Pointe, of all places."

"You have to give credit to Pete," Walsh said. "He kept the five-year budget forecast in front of us at all times and made sure our expenses were under control."

The higher rating came during routine review associated with the city issuing \$2.2 million in bonds for water system improvements and refinancing \$2.8 million worth of bonds issued 10 years ago to fund construction of the municipal parking structure behind Kercheval Place.

"The upgrade reflects our view of the city's strong budgetary performance and strong management team that has facilitated the maintenance of very strong budgetary flexibility and liquidity," said Kathryn Clayton, an S&P global credit analyst, in a prepared statement Wednesday, March 22.

The increase is likely to earn the city lower interest liabilities on the water bonds.

"The AAA rating makes our bond more marketable, but I don't know what our savings will be," said Kimberly Kleinow, finance director.

Market forces will decide.

The same with the refi, estimated by the city's bond counsel in February to save \$160,000 over the parking issue's remaining 14-year life.

"With the water bond and another project potentially in the works, the higher rating has implications for us currently, but with the future it's significant," said Walsh.

Future considerations include modernizing 53-year-old public works and 1920s-era public safety facilities.

The DPW yard lacks a roof to protect costly equipment and supplies from the elements.

Public safety headquarters is too small to house a full-sized fire truck.

"We're getting back to the kind of things we were talking about 11 years ago when I first arrived — growing our economy and enhancing our downtown," Dame

said.

The watered-down administrative staff is being shored up.

"We hired a full-time customer service person, but we have two less than we did before," Dame said. "We're down three public safety officers from when I started."

Grosse Pointe Farms and Shores also have AAA ratings.

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Look for these news stories & features in next week's Grosse Pointe News

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Warm  
temps mean  
spring sports

With the weather change comes, thankfully, spring sports.

Gone are the dreaded winter months of January and February and now it's time for temperatures to warm up and athletic teams to move outdoors.

See you next year, basketball, hockey, swimming and gymnastics. Figure skating and synchronized swimming take a break and check out until next winter, too.

Spring sports in the Grosse Pointes are baseball, softball, girls soccer, boys and girls lacrosse, boys golf, boys and girls track and field, and girls tennis.

Two squads last spring won state titles — Liggett baseball and Liggett soccer. You can read about how they stack up, as well as the other 25 athletic teams, in the spring sports preview in section C.

Fans are lucky in the Pointes because the athletic teams are very good and state-title contenders. It takes a lot of talent and some luck to pull off a state championship, and the teenagers in this area have the talent to get it done.

It's also the home stretch for the school year, as well as the seniors who I'm sure are experiencing senioritis. Once the calender hits May, it's really the stretch run.

Sitting in the stands covering the sports teams with a warm breeze is something which brings a smile to my face. It's fun and listening to fans of the three high schools talk up their teams is even better.

The middle of May starts the state playoffs for tennis and track and field. South hosts a tennis regional, as well as a track and field regional.

These events bring hundreds of people to the area. I just need rain to stay away those days.

The end of May brings the golf regionals, as well as the baseball and softball district playoffs. South hosts what will be one of the biggest events to hit the Grosse Pointes in 100 years, the baseball district tournament with Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and Liggett battling it out for the right to move on to the next round of the state playoffs — and bragging rights.

You can read my take on this huge event in section C.

I can't wait to get outside and for the record, go Norsemen, Blue Devils and Knights.

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The sun set on another day, bathing the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in warm light.

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The right  
thing to do

I am writing to express my support for the Grosse Pointe Public School System diversity plan. Teaching children to respect people of varying cultures, religions and races isn't about the indoctrination of political beliefs. It is about preparing our young people for the reality of a globalized economy. I am surrounded by successful people and the most successful are those who are able to view people who are different from them with intellectual curiosity instead of suspicion. My husband, for example, has worked with a Fortune 50 company for the past 17 years and, in that time, he has traveled to Mexico and the South Pacific numerous times. He is regularly on conference calls with people in Europe, South America and India, and he and I recently hosted a colleague from Australia. I am an attorney and I interact with people of varying races, religions and ethnicities. Treating my clients with respect is essential to building trusting relationships so I can do my job effectively. The ability to connect with people of differing cultures

is a crucial skill in a world that is getting smaller every day. University acceptance committees understand this reality and if Grosse Pointe is perceived as a community that is not accepting, that could put our children at a competitive disadvantage when they apply to college. And if they are not able to work amicably with people who differ from them, it will put them at a competitive disadvantage in adulthood as they pursue their careers. If this is not a good enough reason to teach our children to respect each other, how about doing it simply because it is the right thing to do.

SANDRA BUCCIERO,  
ESQ.  
Grosse Pointe Woods

Balance  
the budget

The recent Grosse Pointe South High School Tower article "GPPSS running on \$1.5 million deficit" grabbed my attention. Now I know for sure the time, effort and money spent on the district's diversity plan and forum is being seriously misdirected. The district's diversity initiative is problematic for many reasons already stated, but this deficit makes it clear the initia-

tive is also fiscally frivolous.

Deputy Superintendent Jon Dean says he believes the district is going to miss the budget target by \$1.5 to \$1.8 million. This deficit seems to have surprised the administration. With such a big surprise deficit this year, have hard choices been made to shore up finances and ensure a balanced budget for next year? State law requires a balanced budget by June 30.

Declining enrollment is pointed to as a reason, yet the GPPSS is aware of declining enrollment. Projections have been often publicized and discussed. Something else is at work. It is known there are fewer dollars coming to our district because state foundation monies are assigned per pupil and our pupil count is decreasing.

A \$1.5 million deficit decreases fund equity by \$1.5 million and it will impact contract negotiations. It is imperative GPPSS balances its budget, finding a responsible remedy that doesn't erode our students' education. GPPSS should be scrambling to assure taxpayers it has properly addressed its deficit and ditch its focus on diversity and differences among students. Balance the budget. Unite the student body with a mission of superior education.

KELLY BOLL  
Grosse Pointe Park

Don't turn  
off the light

There is a movement underway in Michigan to eliminate Daylight Saving Time. One proponent concludes moving clocks ahead one hour in March has a detrimental

impact on school children, drivers, workers and society in general. Incidentally, there is some information that the day after clocks are changed car accidents increase, as do heart attacks, but in my opinion that is no reason to eliminate DST. Some argue people are late for appointments and school attributed to DST, but we're talking one hour. How about people who travel to other states and countries where there is a significant time change? Somehow they survive.

When DST originated, owners of drive-in movie theaters objected because it would mean shows wouldn't start until after 9 p.m. Before the time change, drive-ins could show two movies, starting around 7:30 p.m. As we know, most drive-ins have closed, not because of the time change, but because people's habits have changed and there is now limited interest in watching movies from an automobile.

Golf course owners also object to eliminating DST. Golfers enjoy hitting the links as late as 8 p.m. while still getting in a round of golf.

The proponent of the proposal also suggested Michigan switch to Central Time on a year-round basis. Actually, part of the Upper Peninsula is in the Central Time Zone because of its proximity to Wisconsin. It has to be confusing.

As you can tell, I am all for DST. I like running, riding my bike, golfing and fishing late into the day. What can be wrong with that?

BILL KALMAR  
Lake Orion

GUEST OPINION By Dave Robinson

Dry runs make sense in preparedness plans

Fire drills are proven to save lives. Dec. 1, 1958, at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School in Chicago, a fire claimed the lives of 92 children. The school was compliant with all the laws and safety practices at the time. One reason so many lives were lost was students and teachers were trapped on the second floor and no one knew the best way out of the building. Since then, routine fire drills in every school across the country have taught children what to do when the alarm rings. When that happens, there is no time for instruction, debate or second-guessing. Every child in every school knows exactly what to do and where to go. As a result, there have been no school-fire-related fatalities in the United States for several decades.

Some time back a tsunami drill was held in my local area. When the sirens sounded at the

appointed time, hundreds of people made their way to high ground and safe assembly points throughout the city. Organizers claimed it was a resounding success because, just like the fire drills, those who participated will know exactly what to do when the real thing occurs.

There is a reason — and a requirement — airlines go through those recitations before every take-off. You know the one, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is how a seatbelt works and in the unlikely event of the loss of cabin pressure, this mask will drop down ..." Seasoned flyers always act bored and almost perturbed they must endure this one more time, but the truth is, those little briefings save lives. When there is an emergency landing, everyone already knows where the exits are, everyone knows how to open them and that there will be a big, inflatable slippery

slide to safety. Passengers know to put their own mask on first and then attend to children and others around them. People know what to do ahead of time and lives are spared as a result.

If a fire breaks out in your home in the middle of the night, does your family know the safest way to get out of the house? Do you have a designated assembly point outside so you know immediately when everyone is present and accounted for? It's all about saving lives and minimizing injury. Fire drills and evacuation drills are all a part of your plan. You may have the most complete "kit" in your neighborhood, but if you haven't taken the time to make a plan, your preparations may all be in vain.

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The opinions expressed in letters and guest columns are not necessarily views shared by the Grosse Pointe News.



## City of Grosse Pointe

## Time to pay

A man wanted on three warrants for unpaid child support totaling \$2,240 was arrested during a traffic stop on Cadieux near Charlevoix at about 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 22.

A patrolman pulled him over for operating a black 2008 Pontiac Torrent with defective brake lights.

State records showed the man, 29, of Detroit, to be violating 11 driving suspensions and named in seven Detroit traffic warrants.

## Unneighborly

Someone stole a Grosse Pointe Farms boy's \$400 iPhone 5SE from a Neighborhood Club locker, police learned late morning Tuesday, March 15.

"(The boy's father) stated he received two recorded messages on his cell phone to call his son's phone to retrieve the property," reported a public safety officer. "Messages stated (the unknown caller) bought the cell phone off some kid."

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## 3 citations

A patrolman monitoring traffic on eastbound Mack stopped an 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man at 12:08 a.m. Sunday, March 26, for running a red light at East Warren.

"(He) indicated he was coming from a party (and) he had 1 1/2 shots of liquor," said the patrolman.

The teen registered no blood alcohol content, but received citations

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for disobeying a traffic signal, lacking proof of auto insurance and transporting an open container of liquor — a fifth of Bird Dog Chocolate Flavored Whiskey — in a motor vehicle.

"The bottle was open and approximately two-thirds full," said the officer.

## Two warrants

Police released the driver of a blue 2008 Dodge Nitro, investigated at 1:05 p.m. Saturday, March 25, on eastbound Mack at Moross because the car had heavy front-end damage and no bumper.

Yet, they took a 32-year-old Detroit male passenger into custody on two Macomb County felony warrants for possession of dangerous drugs.

The man admitted being wanted, according to Farms police.

## Phone traced

A Grosse Pointe South High School senior is accused of stealing a member of the boys' track team's \$800 iPhone 6S.

The theft allegedly happened in a locker room during practice 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23.

The 16-year-old victim from Grosse Pointe Park remembered seeing the suspect in the locker room, but arrived home before noticing the phone missing.

Police recovered it from a male at a house in the 19300 block of Kenosha, Harper Woods. He claimed the suspect gave it to him, according to the Farms patrolman.

The suspect is a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident. He's on probation for assault in Harper Woods

a year ago, according to a Farms investigator.

## Car gone

When someone doesn't return a rental car, the crime can be cataloged as larceny by conversion.

Such a complaint was lodged against a 50-year-old Southfield woman Wednesday, March 22.

She's 13 days late returning a 2017 Hyundai Santa Fe, according to a rental agent in the 18200 block of Mack.

## Doesn't pay

There's nothing wrong with a grungy man in dreadlocks eating four doughnuts worth \$5 except, "Officers observed (him) eating doughnuts he did not purchase," said one of two officers arresting him for retail fraud a few minutes before noon Wednesday, March 22, at the service station on Mack at Moross.

Officers arrived at the business in answer to an open 911 call.

The suspect, believed to be 41 years old, wouldn't identify himself. Authorities intend to learn his name through fingerprint records.

## Drunken driving

A 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man's .14 percent blood alcohol

level sealed his arrest for drunken driving shortly before 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 22, on eastbound Mack at Manor, according to police.

A patrolman said he slurred, had red glossy eyes, smelled of intoxicants and had two empty cans of Miller Lite beer under the passenger seat of a blue 2009 Chrysler Town & Country.

The officer pulled him over for operating the van with a flat left front tire.

## Thanks, pal

No good deed goes unpunished for the person lending a Harper Woods man, 62, a bicycle to shop in the 19200 block of Mack.

The borrower told Farms police he was in a store five minutes until realizing the bike was stolen while parked unlocked on the sidewalk shortly after 11 a.m. Monday, March 20.

He said the bike is red and blue and of unknown manufacture.

## Bright idea

The apparent theft of a 48-year-old Farms woman's black Louis Vuitton purse and brown Vera Bradley wallet from an unlocked 2011 Mercedes Benz E350 overnight Sunday, Feb. 26, in the 200 block of Moross preceded her learning of unauthorized bank and credit

card transactions, she reportedly told police Sunday, March 19.

In her complaint to police, she cited a post-theft withdrawal from her checking account and more than \$400 charges to her British Petroleum credit card, according to a public safety officer.

Most credit transactions occurred in the Toledo area. That gave her an idea.

"(She) volunteered information that she did try to contact Toledo police and attempted to 'lie to them' to tell them she lost the purse in Toledo to get a police investigation started there," reported the Farms officer. "When Toledo police began to question her where she left her purse, she retracted her statements and did not follow through with a report."

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Both ways wrong

A 41-year-old male motorist wound up in a holding cell far from his hometown of Port Huron early Sunday, March 26.

A Grosse Pointe Shores patrolman, alerted to a possible drunken driver on Lakeshore, stopped the man at the foot of Lochmoor for driving a 2014 Ford Focus southbound in the northbound lanes before switching to southbound lanes and heading north.

"When the vehicle finally came to a stop, (I) had to give loud verbal commands to the driver to place the vehicle in park and turn the motor off," reported the officer. "The driver was swaying and unsteady on his feet. He had a hard time formulating words to complete a sentence."

The man registered a .178 percent blood alcohol level.

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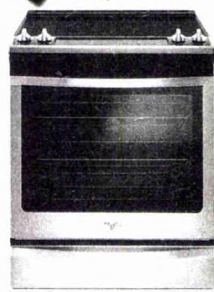
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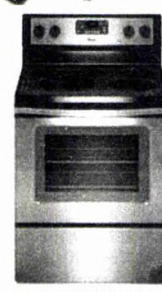
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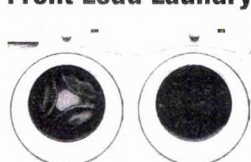
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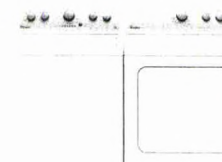
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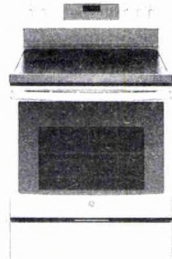
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## Taking action

### Event focuses on family's role in recovery

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

When Jeff Jay left treatment for drug and alcohol addiction in 1981, he was surprised to learn his family had attended Al-Anon meetings while he was away. The support program for friends and families of addicts and alcoholics provided his family with tools to help Jay through his recovery and avoid relapse.

"There was no way I could avoid (their help)," he said. "It was a very powerful influence on me."

Jeff Jay and his wife, Debra, will discuss the value of families in supporting someone in recovery during a lecture presented by the Family Center, in partnership with the Grosse Pointe News and The War Memorial. "The Spirituality of Taking Action: A Cooperative Approach to Lasting Recovery" takes place 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

During the free event, the addiction specialists and Grosse Pointe Farms residents will give a different view of intervention and long-term recovery.

"Often people focus on just the crisis or the treatment," Jeff Jay said. "We want to pull back and give people the complete picture — confronting difficult problems to complete a solution for the whole family."

Across the board, Debra Jay said, families don't know what to do when a crisis hits. The presentation will provide skills for before, during and after treatment.

"It's never a good idea to wait until a crisis to develop a plan," she said, even if that plan isn't for one's own family. "Maybe it's your best friend's family or your neighbor's family. You never know who's



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Jeff and Debra Jay discuss a family's role in recovery at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12.

going to reach out and you want to give them appropriate direction, not misinformation."

Misinformation about addiction and recovery is rampant, the Jays said, including the myth of waiting to help until a loved one "hits bottom."

"Bottom could be death, jail, hurting someone, the destruction of a family," Debra Jay said. "We want to raise the bottom up so there's not a crisis."

Another myth is that an alcoholic or addict won't receive help until they want help.

"That's the most destructive myth, because it's an action-stopping myth," Debra Jay said. "People need to understand this is a brain disease that doesn't allow its victims to ask for help. It pushes help away."

Treatment and recovery are two distinct parts of the process of maintaining sobriety, the Jays said. One mistaken

impression some get is if a loved one goes into treatment, everything will be OK.

"That's not true with chronic illness," Jeff Jay said. "Everyone has a role to play going forward. Treatment is just a launching pad."

The Jays hope to help prolong recovery and avoid relapse through Debra Jay's book, "It Takes a Family," published in 2014. In it, she details a technique she developed called Structured Family Recovery.

"The field has been screwing up the part after treatment for some time," Jeff Jay said. "What's missing is, after treatment, we all go home to family. Treatment traditionally included family in a very minor way. Debra wrote 'It Takes a Family' and it's really changing the whole alcohol treatment field. Treatment centers are adopting it as methodol-

ogy. SFR gets everybody in the family and friends group into the process so we can create a culture of recovery in the family and thereby reduce or eliminate relapse."

"It's designated to create lasting change," Debra Jay said. "Families feel powerless, but they actually have tremendous power when they get proper guidance of what to do, first with intervention, then with a recovery team."

The Jays have gotten a positive response to SFR, in which training for professionals is required. The book, however, is for families.

"With family involvement, hope isn't enough," Debra Jay said. "You have to take hope and transform it into meaningful action."

"It Takes a Family" is available in bookstores and libraries nationwide. One of the reasons it's easy to use is ses-

sions are done via conference call, so even geographically dispersed families can be a part of sessions.

"This is something that empowers families and teaches families that they have the power to create a recovery culture in their family," Jeff Jay said.

Added Debra Jay, "This is not therapy. It's extremely positive and forward thinking. It's solution based. People become a team that focuses on kindness. Built into it is involvement in the 12-step community."

"The 12 steps are designed so we work through negative feelings and move into positive feelings," she continued. "An entire year (of readings, discussion topics and assignments) is designed to develop a process of recovery for that family."

Jeff Jay was told he'd never stay away from drugs and alcohol, but with support from his family, he's been sober 35 years.

"In the end, all we really want is happiness," Debra Jay said. "Are we doing things to help eliminate or reduce the problem of relapse and are families going to be happy again? That's our No. 1 job. SFR does a darned good job of it."

The presentation is geared toward Grosse Pointe families, as well as professionals in public safety, health care, therapy and school settings.

"Grosse Pointe families are in a crisis with opiate addiction," Debra Jay said. "It's targeting our young people, our future. Everybody needs to know. You never know when you're going to get that phone call from someone who needs help."

For more information, visit [lovefirst.net](http://lovefirst.net). To register for the Family Center program, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org) or call (313) 432-3832.



## New commodores, directors elected at Crescent Sail Yacht Club

New commodores, flag officers and directors were elected at the annual general meeting of Crescent Sail Yacht Club Dec. 6. The new commodores, from left, are Rodney "Champ" Glover III, rear commodore; Jerry D. Lohmeyer, commodore; and James C. Lieder, vice commodore. Others elected include first-year directors Richard Stetter and John Walton. Moving up as second-year directors are John L. McAllister and Jo D. Hartingh, and third-year directors are Timothy Moran and Michael J. O'Reilly.

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## Tuition Bills Are Painful Enough



Suzanne Antonelli, CFP®  
Wealth Advisor

In the past few weeks I have met with two prospective clients, both are parents of pre-college age children, both have set up savings plans to fund their children's education, and unfortunately both opened their 529 savings

accounts with an advisor not operating in their child's best interest.

The first client, we'll call her Mary, visited her local banker. Her banker helped her open an account in the MI 529 Advisor plan. She deposited \$25,000 and when she received her first statement she was having difficulty understanding why the value was over \$1,000 less than her original deposit a week earlier. I reviewed her statement with her and showed her the commission paid to the banker, which was over 4%. In addition to the commission, the fund also had a 1.77% expense ratio.

The second client, Jim, had visited his local broker for college savings suggestions. His broker had been all too eager to help him open an account. The client was a bit dismayed by the performance of the account since he had opened it several years ago and did not understand why it had performed so poorly. A quick review of the account holdings revealed expense ratios ranging from 0.56% to 1.98%. In addition, it was not a Michigan plan, so the client did not get the advantage of the \$5,000 state income tax deduction.

There are two reasons

why a broker/banker-sold fund in Michigan is generally not as efficient as a direct sold plan:

1) the broker sold fund has fees that are paid to the broker for selling the fund that reduces the value of the account, and 2) the MESP 529 plan is the only direct sold plan that has tax advantages for Michigan residents.

The MI 529 Advisor broker-sold fund that Mary purchased does offer a state tax deduction; however, the asset-based expenses are 1.77% versus the highest expense of 0.21% with the MESP. In addition, over 4% of her original deposit

was never invested for her daughter, it went to her banker. Jim's account for his children has been struggling to earn returns having to overcome the asset based fees that are at best almost three times as much as the MESP plan, at worst over 8 times as much.

When it comes to saving and investing to pay for college, the most cost efficient vehicle for Michigan residents is the MESP 529 plan. You can open an account online at [misaves.com](http://misaves.com). Not all 529 plans are created equal. Selecting the right plan can save you money in fees, commissions, and taxes;

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## AREA ACTIVITIES

## World Affairs

The World Affairs Council of Detroit hosts a discussion with Ronald Neumann about U.S. relations with Afghanistan at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Neumann served as U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan 2005 to 2007. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and the public is welcome. Call (313) 407-7143 or email [RSVP@globaldetroit.org](mailto:RSVP@globaldetroit.org).

## Assumption

Registration is open for Assumption Summer Youth Camp, for ages 1 to 12. Parents may enroll their children for the entire summer or one of two sessions. Session one runs June 19 to July 21 and session two runs July 24 to Aug. 23. This year's theme is exploring and experiencing the wonders of Michigan. Camps are

divided by age. Early Childhood Camp is for ages 1 to 6, while Youth Camp is for ages 7 to 12. Full and half-day sessions are available. Registration is discounted before May 1. Call (586) 772-4477.

## Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, offers a prenatal yoga program 7 to 7:50 p.m. Fridays, through April 21. Cost is \$20 per class. Call (313) 885-4600.

## BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, March 31, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

## Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical

Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, March 31, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

## Barnes &amp; Noble

A "Beauty and the Beast" sing-along/storytime program for all ages takes place at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at Barnes & Noble, 19221 Mack, Detroit. The event features craft stations, coloring, journaling and other age-appropriate activities, as well as giveaways while supplies last. Call (313) 884-5220.

## Libraries

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

◆ 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 3, Spring Break Drop-in "Animal Fair" craft.

◆ 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, book signing with Tom Gage, author of "The Big 50: Detroit Tigers."

◆ 2 to 3 p.m. Friday,

April 7, Tween Craft Break, for ages 10 to 13.

Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park (313) 821-8830

◆ 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, "Detroit Tigers: The Big 50 with Tom Gage."

◆ 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6, the lecture "Primo Levi and the Holocaust" will be presented by Professor Emeritus Ralph Williams. Suggested reading is "Survival in Auschwitz," by Primo Levi.

◆ 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, Teen Poetry Slam.

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

◆ 6:30 p.m. Friday,

March 31, "Michigan Canines," featuring stories, crafts, magic, live animals, music and more. Registration is required for this Family Friday Night with Mr. Nick event.

◆ 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, Bunny Hop for young children. Registration is required.

## SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

◆ 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Monday, April 3,

"Flower Power ... Think Sunshine ... Be Happy," with the Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club.

◆ 12:30 to 1 p.m. Monday, April 3, "Why You Should Talk to Strangers," featuring Kio Stark.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 10th annual SOC Spelling Bee and Luncheon, sponsored by Lake Shore Senior Living. Reservations are required.

◆ 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, "Keeping You Fit at Home — Core Strengthening Exercises," sponsored by Heartland Health Care Center-Grosse Pointe Woods. Reservations are required. Call (313) 882-9600.

## Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents Business After Hours 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at American House, 161 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 881-4722.

## Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 meets Thursday, April 6, at Sharon Amluxen's home in Grosse Pointe. Marty K. Miller will discuss "Detroit's Little Venice," Detroit's own canal district located between Claire Pointe and Alter, with Jefferson to the north and the Detroit River to the south. The longest canal, the Fox Creek Canal, gives a view of a mostly undiscovered area of Detroit where urban nature is abundant. Those interested in hearing talks like this and in historical preservation of sites and objects are invited to join Questers. Email [DorothyTepatti@quest4golf@wowway.com](mailto:DorothyTepatti@quest4golf@wowway.com).

## War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, welcomes Dr. Cornel West at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8. West presents "Justice Matters." The program, sponsored by Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, costs \$35. VIP tickets are \$125.

A musical engagement performance for children and adults, "Cuttime with Rick Robinson," takes place 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students.

The War Memorial presents "Magic with

Ben Seidman," an Arts at the Alger presentation, Thursday, April 13. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for dinner and the show are \$45; general admission tickets are \$25.

For information or to register, call (313) 881-7511 or visit [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org).

## 100 Women

100 Women Who Care Grosse Pointe Area meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at WaterMark Bar & Grille, 24420 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. For more information, visit [100womenwhocare-grossepointe.org](http://100womenwhocare-grossepointe.org).

## Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, offers Crafty Afternoons at the Cook Schoolhouse 1 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. April 12, make a sea glass wire-wrapped pendant. May 10, make a wine cork wreath or candle ring. Cost is \$7 for Woods residents, \$8 for non-residents. Space is limited to 10. Call (313) 343-2408.

## Veterans

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club Inc. meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The program features Medal of Honor recipient and retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Charles Kettles. In early 1967, he was deployed to Vietnam as a major and was platoon leader and commander of the 176th Aviation Company whose mission was to fly in reinforcements and evacuate wounded from the 101st Airborne. Admission is free and guests are welcome. Call John Bates at (313) 881-4125 or Larry Sullivan at (313) 881-8631.

## Belle Isle

The Daffodil Luncheon, raising funds for the purchase and planting of daffodil bulbs on Belle Isle, takes place Wednesday, April 19. The event features Jenny Rose Carey of the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society's Meadowbrook Farms, The Peacock Room of botanically inspired accessories and clothing, a reissue of Daffodil Day tiles in a new color and more. Tickets are \$45. Visit <http://bit.ly/2lbCkKg>.

## Reunion

The Grosse Pointe North High School class of 1997 hosts its 20-year reunion 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Bayview Yacht Club. Tickets may be purchased online at [bit.ly/2gedatC](http://bit.ly/2gedatC).

## Van Elslander

The Van Elslander Cancer Center offers free 45-minute gentle yoga classes for female cancer patients and survivors 12:30 to 2 p.m. Mondays, followed by a short support session. The class is appropriate for people in or out of treatment; physician clearance is required. Call Jessica Chapman at (313) 647-3004.

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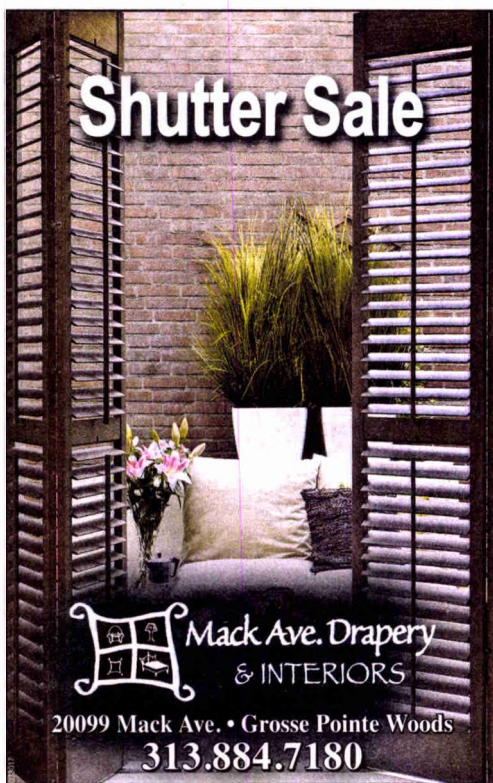
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# The Family Center

## ASK THE EXPERTS articles

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By Sean Cleland and Sonya Thompson

## Parenting strategies for after the divorce

**Q:** My spouse and I have been discussing divorce, but I am worried the process will get ugly and hurt our kids. I'm also concerned about parenting together after we divorce and putting aside our differences for the sake of our children. What can we do to prevent this during and after our family changes?

**A:** For the first part of your question, regarding the actual divorce process, there are four basic elements to a healthier divorce:

Focus on your post-divorce life. Your divorce is the time to make the transition into the new life as smooth and well thought out as possible.

Reduce conflict. Look to resolve conflicts through communication and collaboration rather than "winning" arguments.

Stay in control. A parent's adjustment to divorce is the best predictor of children's adjustment to divorce.

Get the right help. You need more than legal advice. You need emotional and financial support from experts to improve your adjust-

### SAVE the DATE

"Making Modern Divorced Families Work, During and After the Divorce," presented by the Family Center, CARE of Southeastern Michigan and Cleland Collaborative Solutions, takes place Wednesday, April 26, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. To register for this free program, visit familycenterweb.org or call the Family Center at (313) 432-3832.

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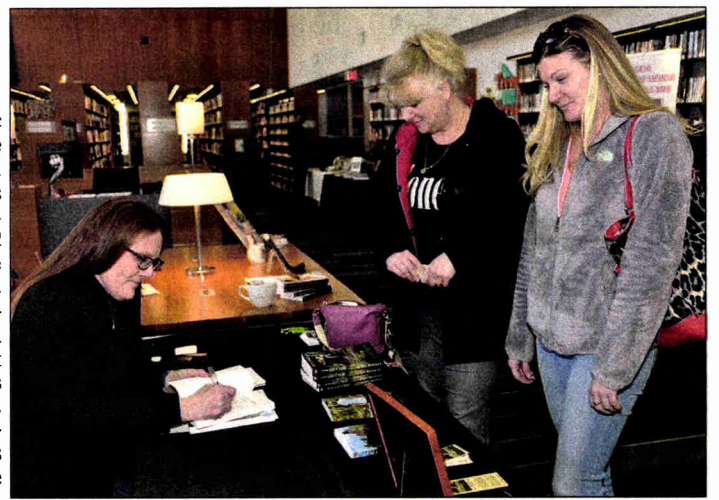
Mediation and collaborative practice are two methods of obtaining a divorce out of court that maximize all four elements. If you are faced with a divorce in court, retain an attorney whose focus is helping you to meet these objectives.

Once the divorce is final, shifting roles from spouses to co-parents can be challenging. It can be difficult to manage the anger or hurt without putting children in the middle. Regardless of the

See DIVORCE, page 6B

## Write on!

The Grosse Pointe Public Library and Grosse Pointe Library Foundation hosted "Write on Pointe: Local Authors Fair," a marketing and networking showcase for published authors from the Pointes and surrounding communities. Fourteen authors from southeast Michigan came to Central Library March 11 to talk about their books, answer questions and discuss the writing process. Librarian Danis Houser coordinated the event, the library's second annual. Among the genres represented were children's literature, science fiction, historical fiction, romance, genealogy, memoirs, computer technology and non-fiction.



Mary Jorah watches as author Linda Bradley signs a book for her daughter, Kristie Jorah, who said she was thrilled to get the book directly from the author. Bradley, who raised her children in Grosse Pointe Farms, now lives in Royal Oak.



The fair included several authors, including, from left, Keith Blenman, Grosse Pointe Woods; Rebecca Moll, Clarkston; Elizabeth Heiter, Bloomfield Hills and Roni Hall, Royal Oak.



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First-time children's book author Jodi McKay, seated, talks with Lynn Detwiler about her book and life events.

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## Shop The Village!

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Each year American Express sponsors a "Shop Local" event around Christmas. We have all noticed it, but do we really understand what it means?

Most of us think it is a way to say thanks to our local businesses. Indeed it does serve that purpose, but there is actually a more selfish reason to shop local. Spending your dollars in a local community actually not only improves the quality of your life, but enhances the value of your home, the services your local communities provide you and in the end, preserves what all of us love about living in the Grosse Pointes. It is not something we should do only once a year. We should think about The Village and other Grosse Pointe shopping districts first. Sometimes being selfish is a good thing.

What follows is a list of 10 points made by the Andersonville Study of Retail Economics. This is exactly what it means!

Here's what happens when you "shop local."

**1. More of your money will be kept in your local economy:** For every \$100 you spend at locally owned businesses, \$68 will stay in the community. What happens when you spend that same \$100 at a national chain? Only \$43 stays in the community.\*

**2. You embrace what makes your community unique:** You wouldn't want your house to look like everyone else's in the U.S. So why would you want your community to look that way?

**3. You create local jobs:** Local businesses are better at creating higher-paying jobs for your neighbors. When you shop locally, you help create jobs for teachers, firemen, police officers and many other essential professions.

**4. You help the environment:** Buying from a locally owned business conserves energy and resources in the form of less fuel for transportation and less packaging.

**5. You nurture community:** Local business owners know you and you know them. Studies have shown local businesses donate to community causes at more than twice the rate of chains.

**6. You conserve your tax dollars:** Shopping in a local business district means less infrastructure, less maintenance and more money available to beautify your community. Also, spending locally instead of online ensures that your sales taxes are reinvested where they belong — in your community!

**7. You create more choice:** Locally owned businesses pick the items and products they sell based on what they know you like and want. Local businesses carry a wider array of unique products because they buy for their own individual markets.

**8. You took advantage of their expertise:** You are their friends and neighbors, and locally owned businesses have a vested interest in knowing how to serve you. They're passionate about what they do. Why not take advantage of it?

**9. You invested in entrepreneurship:** Creativity and entrepreneurship are what the American economy is founded upon. Nurturing local business ensures a strong community.

**10. You made your community a destination:** The more interesting and unique your community, the more we will attract new neighbors, visitors and guests. This benefits everyone!

\*Source: Civic Economics — Andersonville Study of Retail Economics.

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## 4B | CHURCHES

PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Ben Van Arragon

# Vulnerable people

Martin Scorsese's "Gangs of New York" plunges us into the brutal gang warfare of mid-1800s New York City. The dividing lines across which these gangs fall are not racial or economic. The men pitted against each other all came to America from Ireland. Yet one group call themselves "natives" because they've been in America a few decades. They give the other faction the pejorative name "immigrants," because they are relative newcomers. The irony is that every combatant is an immigrant. How quickly people forget where they came from.

When the Lord God gives the Israelites his law, he says, repeatedly, "Remember, you were once slaves in Egypt." The Lord uses this reminder to punctuate commands related to his people's treatment of the poor, marginalized and displaced. The Lord gives the law to ensure his people live the way human beings were created to live: within a fabric of community that protects and provides for everyone. God insists not only that the Israelites provide for fellow Israelites, but that they adopt

foreigners as members of their community. This is a self-sacrificial, costly and at times risky way to live.

How can God demand this of his people? It's what he did for them. The Lord God came to his people when they were a nation of slaves. He intervened to rescue them. And he provided them the means to live peacefully and prosperously. As the Lord is about to deliver the Israelites into the promised land, he says, "The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the Lord loved you ... that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery ..." (Deuteronomy 7:7-8).

God's people never stand before God on the basis of their merits. God's people are never entitled to God's provision and protection. It's all a free gift. This is true of God's people in every time and place. The Apostle Peter takes the principles given to his fellow Jews and applies them to the Christian

church: "... you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy" (1 Peter 2:9-10).

Life goes tragically wrong for God's people when they think they earned their prosperity. What's the clearest symptom of this deadly shift in thinking? Disregard for the poor, the sick, the imprisoned and the displaced. God tells us the basis of our relationship with him is his grace and mercy. To enjoy the full benefits of God's blessing, we have to be gracious and merciful. If you consider yourself a person of God, consider his great love for you — who came to God vulnerable and empty-handed. And heed God's imperative to do the same for other vulnerable people.

Van Arragon is the pastor at First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Park. Visit [firstcrodetroit.org](http://firstcrodetroit.org).

## CHURCH EVENTS

### First English

(313) 885-4841.

**First English Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, welcomes **Detroit Lutheran Singers** for a concert 7 p.m. Sunday, March 26. Celebrating 50 years, Detroit Lutheran Singers, conducted by Christopher Hall, performs the music of Bach, Mozart, Bernstein and more. Admission is \$15, \$10 for students and seniors. Children younger than 5 are admitted free. Call (313) 884-5040 or visit [detroitlutheransingers.com](http://detroitlutheransingers.com).

### Jewish Council

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council celebrates Passover at a family seder for members and guests Tuesday, April 11. It is during seder, the festive meal, where the story of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt is told. It also is a celebration of the importance of religious freedom.

The GPJC strives to preserve and promote the heritage and traditions of the Jewish religion and culture on metro Detroit's east side and provide an educational and social forum for members. This includes a Sunday School for students, adult education classes and religious services throughout the year and on the High Holidays. For membership information, call (313) 882-6700.

### Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "Ein deutsches Requiem" at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9. Tickets are \$20. Call

## St. John Guild Dinner is May 12

The Guild of St. John Hospital & Medical Center continues its fundraising efforts with the upcoming 57th annual Guild Dinner. This annual event takes place Friday, May 12, at MGM Grand Detroit, 1777 Third Street, Detroit.

The entertainment spotlights the talents of Dueling Pianos International. Proceeds are designated toward center hub renovations at St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

The guild event also serves to honor several individuals who've made outstanding contributions in the community. This year they are Edward W. Schervish

M.D. of Grosse Pointe Shores, who will be honored with the Physician of the Year Award; Jacqueline Wetherholt C.S.J. of Eastpointe, who will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award; James B. Nicholson of Grosse Pointe Farms, who will be awarded the Philanthropic Services Award; and Karl Ford of Detroit, who will be presented with the Sr. Verence McQuade Distinguished Service Award.

Gregory J. DeMars Esq., of Grosse Pointe Shores, is chairman of this year's Guild Dinner and Sean J. Lane of Grosse Pointe Farms is

vice chairman.

Doors open to the gala affair at 6 p.m. for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a multi-course dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased through the guild's website, [stjohnguild.org](http://stjohnguild.org), or by contacting Kathy Taranto at (313) 343-3674. Tickets are \$250. Special pricing for "Generation Next" guests, ages 21 to 35, is \$125, which includes a free one-year guild membership.

For the first time this year, ticket and MGM room combinations are available at \$460 for one ticket and one room and

\$700 for two tickets and one room.

Sponsorship, patron and advertising opportunities are available as well.

Established in 1948, the guild is a volunteer organization that played a critical role through its fundraising to open St. John Hospital in 1952 and continues to support the hospital's programs today.

Since its founding more than 60 years ago, the guild has raised more than \$17 million for the hospital, assisting countless patients by providing needed medical equipment, state-of-the-art technology and valued services.

## Holy Week at First English

Holy Week at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church begins Palm Sunday, April 9, with services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Both services include Holy Communion and the Procession of the Palms. Sunday School also is in session at 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion is 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13. Good Friday, April 14, worship is conducted at 1 p.m. with a traditional Tenebrae service at 7 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, April 16, there are two worship services — the early service at 9 a.m. and "Festival Worship" at 11 a.m., with Holy Communion offered at each. Brass and tympani enhance music by the Good News Singers, conducted by Nate Judson. Sunday School will not be in session.

First English, served by the Rev. Sean Motley, is located at 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 884-5040.

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# OBITUARIES

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## Mary Grace Schneider

Harper Woods resident Mary Grace Schneider, 96, died Thursday, March 16, 2017.

She was born in Grosse Pointe Park to Anthony Lawrence Schneider and Loretta Colburn Schneider and graduated from St. Ambrose Catholic High School.

While her career was as an executive secretary at Royal Globe insurance company and First Federal, Mary Grace also modeled at several clothiers in downtown Detroit, including the J.L. Hudson Co.

She was a member of the St. Paul Altar Society and enjoyed music, dancing and ice cream. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and grandnephews.

Mary Grace was predeceased by her parents; sister, D.J. Patricia Schneider and brothers, Robert, Victor, William, John and Raymond Schneider. She is survived by her siblings' children and their families.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 21 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

## Beverly Tannian

Beverly "Bev" Tannian, 77, passed away Thursday, March 23, 2017.

Bev spent her 77 years cherishing the beauty in every moment, loving her family and enriching those whose lives she touched.

She was born April 6, 1939, at Grace Hospital in Detroit, to Mary and John Kovacsity. She married the love of her life, Philip G. "Jerry" Tannian, Jan. 18, 1964, and together they raised five children.

Many people and police officers in the city of Detroit benefited immeasurably from her unwavering support of her husband, Philip, as he served as the last Detroit Police commissioner and the first chief of police.

Beverly was a Realtor. She was a Eucharistic minister at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and longtime volunteer at Bon Secours Hospital.

Beverly is survived by her husband; children, Kathleen (Michael Marrocco), Mary "Molly," Julie (Martin Fentner), Philip "PJ" (Danielle Vernier) and Genevieve "Gen" and grandchildren, Timothy (Sabrena), Megan and Andrew Moehring, Noah Marrocco, Eleanor "Ellie" and William "Liam" Tannian.

Visitation will be held 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Rosary recitation will be at 8 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m.

Friday, March 31, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Beverly requested friends and family feel free to wear any color to her visitation and funeral.

## Charlotte J. Porath

Charlotte J. Porath, longtime resident of Allen Park and Waters, peacefully passed away Monday, March 20, 2017, at Butternut Hill Senior Living in Troy. She was 94.

Charlotte was predeceased by her loving husband, Wilfred and daughter, Diane.

She is lovingly remembered by her son, Doug (Kathy); daughter, Melanie Mebus (Christopher); grandchildren, Stephen Porath (Jessica), Kit Porath (Nancy), Nikki Porath and Victoria Mebus and great-grandchildren, Skylar, Jackson, Dylan, Arya and RJ Porath.

Charlotte enjoyed knitting, playing cards, reading, watching baseball and spending time with family and friends.

Charlotte's family expresses their appreciation to Charlotte's caregivers at Butternut Hill Senior Living and Heart to Heart Hospice.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation, 7240 Chase Oaks Blvd., Plano, TX 75025.

## Letty Ann Fiscus

Grosse Pointe Park resident Letty Ann Fiscus, 88, died peacefully Friday, March 24, 2017.

Letty was born Jan. 24, 1929, in Detroit, to Fred and Lenore Kretschmar. She grew up in Grosse Pointe and attended Grosse Pointe High School.

She later attended Michigan State University, where she earned a teaching degree. She was an active member of Chi Omega sorority. She also was a longtime employee of Jacobson's in Grosse Pointe.

In her spare time, Letty was a dedicated volunteer at numerous organizations, including the Colony Club, which raises funds for the American Cancer Society, Meals on Wheels and Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe. She also was a member of NOMADS, Detroit Yacht Club and Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Letty was a 70-year Michigan State University football season ticket holder and enjoyed going to the games every season.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was proud of her children and grandchildren.

Letty is survived by her children, James Ivan

(Linda), Lori Prickett (Kevin) and William (Wendy) and seven grandchildren, Bradley and Kenny Bacci, Caitlin and Meghan Fiscus, Connor Prickett, and Harrison and Ryland Fiscus. She also is survived by her sister, Carol Yaw.

She was predeceased by her husband, William Fiscus; daughter, Karen Bacci and twin sister, Franny Merrill.

Visitation will be 1:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral service will be 10 a.m. Monday, April 3, at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Michigan, 2300 Genoa Business Park Drive, Suite 290, Brighton, MI 48114.

## Michael Haas M.D.

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Michael Haas M.D., "Mike" and "Doc" to friends and family, passed away peacefully Saturday, March 25, 2017. He was 88.

Born March 5, 1929, in Siegmundfeld, Serbia, Michael used his wits, determination and energy to survive war, hunger and poverty. There, in post-World War II Europe, he discovered and determined to pursue his passion: a career in medicine.

Immigrating to America in 1949, he served honorably in the U.S. Army 2nd Medical Corps from 1951 to 1953. Moving from Baltimore to Detroit, he first earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the Detroit College of Applied Science in 1958. He returned to Austria and earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Graz in 1963. Returning to Detroit, Michael began his medical career at St. John Hospital and his private family medical practice, which he operated from 1966 to 1994. Not ready to give up his lifelong passion, he managed St. John's same-day surgery department until 2010. In 2006, St. John Hospital paid tribute by entering Dr. Haas on its "Wall of Honor."

Michael was talented in many endeavors, including carpentry, plumbing, electrical, tiling and even farming. Never idle, he loved to get involved in all manner of projects and handyman work, helping friends, neighbors and family every chance he could. He loved spending winters in St. Petersburg, Fla., and recording and editing German folk music. Late in life, Michael wrote an engaging and inspiring account of his life, "My Story: A Personal Testament."

His passion for the medical profession was only surpassed by his commitment and devotion to family. He is survived by his loving wife, Rosemarie, to whom he was married 65 years; sons, Robert, John and Fred; daughters-in-law, Anne, Maureen and Mary Ellen and grandchildren,



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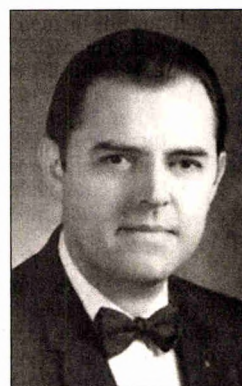
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A private service will be Thursday, March 30.

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## Nancy Grunewald

Nancy Grunewald, 93, of Grosse Pointe, passed away Tuesday, March 21, 2017. She was born in Westwood, N.J., to Melville and Mildred Palmer.

Nancy earned a registered nursing degree in New Jersey. While working as a nurse at University of Michigan Hospital, she met Carson, whom she later married. Nancy led a fulfilled family life with her husband and three children.

Nancy was a member of Questers, Grosse Pointe Lawyers Wives, Grosse Pointe Garden Club and Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. She enjoyed playing tennis, dancing, flower arranging and painting. She and her husband traveled the world together, visiting its many wonders, including theater, art, music and museums.

Nancy is survived by Carson, her husband of 66 years; son, David Grunewald (Denise); daughters, Donna Johns (Scott) and Lisa Bailey (Daryl); seven grandchildren; one great-grandson and one great-granddaughter.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. Family will greet guests before the service beginning at 10:15 a.m. Immediately following the service, interment will be in the memorial garden just outside the sanctuary. A light lunch will be served.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; Adrian College Endowment Fund, Office of Development, 110 S. Madison St.,

Adrian, MI 49221 or a charity of the donor's choice.

## Ruth Anne Kade

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ruth Anne Kade, 57, passed away Friday, March 24, 2017.

She was the beloved wife of Alexander for 36 years; dear mother of Jonathan (Diane), Allison Fox (Chris) and Andrew; and loving grandmother of Evelyn Fox. Ruth Anne also is survived by six sisters and three brothers.

She was a lover of music, a true American patriot, a supporter of many charitable organizations — especially those helping children — and a devout Catholic. She had many friends whom she loved and helped whenever possible and will be remembered for her generosity and keen sense of humor. Her greatest priority was her family and she gave them all she could.

Born on Detroit's southwest side in 1960, Ruth Anne graduated from All Saints Catholic School and then worked in a drug store, leaving when she married Alex in 1981. She played many roles in her early married life: involved stay-at-home mom, PTO member, dedicated children's advocate and early champion of recycling programs in the Grosse Pointes.

Starting from a campaign to identify, in the Ferry Elementary School directory, homes that pledged to keep alcohol and guns locked away from children, she graduated to working with the Grosse Pointe Substance Abuse Community Council to distribute the manual "As Parents We Will..." She served on the Grosse Pointe Public School System's Human Sexuality advisory committees, advocating for abstinence-based sexual education, and as a liaison to the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department on the Emergency-E/Safe House program. She became a passionate opponent of the work of Alfred Kinsey



Ruth Anne Kade

because she thought it damaged the psyches of young children.

After her children left for college, Ruth Anne re-entered the workforce, working for years at Mervyn's and then in Macomb County schools. She volunteered at Assumption Grotto Catholic Church in Detroit. She self-published four books of personal anecdotes and witticisms, and was a Tea Party activist, especially active with the Metropolitan Detroit Freedom Coalition.

Visitation will be 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Rosary recitation will be at 8 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Friday, March 31, at Assumption Grotto Catholic Church, 13770 Gratiot, Detroit. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to Children's Trust Fund at [michigan.gov/ctf](http://michigan.gov/ctf).

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## 6B | COMMUNITY

# Award-winning magician Ben Seidman to perform April 13 at The War Memorial

The War Memorial's Arts at the Alger series presents a night of whimsy, spectacle and comedy featuring magician Ben Seidman, appearing in a one-night-only event Thursday, April 13. A gourmet dinner in The War Memorial's lakefront ballroom precedes the magic show.

Seidman, who starred in "Magic Outlaws" on the Travel Channel, is an award-winning sleight-of-hand performer, actor and comedian — and the only person to have served as resident magician at

Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas. He also was a magic consultant for "Mindfreak" on A&E, inventing magic effects for three seasons of Criss Angel's celebrated show.

Seidman's performances are chock full of comedy, storytelling and, of course, magic. His energetic playfulness is contagious, resulting in a thoroughly memorable performance.

"When I was a child, something impossible happened," Seidman said. "A strange man pulled a coin out of my moth-

er's ear. That might sound overly simplistic, but it had a profound effect on me. I didn't know what the feeling was, but I knew I wanted more of it."

That same feeling of wonder and amazement is guaranteed for Seidman's audience. "There's a big difference," he said, "between doing a trick and creating a moment of magic. Sharing a real moment of magic has heart, so the content must come from within. Recently, a girl approached me and said

she cried three times during my performance because she was so moved. The three moments she spoke of took years to dream up and bring to life. I can only imagine that my love of sharing these specific pieces came through."

Guests attending "Magic with Ben Seidman" will be treated to a pre-show seated dinner, featuring a menu crafted by Frank Turner, executive chef at The War Memorial. Local magician Anthony Grupido will return to The War Memorial to open

for Seidman. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. in the lakefront ballroom; Seidman takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. in The War Memorial theater.

Tickets, which may be purchased for the dinner and show or for the show only, are available at [warmemorial.org/benseidman](http://warmemorial.org/benseidman) or by calling (313) 881-7511. Tickets for the dinner and show cost \$45; tickets to the show only are \$25.

The War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Red Cross calls for type O negative, AB blood donors

The American Red Cross is issuing a call for type O negative and AB blood donors to make an appointment to give after severe winter weather in some parts of the country caused about 250 Red Cross blood drives to cancel in March, resulting in more than 8,500 uncollected blood donations.

Type O negative blood and type AB plasma are two of the most in-demand blood products by hospitals. Those who give can help patients

locally or across the country as the Red Cross has the ability to move blood products where and when they are needed most.

"All blood types are needed to meet the constant need of patients and there is a significant need now for type O negative and AB donations to help some of the most vulnerable patients," said Todd Kulman, external communications manager for the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "We ask that you

schedule an appointment to roll up a sleeve to help save a life in the coming days."

Donations help patients — sometimes daily — receive blood and plasma transfusions during hospitalization.

Type O negative blood can be transfused to patients with any blood type and often is needed in emergency situations when there isn't time to determine a patient's blood type. While less than 7 percent of the U.S. population has type O

negative blood, hospitals depend on frequent O negative donations to ensure it's always available for patients in need. Type O negative blood donors are an important part of the Red Cross trauma team.

Type AB is the universal plasma type and can be transfused to patients of any blood type in an emergency. Plasma helps maintain blood pressure and supplies critical proteins for clotting and immunity. Plasma can be donated through a blood

donation.

Eligible donors can learn more, find a donation opportunity and schedule an appointment by using the free Blood Donor app, visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or calling (800) 733-2767. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals 17 years of age, weighing at least 110 pounds and generally in good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school stu-

dents and other donors 18 or younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can save time at their donation appointment by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) and follow the instructions.

## Venture into genetic genealogy at the library

Retired biochemist and armchair genealogist James Sims presents a general overview of genetic genealogy at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The program includes the review of inheritance patterns for

human DNA and should be useful to anyone thinking about using DNA to answer genealogical questions or who've had a DNA test and would like a more thorough understanding of the results. The program is free, but seating is limited. Register online at [gp.lib.mi.us](http://gp.lib.mi.us) or call (313) 343-2072.



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## Protecting youth

Michigan State Police Detective Sgt. Sarah Krebs, AMBER Alert coordinator and Missing Children's Clearinghouse manager for Michigan, was one of three presenters during The Family Center's "Sexual Victimization of Our Youth: On and Off-line," an Ask the Experts talk hosted March 21.



Michigan State Police First Lt. Denise Powell addresses an audience of more than 50 who attended the program, which also featured Vista Maria President and CEO Angela Aufdemberge of Grosse Pointe Shores.

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family structure, children need parents who are dedicated to their well-being and separate their personal problems and conflicts from their role as parents.

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begin. Parents can start to realize they are separate but equal partners in their children's lives.

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For full articles from both authors, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org).



# YMCA holds first summer day camp on Belle Isle

*Camp in partnership with Come Play Detroit, Belle Isle Conservancy, DNR*

This summer the Boll Family YMCA offers a day camp on Belle Isle. Although camp begins in June, registration has already started. With room for more than 200 campers each day, this is one of the largest day camps run by the Metro-Detroit YMCA and has been made possible due to partnerships with Come Play Detroit, the Belle Isle Conservancy and Department of Natural Resources.

"Families who live or work in Detroit and the surrounding area have a great opportunity here, offering their children a safe, fun outlet to play and learn throughout the summer," said Diana Jacobson, YMCA regional director of child development and youth programming. "The move to Belle Isle is going to provide our camp the opportunity to grow, while giving kids the

type of camp-like experiences you don't typically get in a city, such as fishing, canoeing, playing on full-scale sports fields, swimming at the beach and visiting the aquarium and zoo."

Day camp at the Y provides kids with adventure, healthy fun and friendships that can create lasting memories and inspire personal growth. The week-long themed sessions run Monday, June 12, to Friday, Sept. 1. Children must have completed kindergarten to attend camp.

Providing use of the building to house summer day camp on Belle Isle is Come Play Detroit, an organization dedicated to the attraction and retention of young adults in southeastern Michigan.

"Much of our work so far has centered around opportunities for young

adults to achieve a dynamic lifestyle and become integrated with their community through sports leagues and community events," said Justin Jacobs, founder of Come Play Detroit. "We have been able to program the athletic complex nearly to capacity with adult evening programming and, now through our partnership with the YMCA, the complex will be utilized all morning and afternoon as well. Through these types of private and public partnerships, we are making the park more accessible to all members of our community, the way it was intended. We are very excited to be able to expand our reach and support kids through this summer program."

The Belle Isle Conservancy also partners with the YMCA on this program.

"We believe this is a great opportunity for metro Detroit families to experience Belle Isle in a new way," said Michele Hodges, president of the

Conversancy. "Belle Isle offers outdoor experiences in a beautiful setting that cannot be replicated anywhere else. YMCA day camps provide a welcoming environment for kids where they can belong, build relationships, develop character and discover their potential. This is a win-win partnership for all of us."

For families who cannot afford camp, the YMCA offers scholarship programs.

"The Y's goal is to support all children in the community and help them discover their potential," said Jacobson. "Scholarships are an important part of how the Y bridges the gap for families who may be having financial difficulty due to job loss, medical issues or other situations."

The YMCA annual campaign makes financial assistance available for those who qualify. For more information or for application materials, call the Boll Family YMCA at (313) 309-9622.



## WEDDINGS



Allison and David Roberts

### Roberts-McClelland

David Alexander Roberts and Allison Elliott McClelland were married Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Richard Elliott McClelland of Grosse

Pointe Park and the late Terri Lynne McClelland. The groom is the son of James and Patricia Roberts of Southgate.

The Rev. Dr. Peter Henry officiated the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Gem Theater in Detroit. The bride and the groom, both musicians, prepared a song

for each other. Neither knew what was being sung by the other. With accompaniment from the Craig Strain ensemble, wedding guests were treated to a fun and emotional show from the stage of the Gem. The couple then sang a duet for gathered family and friends.

The bride wore a cream dress with black lace and carried a bouquet of white roses.

The bride's friend, Fiona Donough, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Lauren Montgomery and Noelle Butzlaff, both friends of the bride.

The groom's father, James Roberts, was best man. Groomsman was Anthony Donough and usher was Eddie Tujaka, both friends of the bride and groom.

The flower girl and ring bearer were the bride's niece and nephew, Elena Lynne Martin and John Franklin Martin IV.

The bride, a graduate of Wayne State University, is a yoga and exercise instructor. The groom attended Wayne State and Belmont universities and is a professional musician.

The couple honeymooned at the MGM Grand in Detroit and reside in Grosse Pointe Park.

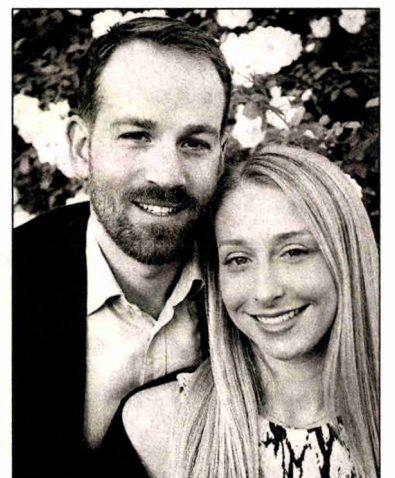
## ENGAGEMENTS

### Brown-McMillan

Mary Elizabeth and Charles D.L. Brown of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mallory Brown, to Stewart McMillan, son of Gioconda and James T. McMillan II of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Miss Brown earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance and marketing from Boston College and a Master of Science degree in human computer interaction, from DePaul University. She is a user experience researcher at Google in Mountain View, Calif.

Mr. McMillan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Michigan and a Master of Business Administration degree from Indiana University Kelley School of Business. He is the founder of Clerkenwell Watch Co., an online watch retailer based in San Francisco. A July 2017 wedding is planned.



Stewart McMillan and Mallory Brown

### Jennings-Stinson

Dr. Bill and Anne Jennings of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Victoria Tholl Jennings, to Mathew Arthur Stinson, son of Arlene Stinson of Philadelphia, Pa., and Arthur Stinson of Roosevelt, N.J.

Ms. Jennings earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, international studies and German in 2012 from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She is a director at Mercury



Victoria Tholl Jennings and Mathew Arthur Stinson

Public Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Stinson earned a Bachelor of Arts in economics in

2012 from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. He is a software sales manager at Parchment in Washington, D.C.

A spring 2018 wedding is planned.

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Top left, students from Lutz School practice hitting tennis balls. Lutz provides experiences and training to promote special-needs students' transitions from school to community life. Below left, Aziz Jan, a Wimbledon Racquet Club tennis pro, high-fives a Lutz School student learning to play tennis.

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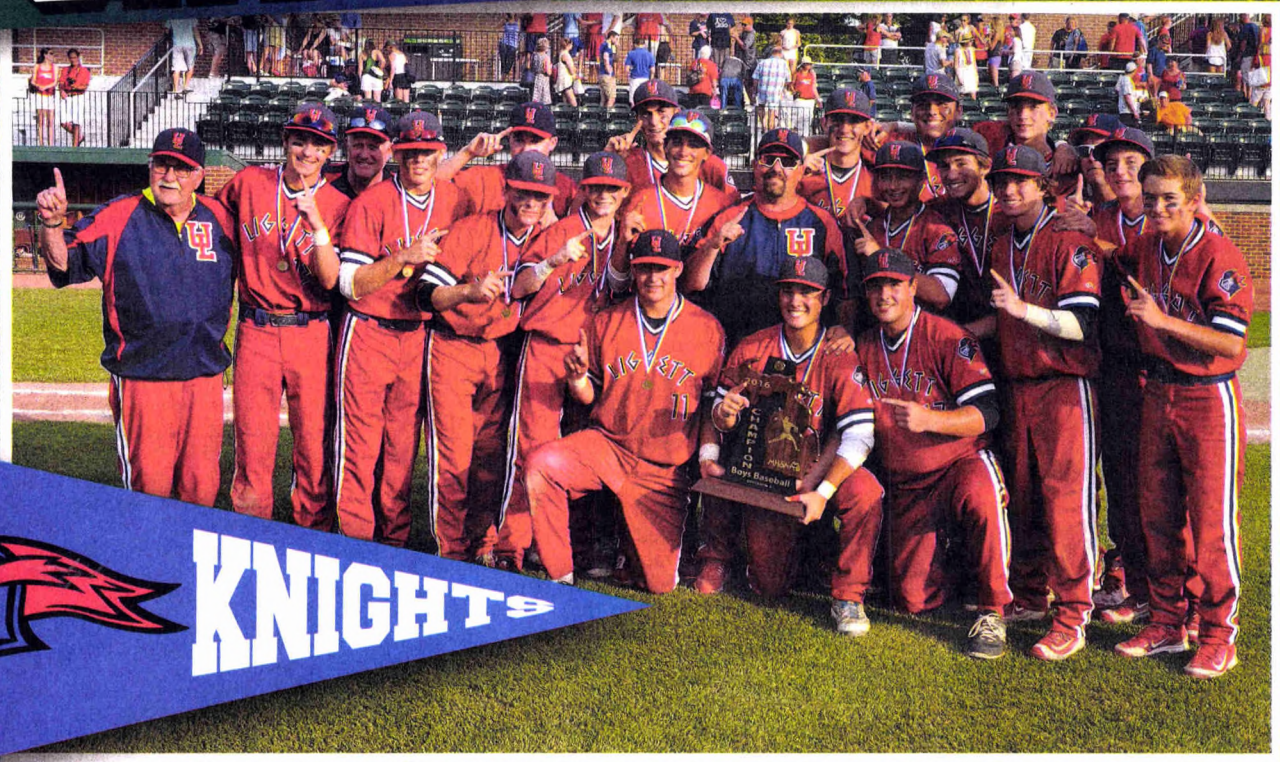
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## Baseball

## Time to face the big boys in D1



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett senior Connor McCarron and his teammates will take a swing at winning a Division 1 baseball championship this spring.

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The defending Division 3 state champion University Liggett boys' baseball team is loaded and ready for another title run.

However, this year the Knights and head coach Dan Cimini will navigate the tougher task in Division 1.

They petitioned the Michigan High School Athletic Association baseball director to make the move up two divisions and were granted it. The move is for 2017 and 2018.

"We're excited about the challenge moving up to Division 1," Cimini said. "We are up to the challenge."

The Knights finished 32-4 last year, crushing New Lothrop 12-0 in the



state championship game. He has most of his players back, including seniors Connor McCarron, shortstop; Jackson Walkowiak, first base/pitcher; and Teddy Wujek, pitcher/catcher.

Juniors Noah Miller, second base; Will Morrison, center field; Dylan Paulsell, catcher; Anthony George, pitcher/outfield; and Tyler Daar, pitcher; also return.

Sophomores Billy Kopicki, third base, Alec Azar, pitcher/infield/outfield, and Brady McCarron, outfield, round out the list of returning varsity players.

Newcomers to the varsity are junior Christian Ilitch and sophomores Kellen Banaszewski, Mickey Walkowiak and

Logan King.

They add talent to Cimini's squad.

"I'm excited with the depth we have and pitching depth," Cimini said. "Our goal every year is to win a state championship and it remains the same this year, even though we are in Division 1."

"We play the best teams every year, so our schedule didn't change."

Liggett is favored to win the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

The opposition is competitive and defending Division 4 champ Parkway Christian always fields a strong squad.

Lutheran Northwest, Plymouth Christian,

Franklin Road Christian, Oakland Christian and Greenhills round out the Knights' MIAC foes.

In non-league competition, Cimini scheduled Lutheran Westland, Detroit Western International, Shrine, Mount Pleasant, Cranbrook-Kingswood, Dryden, Divine Child, U-D Jesuit, Chippewa Valley and defending Division 1 champ De La Salle.

They also host three invitationals with Portage Northern, Hackett, Anchor Bay, Dakota, Bishop Foley, Schoolcraft, Rockford, Country Day and Orchard Lake St. Mary's competing.

Liggett opens its season at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8, hosting Detroit Western International in a double-header.

## North, South possess deep rotations

## Team sets lofty goals

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys' baseball team is coming off a successful 2016 season in which it finished 33-11 overall, won a Macomb Area Conference White Division title at 12-3 and won a Division 1 district crown.

Several starters return — seniors Sam Cross, Steve Levick, Augie Sonaglia, Ryan Mazzola and Alex Vandoorne.

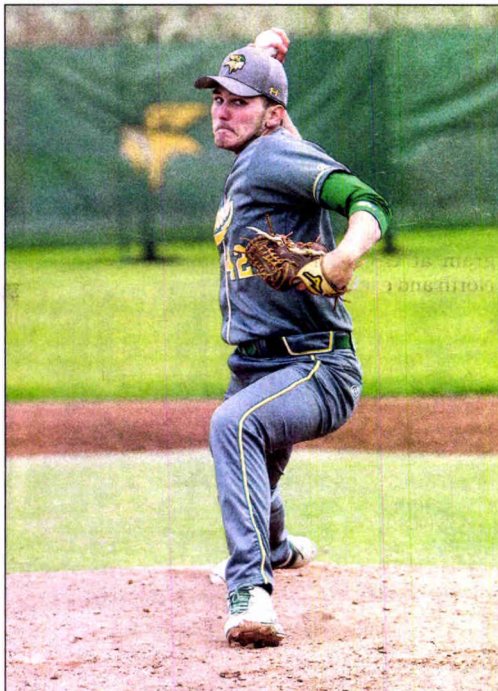
Other top returners are junior Pete Ciaravino and sophomore Chad Lorkowski, who was 10-0 on the mound with a miniscule ERA.

Watch for varsity newcomers Tyler Hill, Jimmy Mazzola, Antonio Mocer, Dirk Drieborg, Jordan White, Henry Zalewski, Wesley Peters, Sonny Mulpuri, John Lizza and Nik David to solidify the depth of the Norsemen.

"We are focused on our drills and getting ready to head outside to prepare for what hopefully is a solid season," head coach Frank Sumbera said.

Pitching is the Norsemen's strength, led by Lorkowski.

Joining him in the rotation are hard-throwers Cross and Hill. Sumbera



FILE PHOTO

North sophomore Chad Lorkowski is bigger and stronger heading into the 2017 season.

has other players who will see time on the mound, as his pitching staff is deep and talented.

"We have a lot of arms to throw out there and pitching is definitely a strength," Sumbera said.

Because they have a lot of pitching, the Norsemen are going to be in a lot of low-scoring games.

North is the favorite to win another MAC White Division title, but they will be pushed by L'Anse

Creuse, Romeo and Warren Cousino. L'Anse Creuse North and Utica Ford are also in the division.

In non-league action, Sumbera scheduled Sterling Heights Stevenson, Alpena, Detroit Martin Luther King, Troy, Grosse Pointe South and Algonac.

He isn't finished compiling his non-league schedule.

## Outlook calls for positivity

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys' baseball team heads into the season looking to improve on last year's subpar campaign.

Too many mental mistakes were the keys to a 19-22 season, but things are looking up as head coach Dan Griesbaum and his Blue Devils began practice March 13. The Blue Devils made the Division 1 Final Four in 2014 and 2015.

"We have experience at some key positions, especially on the mound, so we're excited to see what kind of team we will put on the field," Griesbaum said. "We are working hard in practice and putting in a lot of time, so things should be better this season."

Look for returning seniors Brad Thompson, Logan Mico, David Toth, Alex Martinez and Rob Martinez to lead the charge. They are good baseball players and leaders on the field.

Thompson will see time at catcher and designated hitter, while the pitching staff is loaded with Toth, Mico and junior Cam Shook throw-



FILE PHOTO

South's Brad Thompson, right, was the team's leading hitter last spring.

ing flames with the season around the corner.

"I like our pitching and we have the Martinez brothers who will throw some innings for us," Griesbaum said.

Others to watch include underclassmen Davis Graham, Jacob Bolton and Michael Lanzon.

The Blue Devils compete in one of the best divisions in the state, the Macomb Area Conference Red Division, with Anchor Bay, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Macomb Dakota, Chippewa Valley and Utica Eisenhower. The Blue Devils finished 6-9

in the division in 2016.

"Our division is brutal as every team is good, but we know playing this type of competition will get us ready for the state playoffs," Griesbaum said.

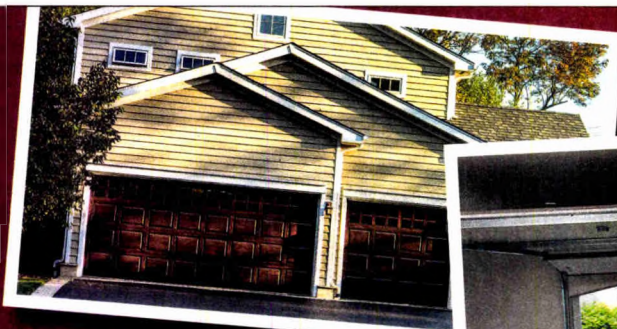
In non-league action, Griesbaum scheduled Cincinnati Moeller, Cincinnati Oak Hills, Lebanon High, Gibraltar Carlson, Springboro, Dublin Coffman, Brother Rice, Woods-Tower, Grosse Pointe North, Grandville, Mount Pleasant, Livonia Stevenson and Utica Ford, which is quite a daunting slate.

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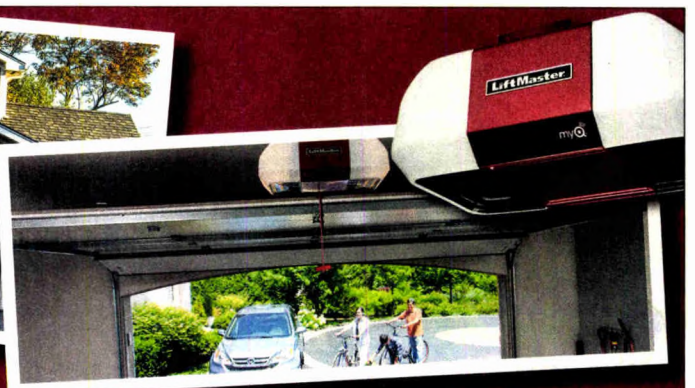


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# Softball

## Championship run in the works

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' softball team enters the season ranked No. 2 in Division 3 and it definitely has a bullseye on its back.

The Knights, led by senior All-State pitcher Emma St. John, and senior centerfielder Emily Miserendino, have a goal — win a state championship.

They made it to the state quarterfinals last year, losing to defending champ Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 2-1. They had a 1-0 lead, but two defensive miscues were the difference.

The Knights, 26-9 overall, used a St. John no-hitter to beat host Madison Heights Bishop Foley in a regional championship game. They also edged Riverview Gabriel Richard 4-2 in the semifinals.

St. John, a U-D Mercy commit, is ready for her final year of high school softball. She finished her junior season with a school-record 325 strikeouts, with a whip (walks plus hits divided by innings pitched) and ERA under 1.00. She has a chance to break several more school records and notch her 1,000th career strikeout. She is at 836 and counting.

Miserendino is the lead-off hitter and best outfielder on the squad. She is being counted on to set the table at the top of the lineup.

Other returning players are juniors Maddie Hamilton, a Boston College commit, and Sabrina Malkoun, along with sophomores Emily Switchulis and Maria Pas. Hamilton is a power hitter and starting shortstop.

Malkoun, Switchulis and Pas will be counted



on to bring a lot to the table this season.

If the Knights are to make a run at a state title, the returning players must lead the way.

Newcomers to the program are freshmen Jenna Hummel, Ali Alpert, Evie Bournias and Annette Meraw. Hummel, Alpert and Bournias have a good softball background and have the luxury of stepping into the starting lineup immediately.

The Knights have a new head coach, Kris Hummel, who was the first base coach the past few seasons. This is her first head coaching gig. Her assistants are longtime head coach/assistant coach Jim Schmidt, as well as newcomer Pam Savich.

Savich played college softball at Illinois and her vast knowledge of the

game is an asset for the Knights. She will oversee St. John and the Knights' second pitcher, Switchulis.

The Knights are once again heavy favorites to win the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

They won the title last spring with a 10-0 mark. Lutheran Northwest always fields a competitive team and Parkway Christian has athletes.

The Knights start division play with road games against Northwest and Parkway Wednesday, April 12, and Thursday, April 13. Southfield Christian, Inter-City Baptist and Oakland Christian are also division foes.

In non-league action, Hummel scheduled Detroit Renaissance, Monroe Jefferson, Strong



FILE PHOTO

Liggett senior Emma St. John is a two-time All-State First Team pitcher, earning the honor in Division 1 in 2015 and Division 3 in 2016.

Tower, Detroit Country Richard and Armada. Day School, Gabriel

## North, South see confidence rise

### Young, but talented

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Bill Fleming knew his 2016 Grosse Pointe South girls' softball team would go through some growing pains, since the squad was dominated by underclassmen.

After a rough start, the Blue Devils gained confidence and played their best at the end of the season, winning a district title and making it to a regional championship game.

They finished 15-19 overall.

Expectations are much higher in 2017, thanks to returning senior Jyen-Ai Jones, an All-Regional outfielder.

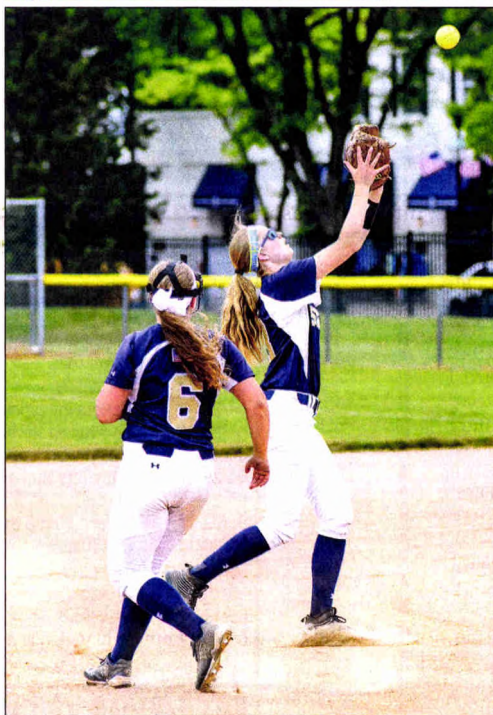
She is the lone senior on this squad, but she gets plenty of support from other All-Region teammates, juniors Grace Foster and Lauren Sancya, who solidify the left side of the infield.

Other returning juniors are Chloe Lobert and Mackenzie Ford, who will see time in the infield. Lobert might be behind the plate to give sophomore Kendall Volpe a breather.

Volpe is the quarterback of the infield and she has the talent to dominate a game behind the plate.

Other returning sophomores are Colleen Morris, Adriana Agosta, Julia O'Halla and Lauren Sickelsteel.

Agosta is the Blue Devils' top pitcher and she has a year of varsity



FILE PHOTO

Two of Grosse Pointe South's veterans are juniors Grace Foster, catching the ball, and Lauren Sancya, pictured left.

experience under her belt, as well as another summer of travel ball. Her improvement on the mound makes the Blue Devils a solid team.

The lone newcomer to the varsity is sophomore Claire Shea, who will play outfield and infield.

"We have a talented bunch of team-oriented players who have worked extremely hard in the off-season to improve," Fleming said. "This group has really gelled as a team and with a year of varsity experience under their belts, we expect to be able to play with anyone."

The Blue Devils finished 2-10 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division last spring and compete against city rival Grosse Pointe North, title favorite L'Anse Creuse, Fraser, Marine City and Port Huron Northern this season.

In non-league action, Fleming scheduled Lakeview, Woods-Tower, Mott, Lutheran North, Sterling Heights, Country Day, Cousino, Strong Tower, Lake Shore, Renaissance, Bishop Foley and Stevenson.

They also host two invitationals to round out a busy slate.

### Ready for solid year

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

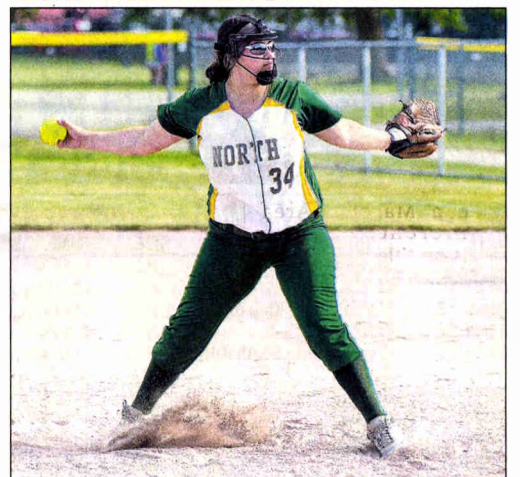
Head coach Ron Smith has seven returning players on his varsity program at Grosse Pointe North and each will need to bring a spark to the field if they are to be successful this spring.

"Although we are very young, one senior, we have a team that has worked very hard within their respective off-season teams so they bring very good experience to the field."

The Norsemen, 10-14 a year ago, are led by captains Michaela Kirck (the lone senior), Rebecca Alway (junior) and Caitlyn Knorp (junior).

Alway is the top pitcher and this is her third year on varsity. She will once again be counted on to pitch a lot of innings and win games in the circle.

Other juniors on the varsity are Ashley Kowalski, Rachel Malinowski and McKenzie Obermok and the sophomores are Erin Kane, Kayla Kettler, Rachel Liagre, Vivian Liagre, Natalie Wietecha and Evelyn Zacharias,



FILE PHOTO

North junior Rebecca Alway is one of the top pitchers in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division.

the starting shortstop who has great range and a strong throwing arm.

Smith also has two freshmen, Sydney Brumme and Brenna Marsin.

The Norsemen finished third in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division with a 7-5 mark last spring.

Defending champ L'Anse Creuse is once again the favorite.

Port Huron Northern, Grosse Pointe South, Marine City and Fraser make for a tough trek

through the MAC Blue. Each has a solid roster, so don't be surprised if there are co-champs this season.

"We will be ready to challenge them all," Smith said. "We like our chances in going after the league title."

In non-league competition, Smith scheduled L'Anse Creuse North, Warren Mott, Warren Regina, Utica, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Armada, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Almont and Chippewa Valley.

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GIRLS Soccer

Abundant amount of talent

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor



The Grosse Pointe North girls' soccer team has a ton of experienced, talented returning players, led by senior Megan Louwers, who is heading to U-D Mercy on a soccer scholarship next season. Louwers, along with another college-caliber striker, junior Greta DeLoach, form a great

one-two punch for the Norsemen. North, under head coach Olivia Stander, is coming off an 18-6-3 season. If underclassmen Katie Link, Madeline Mills, Meghan Gallagher, Victoria Alvarez, Ashley Quain, Hannah Martin, Ava Stander, Sia

Nezeritts, Chloe Redeye, Lindsay Lesha, Annie Eugenio, Katie Louwers, Lauren Sickmiller and Sarah Wietecha return, the Norsemen will be a highly skilled squad. They finished 3-4-3 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division last spring, but that should turn around with such a good core of veteran players on the roster.

The Norsemen face Romeo, Utica, Fraser, Macomb Dakota and L'Anse Creuse North in division play and their non-league schedule consists of St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Grosse Pointe South (twice), Utica Eisenhower, Traverse City Central and University Liggett in the final game of the season Thursday, May 25.

The schedule is tough and it will challenge the Norsemen, who have the personnel to navigate it successfully.

Grosse Pointe North opened its season Wednesday, March 29, hosting Lakeview.

Next on the slate is an away game Wednesday, April 12, against city rival Grosse Pointe South.



FILE PHOTOS



North sophomore Meghan Gallagher, right, is another young, talented player.

North senior Megan Louwers, right, will play college soccer at U-D Mercy after one more season of high school soccer.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH Norsemen 2017 SPRING VARSITY SCHEDULES

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
03/29/17	Stevenson	H	4:00PM
04/07/17	Alpena (DH)	H	12:00PM
04/08/17	Martin Luther King (DH)	H	11:00AM
04/11/17	Troy	H	4:30PM
04/15/17	Grosse Pointe South (DH)	A	11:00AM
04/17/17	Cousino	A	4:00PM
04/19/17	Cousino	H	4:30PM
04/20/17	Cousino	A	4:00PM
04/24/17	Ford II	A	4:00PM
04/26/17	Ford II	H	4:30PM
04/27/17	Ford II	A	4:00PM
05/01/17	Romeo	H	4:30PM
05/03/17	Romeo	A	4:00PM
05/04/17	Romeo	H	4:30PM
05/05/17	Alpena Tournament	A	4:00PM
05/06/17	Alpena Tournament (DH)	A	10:00AM
05/08/17	L'Anse Creuse North	H	4:30PM
05/10/17	L'Anse Creuse North	A	4:30PM
05/11/17	L'Anse Creuse North	H	4:30PM
05/13/17	Novi Tournament	A	9:00AM
05/15/17	L'Anse Creuse	H	4:30PM
05/17/17	L'Anse Creuse	A	4:30PM
05/18/17	L'Anse Creuse	H	4:30PM
05/26/17	Algonac (DH)	H	4:00PM
05/27/17	GPN/GPS Tournament	H	10:00AM
05/30/17	Notre Dame Prep	H	4:00PM

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
03/23/17	Rochester	H	7:00PM
03/30/17	U of D Jesuit	H	7:00PM
04/17/17	L'Anse Creuse North	H	7:00PM
04/18/17	Eisenhower	H	6:30PM
04/20/17	Grosse Pointe South	A	7:30PM
04/25/17	University Liggett	A	6:00PM
04/27/17	Romeo	A	6:00PM
04/29/17	South Lyon	A	1:30PM
05/01/17	St. Mary Prep	A	6:30PM
05/04/17	Grosse Pointe South	H	7:00PM
05/06/17	L'Anse Creuse	H	12:00PM
05/09/17	Romeo	H	7:00PM
05/12/17	TBA	A	7:00PM
05/15/17	Bloomfield Hills SD	A	7:00PM
05/16/17	Farmington	H	7:00PM
05/18/17	Eisenhower	A	7:30PM

BOYS VARSITY GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/10/17	U of D Jesuit	A	12:00PM
04/13/17	Grosse Pointe South	H	2:30PM
04/17/17	Brother Rice	A	12:00PM
04/19/17	Eisenhower	H	3:00PM
04/21/17	Romeo	A	3:00PM
04/24/17	Oakland Hills Invitational	A	12:00PM
04/26/17	Eisenhower	A	2:30PM
05/01/17	OU Classic	A	12:00PM
05/03/17	Ford II	H	3:00PM
05/10/17	Ford II	A	2:00PM
05/12/17	Lakeview Invitational	A	8:30AM
05/15/17	Grosse Pointe South	A	3:00PM
05/18/17	Romeo	H	3:00PM
05/25/17	MAC Tournament	A	9:00AM
05/31/17	MHSAA Regionals	A	9:00AM
06/09/17	MHSAA Finals	A	TBA
06/10/17	MHSAA Finals	A	TBA

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
03/28/17	L'Anse Creuse North	H	4:00PM
03/30/17	Warren Mott	H	4:30PM
04/11/17	Regina	H	4:30PM
04/12/17	Utica	H	4:30PM
04/18/17	Lakeview	A	4:30PM
04/20/17	Port Huron Northern	H	4:30PM
04/22/17	Armada (DH)	H	10:00AM
04/24/17	Stevenson	H	4:30PM
04/25/17	Grosse Pointe South	A	4:30PM
04/27/17	Fraser	A	4:00PM
04/29/17	Anchor Bay Tournament	A	10:00AM
05/02/17	Marine City	H	4:30PM
05/04/17	L'Anse Creuse	A	4:30PM
05/06/17	Lakeview (@UM Alumni Field)	H	6:00PM
05/09/17	Port Huron Northern	A	4:30PM
05/11/17	Grosse Pointe South	H	4:30PM
05/12/17	Royal Oak	A	TBA
05/13/17	Royal Oak	A	TBA
05/16/17	Fraser	H	4:30PM
05/18/17	Marine City	A	4:30PM
05/20/17	Almont	A	TBA
05/23/17	L'Anse Creuse	H	4:30PM
05/25/17	Chippewa Valley	H	4:30PM
05/30/17	Pre-Districts TBD	A	TBA
06/03/17	Districts TBD	A	TBA

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
03/24/17	Ann Arbor Huron	H	7:00PM
03/27/17	Regina	H	7:00PM
03/29/17	South Lyon	A	6:00PM
04/10/17	Mercy	A	4:30PM
04/12/17	Lake Orion	A	7:00PM
04/19/17	Grosse Pointe South	H	7:00PM
04/21/17	Rochester	H	7:00PM
04/27/17	Stoney Creek	H	7:00PM
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05/12/17	Eisenhower	A	6:00PM
05/15/17	Farmington Hills Harrison	A	7:00PM
05/17/17	Eisenhower	H	6:00PM
05/19/17	Country Day	H	6:00PM

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

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03/29/17	Lakeview	H	7:00PM
04/12/17	Grosse Pointe South	A	7:00PM
04/19/17	Eisenhower	A	7:00PM
04/24/17	Romeo	H	7:00PM
04/26/17	Utica	A	6:30PM
04/29/17	Traverse City Central	A	11:00AM
05/01/17	L'Anse Creuse North	A	6:30PM
05/03/17	Fraser	H	4:00PM
05/08/17	Dakota	A	7:00PM
05/10/17	Romeo	A	6:00PM
05/15/17	Utica	H	4:00PM
05/17/17	L'Anse Creuse North	H	4:00PM
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05/22/17	Fraser	A	7:00PM
05/24/17	Dakota	H	4:00PM
05/25/17	University Liggett	H	6:00PM

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
03/29/17	Cousino	A	4:00PM
04/12/17	Berkley	H	4:00PM
04/15/17	Quad Meet	H	8:00AM
04/17/17	Allen Park	A	4:00PM
04/18/17	Royal Oak	H	4:00PM
04/20/17	Grosse Ile	A	4:00PM
04/22/17	Dakota Invitational	A	8:00AM
04/24/17	Port Huron Northern	H	4:00PM
04/26/17	Eisenhower	A	4:00PM
04/29/17	Holly Tournament	A	8:00AM
05/01/17	St. Clair	H	4:00PM
05/03/17	Grosse Pointe South	H	4:00PM
05/06/17	Quad Meet	H	8:00AM
05/08/17	Regina	H	4:00PM
05/10/17	Groves	A	4:00PM
05/17/17	University Liggett	A	4:00PM
05/19/17	MHSAA Regionals	A	8:30AM

BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
03/25/17	Huron Relays - Indoor Meet	A	10:00AM
03/28/17	MCCC - Indoor Meet	A	4:30PM
04/07/17	Dakota	A	11:00AM
04/12/17	Grosse Pointe South	H	4:00PM
04/18/17	Eisenhower	A	4:00PM
04/25/17	Romeo	H	4:00PM
04/28/17	Sterling Heights	A	TBA
05/02/17	Dakota	H	4:00PM
05/06/17	Woodhaven	A	TBA
05/09/17	Stevenson	A	4:00PM
05/13/17	Dakota Invitational	A	10:00AM
05/19/17	Regional Meet	A	1:30PM
05/23/17	Division Meet	A	TBA







# GIRLS Soccer

# Defending champs can repeat

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' soccer team enters the 2017 season as defending state champs. Head coach David Dwaihy, assistant coach Andy Knote and the Knights pulled off several stunning victories last spring on their way to the



title, beating Montrose 1-0 in a shootout. To make it an even more interesting story, they might be better than last season when the Knights finished 19-2-1. "We have a lot of returning players and several very good new-

comers, so things are once again looking up as we defend our title," Dwaihy said. "We will have a bulls-eye on our back this season and that is OK. It will be a test for us." Team captains are seniors Kara Francis,

Lucy Alpert, Rebecca Lohman and Maddie Wu, who has been selected as one of only 32 recipients, state-wide, of the 2017 Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award. Wu is the first student-athlete from University Liggett to receive this award.

They are the only four seniors on the squad. Even though most of the returning players are underclassmen, they are solid soccer competitors with big-game experience.

Juniors are Delaney Bandos, Olivia Yates, Saudia Tate, Alexis Wenger, the leading goal scorer, Kelly Solak and Tegan Cornell. Sophomores are Mary Weiermiller, Kate Birgbauer, Eva Papista, Nicole Rivera and Izzy Brusilow; and the freshmen on varsity are Alyssa Jones, Christina Brattain, Maisie Melican, Lara Galea, Kate Carron and Isabella Cubba.

The Knights are favored to win the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, but the challenge is difficult with Parkway Christian, Lutheran Northwest, Plymouth Christian and Oakland Christian standing in their way. "Our division is always tough and the games are close, which helps us prepare for the state play-offs," Dwaihy said. "Our



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Liggett sophomore Izzy Brusilow and her teammates know what it takes to win a state title. Can they repeat?



Liggett junior Alexis Wenger, left, is the Knights' leading scorer from last year and is ready for another good season.

entire schedule is very tough and I like the fact we play city rival Grosse Pointe North at the end of the regular season. Playing them really gets us ready for the playoffs and I appreciate that." In non-league action, Dwaihy scheduled Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Summer Sports Academy, Harbor Beach, Bloomfield Hills

Cranbrook-Kingswood, Lansing Christian, Lutheran North and Grosse Pointe North. Liggett opens its season Friday, April 7, hosting Notre Dame Prep. NDP is the defending Division 2 state champion. "Prep will be one of the best teams we face this year," Dwaihy said. "It is a great challenge for us to start the year."



## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT 2017 SPRING VARSITY SCHEDULES



### BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/06/17	Lutheran WL	H	4:30PM
04/08/17	Detroit Western HS (DH)	H	1 & 3PM
04/11/17	Franklin Rd. Christian (DH)	H	4 & 6PM
04/12/17	Shrine	H	4:30PM
04/15/17	Mt. Pleasant HS (DH)	H	11A & 1P
04/18/17	Parkway Christian	A	4:30PM
04/19/17	Cranbrook	H	4:30PM
04/20/17	Parkway Christian	H	4:30PM
04/22/17	Dryden HS (DH)	H	11A & 1P
04/25/17	Plymouth Christian (DH)	H	4 & 6PM
05/02/17	Lutheran NW	H	4:30PM
05/04/17	Lutheran NW	A	4:30PM
05/06/17	Invitational	H	9-11-1-3
05/09/17	Divine Child	H	4:00PM
05/13/17	Invitational	H	9-11-1-3
05/16/17	Greenhills	A	4:30PM
05/17/17	U of D	H	4:30PM
05/18/17	Greenhills	H	4:30PM
05/20/17	Invitational	H	9-11-1-3
05/22/17	Chippewa Valley HS	H	4:30PM
05/23/17	Oakland Christian (DH)	H	4 & 6PM
05/27/17	De La Salle (DH)	H	11A & 1P
05/30/17	District Week	TBA	TBA

### BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
03/30/17	Bloomfield Hills	H	TBA
04/06/17	Divine Child	H	5:30PM
04/08/17	TBA	TBA	TBA
04/11/17	Port Huron HS	A	6:45PM
04/13/17	Motor City Knights	H	5:00PM
04/18/17	Romeo HS	A	5:00PM
04/22/17	Greenhills	H	11:00AM
04/25/17	Grosse Pointe North	H	6:00PM
04/29/17	SMCC-Monroe	A	TBA
05/04/17	Gabriel Richard-Ann Arbor	H	6:00PM
05/06/17	Cousino HS	A	2:00PM
05/09/17	Adams HS	A	7:00PM
05/11/17	De La Salle	H	4:30PM
05/13/17	L'Anse Creuse North	H	12:00PM
05/16/17	Shrine Catholic	H	5:30PM
05/18/17	Play Offs Begin	TBA	TBA

### BOYS VARSITY GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/13/17	Roeper	A	4:15PM
04/18/17	Roeper/Lutheran NW	H	3:30PM
04/20/17	Lutheran NW	A	3:30PM
04/25/17	G'Hills/Southfield Christian	H	3:30PM
04/29/17	Greenhills - MIAC Tourney	A	1:00PM
05/02/17	Parkway Christian	A	4:00PM
05/06/17	Lutheran NW - MIAC Tourn.	A	1:00PM
05/13/17	Huron Valley - MIAC Tourn.	A	1:00PM
05/16/17	Greenhills	A	4:30PM
05/23/17	Livingston Christian	H	3:30PM

### GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/07/17	Strong Tower	H	4:30PM
04/10/17	Bishop Foley	H	4:30PM
04/12/17	Lutheran NW	A	4:30PM
04/13/17	Parkway Christian	A	4:30PM
04/15/17	DCDS (DH)	H	11&12:45
04/18/17	Gabriel Richard-RIV (DH)	H	4 & 6PM
04/22/17	Saline Invitational	A	TBA
04/25/17	Southfield Christian	A	4:30PM
04/27/17	Inter-City Baptist	H	4:30PM
04/29/17	Armada (DH)	H	11A & 1P
05/02/17	Oakland Christian	H	4:30PM
05/04/17	Lutheran NW	H	4:30PM
05/05/17	Southfield Christian	H	4:30PM
05/06/17	Liggett Invitational	H	9-11-1-3
05/09/17	Parkway Christian	H	4:30PM
05/16/17	Inter-City Baptist	A	4:30PM
05/18/17	Oakland Christian	A	4:30PM
05/20/17	Blissfield Tourney	A	10:00AM
05/27/17	Frankenmuth Tourney	A	10:00AM
05/30/17	District Week	H	TBA

### GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
4/05/17	Regina	H	4:30PM
04/12/17	Canton HS	H	4:30PM
04/13/17	Grosse Pointe South	A	TBA
04/18/17	DCDS	A	6:00PM
04/21/17	Utica Henry Ford II	H	4:30PM
05/02/17	Grosse Pointe North	H	4:30PM
05/05/17	Royal Oak HS	H	4:30PM
05/08/17	Grosse Pointe North	A	TBA
05/11/17	Rochester HS	H	4:30PM
05/12/17	West Bloomfield	H	5:00PM
05/15/17	Regina	A	4:30PM
05/17/17	Rochester Adams	A	4:30PM

### GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/06/17	Notre Dame Prep	H	4:30PM
04/12/17	Greenhills	H	4:30PM
04/18/17	Summit Sports Academy	H	5:00PM
04/20/17	Harbor Beach HS	H	5:30PM
04/21/17	Cranbrook	H	4:15PM
04/25/17	Parkway Christian	A	4:30PM
04/29/17	Lansing Christian-Tourney	A	TBA
05/01/17	Lutheran NW	A	4:30PM
05/05/17	Shrine Catholic	A	5:30PM
05/08/17	Plymouth Christian	A	4:30PM
05/09/17	Oakland Christian	H	4:30PM
05/11/17	Parkway Christian	H	4:30PM
05/16/17	Plymouth Christian	H	4:30PM
05/18/17	Lutheran NW	H	4:30PM
05/19/17	Oakland Christian	A	4:30PM
05/23/17	Lutheran N	A	4:30PM
05/25/17	Grosse Pointe North	A	6:00PM
05/30/17	District Week	TBA	TBA

### GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/05/17	Gabriel Richard-AA	A	4:30PM
04/06/17	Cass Tech	H	3:45PM
04/08/17	Liggett Invitational	H	9:00AM
04/13/17	Port Huron Northern	A	4:30PM
04/18/17	Greenhills	H	4:30PM
04/22/17	LCN Tourney	A	TBA
04/29/17	Lumen Christi	A	9:00AM
05/02/17	Notre Dame Prep	A	4:15PM
05/03/17	Almont	H	4:00PM
05/04/17	Richmond	H	4:00PM
05/06/17	K'Zoo Christian Quad	A	10:00AM
05/08/17	Everest Collegiate	H	4:00PM
05/12/17	ASH	H	4:00PM
05/17/17	Grosse Pointe North	H	4:00PM
05/19/17	Regionals	TBA	TBA
06/02/17	States at Holly	A	9:00AM
06/03/17	States at Holly	A	9:00AM

### BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
03/28/17	Macomb Indoor Champs	A	4:30PM
04/06/17	Lutheran WL	A	4:30PM
04/11/17	Ladywood	A	TBA
04/13/17	South Lake	A	TBA
05/02/17	Lutheran NW	A	4:30PM
05/06/17	Mark Carpenter Inv.	A	9:00AM
05/09/17	Lutheran WL	A	4:30PM
05/12/17	Lutheran N Mustang Inv.	A	4:00PM
05/16/17	Lutheran NW (MIAC)	A	4:30PM
05/20/17	Regionals @Lutheran WL	A	10:00AM
05/23/17	Lutheran NW (MIAC Champ.)	A	3:30PM
05/26/17	Wayne County Championship	A	TBA
06/03/17	State Finals	A	9:00AM





6C | SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW



# Experience, health key to wins

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls' soccer team has high hopes this season will turn out far different than a year ago when injuries and inexperience led to a sub-.500 campaign.

Head coach Gene Harkins could only sit and encourage his players as they endured a season of learning on the fly.

If the returning players indeed come back to the program, the Blue Devils will be improved. Those underclassmen were Katherine Bird, Cameron Zak, Lindsay Froelich, Ally MacLeod, Kayla Conlan, Gwyneth Tiderington, Hannah Voytowich, Lauren Mellos, Emma Foy, Grace Scott and Abby Carolan. Bird and Zak were captains last season.

One thing the team needs to do is score more goals.

They scored 1 or zero goals in most of their games, and had one of the toughest schedules in the state.

Harkins knows if his strikers are healthy, they will put the ball in the back of the net with more



FILE PHOTO

Most of the girls from last year's team, pictured above, are back and ready to show they have what it takes to win games.

regularity.

The Blue Devils, 0-5-3 last year in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division, are once again in the conference's toughest division competing against Utica Ford, Anchor Bay, Sterling Heights

Stevenson and state-ranked Utica Eisenhower.

In the ties, the Blue Devils had the lead late, but the opposition was able to get the equalizer.

Harkins always puts together a tough schedule so his players are prepared for the state

playoffs.

This is once again the case this spring as the Blue Devils host Grosse Pointe North, as well as travel to Macomb Dakota, Fraser, L'Anse Creuse North, Troy, Detroit Country Day, and Rochester Adams in non-

league games.

Grosse Pointe South gets back after the break with a home game at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, against Grosse Pointe North.

Last spring, the Blue Devils lost three times to the Norsemen.

They lost the first meeting 4-1 on their home field, lost 4-0 at North and ended the season with a 3-1 loss in a district semifinal at Fraser.

The final loss was reversed due to a state ruling.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 2017 SPRING VARSITY SCHEDULES *Blue Devils*

### BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/03/17	Cincinnati Oak Hills	A	4:00PM
04/03/17	Lebanon HS	A	6:30PM
04/04/17	Cincinnati Moeller	A	4:30PM
04/05/17	Carlson	A	11:00AM
04/05/17	Springboro	A	4:30PM
04/06/17	Saline HS	A	1:00PM
04/06/17	Dublin Coffman	A	4:00PM
04/11/17	Brother Rice	A	4:30PM
04/13/17	Warren Woods Tower	H	4:30PM
04/14/17	GPN @Comerica Park	H	TBA
04/17/17	Dakota	A	4:30PM
04/19/17	Dakota	H	4:30PM
04/20/17	Dakota	A	4:30PM
04/24/17	Anchor Bay	A	4:00PM
04/26/17	Anchor Bay	H	4:30PM
04/27/17	Anchor Bay	A	4:00PM
04/29/17	Grandville (DH)	H	11A & 1P
05/01/17	Chippewa Valley	H	4:30PM
05/03/17	Chippewa Valley	A	4:30PM
05/04/17	Chippewa Valley	H	4:30PM
05/06/17	Mt. Pleasant (DH)	A	11A & 1P
05/08/17	Utica Stevenson	H	4:30PM
05/10/17	Utica Stevenson	A	4:30PM
05/11/17	Utica Stevenson	H	4:30PM
05/13/17	GPS Invitational	H	10:00AM
05/15/17	Eisenhower	H	4:30PM
05/17/17	Eisenhower	A	4:30PM
05/18/17	Eisenhower	H	4:30PM
05/20/17	Grosse Pointe North (DH)	H	10&11:30A
05/23/17	Livonia Stevenson	H	4:30PM
05/25/17	Henry Ford II	H	4:30PM
05/27/17	Grosse Pointe Invitational	H	10:00AM
05/30/17	Pre-Districts	A	TBA
06/03/17	Districts	H	TBA
06/10/17	Regionals	H	TBA
06/15/17	State Semi-Finals	A	TBA
06/17/17	State Finals	A	TBA

### BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
03/22/17	Detroit Catholic Central	H	6:00PM
03/25/17	De La Salle Collegiate	H	12:30PM
04/08/17	Notre Dame Preparatory	H	12:30PM
04/13/17	Eisenhower	A	7:30PM
04/20/17	Grosse Pointe North	H	7:30PM
04/22/17	TBA	H	1:00PM
04/27/17	U of D Jesuit	H	7:30PM
05/02/17	Romeo	H	7:30PM
05/04/17	Grosse Pointe North	A	7:00PM
05/09/17	Eisenhower	H	7:30PM
05/11/17	Romeo	A	TBA
05/11/17	Notre Dame Preparatory	A	7:00PM
05/25/17	Regional Semi-Final	H	6:00PM
05/25/17	Regional Semi-Final	H	7:30PM
05/31/17	Regional Finals	H	7:30PM
06/02/17	State Quarter-Finals	H	TBA
06/03/17	State Quarter-Finals	H	TBA
06/07/17	State Semi-Finals	H	TBA

### BOYS VARSITY GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
04/10/17	UD Jesuit Invitational Selects	A	TBA
04/11/17	Henry Ford II	H	2:00PM
04/13/17	Grosse Pointe North	A	3:00PM
04/21/17	Eisenhower	H	2:00PM
04/24/17	Next Tee/Br Rice Trny	A	12:00PM
04/28/17	TCC Tee-Off Invitational	A	7:00PM
04/29/17	TCC Tee-Off Invitational	A	7:00PM
05/01/17	American Cntrls/Br Rice Trny	A	12:00PM
05/01/17	Schwartz & Co/Br Rice Trny	A	12:00PM
05/05/17	Eisenhower	A	2:00PM
05/08/17	Milliken Millwork/Br Rice Trny	A	12:00PM
05/15/17	Grosse Pointe North	A	3:00PM
05/17/17	Henry Ford II	A	2:00PM
05/19/17	Romeo	A	3:00PM
05/22/17	Grand Blanc HS Tournament	A	12:00PM
05/25/17	Division Meet	A	TBA

### GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
03/28/17	Lakeview	A	4:30PM
03/29/17	Warren Woods Tower	H	4:30PM
04/11/17	Warren Mott	A	4:30PM
04/12/17	Lutheran North	A	4:30PM
04/13/17	Sterling Heights	H	4:30PM
04/18/17	Detroit Country Day	A	4:30PM
04/19/17	Warren Woods Tower	A	4:30PM
04/20/17	Fraser	A	4:30PM
04/22/17	Cousino (DH)	H	10&11:30A
04/25/17	Grosse Pointe North	H	4:30PM
04/27/17	L'Anse Creuse	A	4:30PM
04/29/17	GPS Round Robin	H	10A/12P/2P
05/02/17	Port Huron Northern	H	4:30PM
05/04/17	Marine City HS	A	4:30PM
05/06/17	Blue Devil Invitational	H	10A/12P/2P
05/08/17	Strong Tower	H	4:30PM
05/09/17	Fraser	H	4:30PM
05/11/17	Grosse Pointe North	A	4:30PM
05/12/17	Lake Shore	A	4:30PM
05/13/17	Renaissance HS (DH)	H	10&11:30A
05/16/17	L'Anse Creuse	H	4:30PM
05/18/17	Port Huron Northern	A	4:30PM
05/19/17	Bishop Foley (DH)	A	4:30 & 6P
05/22/17	Utica Stevenson	H	4:30PM
05/23/17	Marine City HS	H	4:30PM
05/30/17	Stoney Creek (Rochester)	A	4:30PM
05/31/17	Western International	A	5:00PM
06/03/17	Districts	H	TBA
06/10/17	Regionals	H	TBA

### GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
03/22/17	Plymouth HS	A	7:00PM
03/31/17	Cranbrook Kingswood	A	3:30PM
04/15/17	East Grand Rapids Play Day	A	TBA
04/17/17	Bloomfield Hills	A	7:00PM
04/19/17	Grosse Pointe North	A	7:00PM
04/22/17	Rockford Tournament	A	9:00AM
04/24/17	Brighton HS	A	7:00PM
04/26/17	AA Pioneer	H	7:30PM
04/28/17	Academy of The Sacred Heart	A	4:30PM
05/08/17	Hartland HS	A	7:00PM
05/15/17	Troy HS	H	7:30PM
05/18/17	MHSAA Pre-Regional	A	TBA

### GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
03/23/17	Dakota	A	5:30PM
04/12/17	Grosse Pointe North	H	7:00PM
04/17/17	Fraser	A	7:00PM
04/19/17	L'Anse Creuse North	A	6:00PM
04/24/17	Eisenhower	A	7:00PM
04/26/17	Anchor Bay	H	7:30PM
05/03/17	Utica Stevenson	A	7:00PM
05/06/17	Stoney Creek (Rochester)	H	1:00PM
05/08/17	Henry Ford II	A	7:00PM
05/10/17	Eisenhower	H	7:30PM
05/13/17	Troy	A	9:00AM
05/15/17	Anchor Bay	A	6:30PM
05/18/17	Detroit Country Day	A	7:00PM
05/20/17	Rochester Adams	A	10:00AM
05/22/17	Utica Stevenson	H	7:30PM
05/24/17	Henry Ford II	H	7:30PM

### GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
03/25/17	Allen Park Quad Meet	A	8:00AM
04/15/17	Hudsonville Quad Meet	A	9:00AM
04/19/17	St. Clair	A	4:00PM
04/20/17	Greenhills	H	4:00PM
04/22/17	AA Pioneer Quad Meet	A	8:00AM
04/24/17	Bloomfield Hills	H	4:00PM
04/26/17	Port Huron Northern	H	4:00PM
04/29/17	GPS Quad Meet	H	8:00AM
05/01/17	Eisenhower	H	4:00PM
05/03/17	Grosse Pointe North	A	4:00PM
05/06/17	GPS Quad Meet	H	8:00AM
05/09/17	Detroit Country Day	H	4:00PM
05/10/17	Novi	H	4:00PM
05/11/17	Farmington Hills Mercy	A	4:00PM
05/13/17	Holly Invitational	A	8:00AM
05/15/17	Dakota	H	4:00PM
05/18/17	State Regionals	H	8:00AM
06/02/17	State Tournament	A	7:30AM
06/03/17	State Tournament	A	7:30AM

### BOYS/GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
03/30/17	Hillsdale Indoor Invit. (Girls)	A	3:00PM
04/01/17	Mercy HS (Girls)	H	9:30AM
04/12/17	Grosse Pointe North	A	4:00PM
04/18/17	Romeo	H	4:00PM
04/22/17	Oxford Invitational (Girls)	A	9:00AM
04/25/17	Dakota	A	4:00PM
04/28/17	Utica Stevenson	A	3:30PM
05/02/17	Titan Relays (Girls)	A	4:00PM
05/06/17	Utica Stevenson	H	4:00PM
05/09/17	Farmington New Balance Invitational (Girls)	A	9:00AM
05/09/17	Eisenhower	A	4:00PM
05/13/17	Mercy HS (Girls)	H	9:30AM
05/19/17	Regional Meet	H	1:30PM
05/23/17	Divisional Meet	H	2:00PM
05/24/17	GPN 9th/10th Invitational	A	4:00PM
06/03/17	State Finals	A	9:00AM





## GIRLS Tennis

# Ladies set goal: make state finals

## Veterans lead team

By Bob St. John  
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The Grosse Pointe North girls' tennis team heads into the 2017 season with two returning singles players, junior Bella Gallant and senior Christina Raffail.

Gallant, All-State, was No. 1 last spring and held her own competing against some of the best tennis players in the state.

Her work ethic and dedication will help her push to better last season's record. Gallant and Raffail are also captains, as is junior Meghan Irving.

Other returning players are senior Ashley Carroll, junior Ruth



McCuen and sophomores Claire Williams and Rachel Stone.

Newcomers to the team are senior Kristen DeZeery, junior Marcella Starrico, sophomores Sarah Schaden and Camryn Simon, and freshman Mia Eugenio.

Head coach John Van Alst and his Norsemen finished 0-4 in the tough Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 5-6 overall last season.

"This season, GPN has a young team with some significant experience and maturity from the veteran players," Van Alst said. "The new players are playing well and will be ready for the start of the season."

The division is strong again with Port Huron

Northern, Utica Eisenhower, St. Clair and favorite Grosse Pointe South competing.

In non-league matches, Van Alst scheduled Warren Cousino, Berkley, Allen Park, Royal Oak, Grosse Ile, Warren Regina, Birmingham Groves and University Liggett.

They also will host two quads, as well as travel to Macomb Dakota and Holly for invitationals.

North once again is in Division 2 and this year's regional is at Warren Woods-Tower. Competing teams are Berkley, Detroit Renaissance, Eastpointe East, Detroit, Hamtramck, Port Huron, Royal Oak, St. Clair Shores Lakeview and Woods-Tower.

## Team has plenty of power

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' tennis team is looking for another top 5 finish in the Division 1 state finals and even a shot at another state championship under head coach Mark Sobieralski.

"We should be pretty solid after losing only a few players and we get a main girl back from injury," Sobieralski said. "The girls put in a lot of time in the off-season and I can see great chemistry during the first week of practice."

The Blue Devils finished third with 18 points in last year's state finals and won the Macomb Area Conference Red Division regular season crown with a 4-0 record.

Sobieralski has a knack of getting the most out of his players and that should go a long way this spring as the Blue Devils start the year ranked No. 4 behind defending champ Midland Dow, Northville and Bloomfield Hills.

Team captains are Maddie Paolucci and Audrey Doherty. Paolucci missed all of last season with an injury, but she is



back at 100 percent and anxious to play tennis.

Laurel Sullivan and Gigi Bonnell are returning singles players, and look for doubles teams Lauren Sommerville and Doherty, Jade Shepherd and Kate Gavagan, and Rachel Harris and Kaitlin Ifkovits to shine.

The other spots aren't solidified, but should be after spring break.

The Blue Devils are the favorites to win the MAC Red Division, with St. Clair, Port Huron Northern, Utica Eisenhower and Grosse Pointe North trying to knock them off.

In non-league action, Sobieralski scheduled the Allen Park quad, Hudsonville quad, Ann Arbor Pioneer quad, Grosse Pointe South quad and Holly Invitational, as well as dual matches against Ann Arbor Greenhills, Bloomfield Hills, Detroit Country Day, Novi, Farmington Hills Mercy and Macomb Dakota.

"We have a tough schedule and we believe playing the tough teams gets us ready for the state regionals and hopefully state finals," Sobieralski said. "I love the hard work and great attitude and we are ready to start the season."

South, as usual, hosts a state regional tourna-

ment Thursday, May 18, with Detroit Cass Tech, Fraser, Southfield Arts and Technology, Sterling Heights, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Troy, Troy Athens, Warren Mott and Warren Cousino competing.

The state finals are set for Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3, at Midland Tennis Center.

## Regular season

The Grosse Pointe South girls' tennis team went indoors in its season opening quad last weekend.

The Blue Devils won with 21 points, followed by defending Division 2 state champ Birmingham Marian with 15, Grosse Ile with 11 and Allen Park with 1.

Paolucci finished 3-0 at No. 1 singles and Sullivan was 3-0 at No. 2 singles.

At doubles, Doherty and Sommerville finished 3-0 at No. 1, as did Shepherd and Gavagan and Harris and Ifkovits at Nos. 2 and 3 doubles.

Bonnell and Maddie Hurley each won 2 of 3 matches at Nos. 3 and 4 singles, and Sobieralski divided his No. 4 doubles team, which finished 2-1 on the day.

Sarah Ashkar and Alex Walz beat Allen Park, while Ashkar and Lea Perkins beat Grosse Ile, but lost to Marian.

## Freshman leads team

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' tennis team is looking to get back its mojo it lost the last couple of years.

The Knights are looking for seniors Gaby Cavataio, Therese Drettmann, Tamara Ajjour and Emma Shell to help that process under new head coach Chris Smith.

The lone junior on the team is Kaelan Patel and the sophomores are Kaitlin Fox, Angelina Polizzi, Emily Deng and Siobhan Haggerty.

Freshmen on the squad are Melanie Zampardo, Elizabeth Lukas, Regina Gao and Isabella Tomlinson.

"Our team will be led by Melanie Zampardo, who will be one of the top girls in the conference as a freshman," Smith said. "We have a



*'States is our goal for the season and the girls will be working very hard to get there.'*

CHRIS SMITH,  
Liggett head coach

number of returning players from last year, and that experience should help us to a solid finish in regionals this year.

"States is our goal for the season and the girls will be working very hard to get there."

The schedule contains home matches against Detroit Cass Tech, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Almont, Richmond, Everest Collegiate, Academy of the Sacred Heart and Grosse Pointe North, plus away matches against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Port Huron Northern, Jackson Lumen Christi and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

The ladies also host an invitational April 8, as well as play in the L'Anse Creuse North Tournament and Kalamazoo Christian quad before heading to regionals Friday, May 19.

Liggett's regional competitors are Algonac, Sacred Heart, Everest Collegiate, Clawson, Detroit Denby Tech & Prep, Bishop Foley, Richmond, Shrine, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes and West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy.

The Knights tied for 17th in the Division 4 state finals last season, earning two points.

Both points came at No. 1 singles.

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## Lacrosse

## Talent level strong

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Mike Costanzo enters his second year at the helm of the University Liggett boys' lacrosse team and this is the program's best in several years.

"We are pumped about the season and the potential we have," Costanzo said. "However, we need to stay healthy as we already lost an important player to a season-ending injury."

Captains are seniors Davey Sekhon, Kester Stefani, J.J. Jerry and George Thanasas.

They have three years varsity experience and are counted on to provide leadership and steady play on the field.

They helped the Knights finish 9-5 last season.

Other seniors are Darren Huang, Bryan Wahl, Evan Marquadt, Jaron Pangborn, Henry Wujek and Sam Brusilow, who injured his anterior cruciate ligament and is out for the season.

Top returning juniors are Tommy Van Pelt, Spencer Warezak and Alex Johnson, while sophomores Danny Bowen, Connor Barthel and Henry Combs, the starting goaltender, are solid players.

"We have a lot of players back and a lot of players who are dedicated lacrosse guys, which helps our program," Costanzo said. "We have

## LIGGETT Knights



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett junior Spencer Warezak is ready for a big season with the Knights.

a good schedule with a good mix of competition. Our goal is to prepare for the playoffs and peak come playoff time."

The Knights' regular season slate consists of home games against Bloomfield Hills, Dearborn Divine Child, Motor City Knights, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Grosse Pointe North, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, Warren De La Salle, L'Anse Creuse and Royal Oak Shrine, as well as road games against Port Huron, Romeo, Brighton, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, Warren Cousino and Rochester Adams.

Liggett is in Division 2

and its regional competitors are Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South, De La Salle, L'Anse Creuse, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Cousino and St. Clair.

A regional title would be the icing on the cake for the Knights, but it will take an "A" effort to beat the favorites.

"We're very excited to start the season and see what we can do," says Costanzo. "It's time to see the hard work pay off."

Liggett plays all of its regional opponents, except city rival Grosse Pointe South, St. Clair and Cousino.

## Pieces fit for wins

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

A lot of the pieces of last year's 13-4 squad return for head coach Mark Seppala and his Grosse Pointe North boys' lacrosse team.

"We had a good scrimmage a week ago and we felt good after competing in that game," Seppala said.

The Norsemen played a great second half of the season and made it to a region semifinal before losing a tough game, 11-10, to Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

This year's group of veteran seniors are Adam Schreck, Nathan Robinson, Tommy Mazzola, Garrett Clark, Marko Tomovski, Bobby Molitor, Max Kummer, Mikey Carron, Billy Dombrowski, Marc Filippelli and Ryan Heimbürger.

Underclassmen are Thomas Supal, Marco McMann, Anthony Romanelli, Brendan

## GPN Norsemen



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North junior Brendan Bergeron, No. 17, scored three goals and had three assists to help the Norsemen beat Rochester.

Bergeron, Kenny Heaton, Mario Lorelli, Austin Albrecht, Max Payton, Joey Schneider, David Bahr and Brendan Hull.

The team was second to Utica Eisenhower in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last season, finishing with a 4-2 record.

Grosse Pointe South and Romeo are also in the four-team division.

## Regular season

The Grosse Pointe

North boys' lacrosse team turned on the heat in its season-opening 18-6 win over visiting Rochester last week.

Payton led the way with five goals and three assists, while Bergeron had three goals and three assists.

McMann also scored three goals, with Filippelli chipping in with two goals and one assist.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 overall.

## Tough slate

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' lacrosse team is coming off a sub-par 2016 season which saw the squad finish 6-9.

Those fortunes should change this spring as head coach Don Wolford has 18 returning players who worked hard in the off-season to improve their skills.

"We have a lot of guys back, so we think we should be a better team," Wolford said. "We play a challenging schedule, so the guys have to be ready."

Returning seniors are goalies Charles Denison and Jameson Daley, and the captains are seniors Peter Ulbrich and Michael Lesha.

Other returning seniors are John Holme,

## GPS Blue Devils



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's John Schulte ready to rip a shot during the Blue Devils' opener against Catholic Central.

Connor Brannagan, Thomas Sine, Jack Brooks, Markus Minanov, Robert Burton, Michael French, William Buhl, William Kay, John Roma, Kevin McShane and Noah Adams.

Juniors J.D. Standish and John Schulte also return to give the Blue Devils veteran leader-

ship.

The Blue Devils finished 3-3 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last season.

They only have six division games again with defending champ Utica Eisenhower, Romeo and city rival Grosse Pointe North.

## Regular season

Grosse Pointe South opened its season with a 15-1 loss to Novi Catholic Central and 12-6 loss to Warren De La Salle.

Against the Shamrocks, Schulte scored the lone goal.

In the De La Salle contest, French and Buhl scored two goals apiece, while Ulbrich had one goal.

Grosse Pointe South is 0-2 overall.

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# Vets need to lead

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' lacrosse team is looking to a large group of underclassmen to lead the way this season under head coach Lauren Nixon.

However, leading the way for the Norsemen are senior goaltender Sophie O'Hara, a third year varsity player, and senior Katie Snow, an All-State Second Team honoree.

"The lady Norsemen enter the 2017 season with an exciting combination of experienced returning players and a strong group of energetic, athletic newcomers on varsity," Nixon said. "Together, this year's team enters the season ready to take on the challenges that lie ahead."

The Norsemen finished 8-7 last spring, thanks to a heavy dose of seniors. The other underclassmen on the varsity last season were Emme Kensora and Aiyana Badih.

The girls who played on the junior varsity last season had a lot of playing time and they improved their skill set under Nixon's tutelage. She expects those girls to step in and contribute.

## GPN Norsemen



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North senior Katie Snow is the team's leading scorer and an All-State performer.

They have to get used to the faster speed at the varsity level.

The schedule includes home games against Ann Arbor Huron, Warren Regina, Grosse Pointe South, Rochester, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, University Liggett, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Utica Eisenhower and Detroit Country Day, as well as road contests against South Lyon, Farmington Hills Mercy, Lake Orion, University Liggett, Flint Powers, Eisenhower and Farmington Hills

Harrison.

### Regular season

Grosse Pointe North began its season with back to back last second losses, falling 13-12 to Ann Arbor Huron and 11-10 to Regina.

Snow scored 11 goals in the first game and seven in the second. Senior Erin Haggerty scored one goal against Huron, while Haggerty, and sophomores Kate Bessert and Meaghan McSkimming tallied a goal apiece against Regina.

# Patience will pay off

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

## LIGGETT Knights

The University Liggett girls' lacrosse program is searching for the right combination of players to get it back to par.

First-year head coach Jennifer Larson brings her wealth of knowledge of the sport to the program, which has the girls fired up.

Larson played lacrosse in high school in Colorado, played in college and then at the club level after earning her degree.

"I love the sport and I hope to make a differ-

ence with this program," Larson said. "I want to help the girls become solid lacrosse players and I know so far they are working hard to make that happen."

"It will take time for all of us to get on the same page, but I'm confident we will get to that point."

She will lean on senior leaders Katie Fruehauf and Sophia Kopicki, who will play at the next level at Siena Heights.

Underclassmen who should shine are junior Katie Zinn, a newcomer

to the sport who will play on defense, and sophomore goaltender Alyssa Quint, her first season in net.

The Knights finished 2-8-1 in 2016 and hope the returning players can use the skills taught by Larson to improve.

"I expect the girls to learn new skills and push themselves to get better," Larson said. "The only way they get better is if they put in the time and effort and get exposure to more advanced techniques."

# Looking for consistency

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

## GPS Blue Devils

The Grosse Pointe South girls' lacrosse team is ready to roll under head coach Alycya Valentine.

The Blue Devils are coming off an 11-6-1 season in which they made a regional semifinal.

Valentine has 26 players on her varsity roster: Stephanie Schervish, Isabelle Adams, Margot Baer, Camella Bate, Liz Bigham, Natalija Bogoevich, Maddalena Boyer, Caroline Calcaterra, Carson Dennis, Alex Estes, Lillian Fannon, Caroline

Frederickson, Julia Gigante, Claire Hubbell, Jacqui Mercier, Abby Ottenhoff, Cailey Paull, Margret Reilly, Annie Rinke, Kate Satterfield, Margaux Schaller, Stephanie Vermet, Elise Whitney, Kathryn Williamson and Elana Zingas.

The schedule includes home games against Ann Arbor Pioneer and University Liggett, plus road contests against Plymouth, Cranbrook-Kingswood, East Grand Rapids, Bloomfield Hills, Grosse Pointe North,

Rockford, Brighton, Academy of the Sacred Heart and Hartland.

### Regular season

Grosse Pointe South started the season with a 14-10 win over Plymouth and a 19-6 loss to Birmingham.

Reilly and Rose Williamson led the way offensively.

Other contributors were Whitney, Rinke and Dennis.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-1 overall and plays Cranbrook-Kingswood Friday, March 31.

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## Track & Field

# Team depth and numbers skyrocket

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett track and field program has made a steady climb to respectability under head coach Lindsey Bachman.

This season, the Knights might field their best all-around teams as the boys and girls compete in their final season in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

For the boys, the captains are seniors Nick Brusilow, who is going to

run at the next level, Carleton College, and T.J. Dulac, who played a large role in helping the boys' tennis team win a state title in October.

Brusilow will shine in the hurdles and as a relay member, while Dulac is a distance specialist. Richard Pelt and Nick Rivera are other experienced seniors on the squad.

Some top returning juniors are Michael Ellis, Andrew Loner and Desmond Darby, while junior newcomer Colin McMann will help earn



points in the throwing events with Darby.

Freshmen Ashton Pomerantz and E.J. Service bring depth to the program and will make an immediate impact.

For the girls, seniors Chelsea Waller and Amelia Doetsch are the captains and most experienced competitors under Bachman.

Juniors Annelies Ondersma, Alexandra Diggs, Emma Leonard,

Karina Minanov, Naomi Yoshida and Abby Hung are ready to score points for the Knights, as is sophomore Maddie Baltimore.

Freshmen Saddie Ancona, Ava Hennessey and Margaret Hartigan will also make an immediate impact and will put points on the board.

Bachman and new assistant coach, Helen Kendall, have their biggest team in the program rebirth several years ago

and more athletes are putting in more time to track and field, which is why they have a chance to shine this spring.

They should be in the running for a MIAC regular season and league meet titles and look out in the regionals as the Knights have several members who are state-caliber candidates.

For regionals, Liggett travels to conference power Lutheran Westland. Joining them are Roeper, Plymouth Christian Academy, Center Line Michigan

Math & Science Academy, Detroit Public Safety Academy, Detroit Cornerstone Leadership and Business, Detroit Davis Aerospace Technical, Detroit Loyola, Detroit Westside Christian Academy, Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Royal Oak Shrine, Southfield Christian, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian School, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran and host Lutheran Westland.



## BOYS Golf

# Top rank

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' golf team heads into the 2017 season with high expectations.

Last spring, the Blue Devils enjoyed a ton of success, but one thing was missing, a Division 1 state championship.

The Blue Devils finished second by eight strokes to Novi Catholic Central.

That slight separation between the teams was evident in several invita-



tions, too.

In addition, the Blue Devils finished 8-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division, plus won the division tournament by more than a dozen strokes.

New head coach Rob McIntyre, who coached South a few years ago before stepping down, has the luxury of two returning All-State golfers leading the charge.

Oliver Livingston was third in the Division 1 state finals tournament with a two-day total of 145 and Evan Theros was fifth with a 148. They are back and ready to defend the league championship.

Other underclassmen who have big-match experience are Teddy Schooff, Coalter Smith, Patrick Sullivan, David Scupholm and Howard Crane.

All of the golfers know they have a great team and remaining consistent is the key to winning. They all improved, so look out because this could be the season the Blue Devils bring home a state title.

In division matches, South faces Utica Eisenhower, Utica Ford, Romeo and city rival Grosse Pointe North.

This season, there is no district tournament and squads will compete in the regionals.

# State finals the goal

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor



The University Liggett boys' golf team returns its top players from last year's league championship, including the lowest scorer, junior Mason Campau.

Two seniors, Danny Katz and Macklin Carron are expected to be in the Knights' top group, as well as juniors Matt Monsour and Jack French.

Head coach Dan Sullivan said the only

setback is last year's freshman sensation Spencer Lukas will miss the season after undergoing knee surgery. However, Lukas will be back as a junior and will be an inspiration to the 2017 squad.

The Knights advanced to the regionals, but ended the season with a seventh-place finish. That should change this season as the top three teams in the regional

tournament advance to the state finals Friday, June 9, and Saturday, June 10, at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East.

When it comes to division matches, the Knights battle Bloomfield Hills Roeper, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Southfield Christian, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian and Ann Arbor Greenhills.

# Team will battle

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor



Head coach Peter Kingsley has a competitive Grosse Pointe North boys' golf team which is ready for what offers to be a tough slate to manage this spring.

"I look for us to be a competitive team this season and our schedule is amazing," Kingsley said. "We have a fair amount of experience and lots of competitive desire."

Senior captains are Ben Zacharias, who earned All-MAC last season, Luke Muschong and Matt Beach. For the

Norsemen to succeed, they need help from seniors Jimmy Shanley, Kyle Gloster, Alex Batts and Justin Rheame.

Junior Blake Danna has improved and is hoping to contribute to the lineup, as well as junior J.D. Allor.

"We will have some great experiences this season with 18-hole invitations at Detroit Golf Club, Red Run Golf Club, Oakland University, Dearborn Country Club and Oakland Hills Country Club," Kingsley said. "The Macomb Area

Conference Red is super strong this year with (Grosse Pointe) South being the favorite at No. 1 in Division 1, Utica Ford ranked in the top 10, Utica Eisenhower always good and Romeo much improved."

The Norsemen finished second last year in the MAC Red, finishing 5-3, and they were third in the league tournament.

They made the regional round of the state playoffs and ended their season with a seventh-place finish.

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EDITORIAL By Bob St. John, Sports Editor

Battle on: North, South & Liggett

There is no other story this spring bigger than the three local high school varsity baseball teams competing in the same district tournament the first weekend in June.

Grosse Pointe South plays host to Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett, which moved up to Division 1 after spending decades in either Division 3 or Division 4.

The past couple of years, South hosted a district with the Detroit Public School teams participating, while North moved into Macomb County to face St. Clair

Shores Lake Shore and Lakeview.

Liggett usually hosted a tournament and played some Detroit Academies before heading to regionals.

The easy path to the regionals is gone and for two teams, they will have to face not just one test, but two tests to boast being district king.

Hamtramck and Detroit East English Village Prep are in the district, too. However, last spring East English Village did not participate in the district.

If all five teams participate, North, South or Liggett might have to

play a pre-district game Tuesday, May 30, before playing in the district tournament, which will most likely be Saturday, June 3.

Expect a full house to be on hand to watch the battle for Grosse Pointe baseball supremacy and expect lots of chatter this spring as fans of each school brag about how good their team is, while they bad mouth the other two programs.

I've heard this chatter for years, but now the proof will be played out on the field.

Will the small-school Knights from Liggett, winners of four state

championships in the past five years, reign supreme?

South has won one state title more than a decade ago, 2001 to be exact, but made the Division 1 Final Four in consecutive seasons in 2014 and 2015. North won two state titles, 2006 and 1980.

North and South have legendary and well respected head coaches in Frank Sumbera and Dan Griesbaum. Both have monumental win totals with Sumbera having more than 1,000 on his resume.

Liggett's head coach,

Dan Cimini, has been at the helm of the Knights for a little more than a decade and has more than 350 career victories.

Cimini petitioned the state to move up two divisions and now he and his players get their wish, playing the big boys in the state playoffs.

"I've always liked playing North and South and it's always an honor to compete against two legendary coaches in Frank Sumbera and Dan Griesbaum," Cimini said. "This will be fun, but we are in the situation where we can possibly be out in the first round or win the districts and move to the

regionals."

Both Sumbera and Griesbaum welcome the challenge, but they agree it's too bad two good teams will be eliminated in the district round of the playoffs.

In a perfect world, North, South and Liggett get their own district and win. Then, the three meet in a regional tournament and the best moves on to a quarterfinal.

So fans, start the talk about which is the best team and come out to the ballpark the first weekend in June to watch some great baseball.

May the best team win.



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### Rivals collide

Grosse Pointe North goaltender Nate Robinson, left, and Grosse Pointe South, Kevin McShane, No. 27, get to face each other Thursday, April 20, at South, and Thursday, May 4, at North. These rivals split two division games last season with each winning on their home field. North and South could meet for a third time in a Division 2 state regional game the third week of May.



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## ArtFest 2017

### South showcases award-winning work

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Forty-nine minutes in a seven-hour day. That's how much time students at Grosse Pointe South High School have to spend on their art each day, according to art department co-chairman Tom Szmrecsanyi.

The accumulation of that time was on display during ArtFest, South's annual juried student art show March 22 to 25. Results also were evident from the lengthy list of regional winners of Scholastic Art Awards sponsored by the College for Creative Studies.

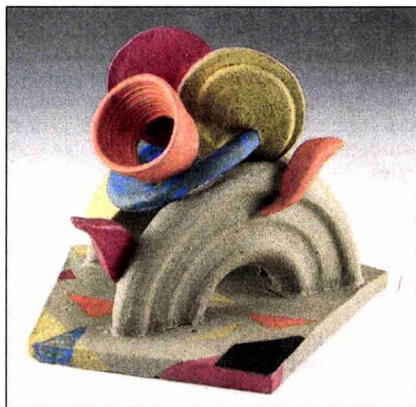
Fourteen seniors earned regional Scholastic Art Award Gold Keys for their portfolios—a record number, according to art department co-chairman Kit Aro—and were recognized in an awards ceremony at the Detroit Institute of Arts Feb. 7.

In addition, students received 58 individual awards—18 Gold Key, 14 Silver Key and 26 honorable mentions—and four garnered national recognition. Sarah Simmet and Carter Teranes won National Silver Medals for their portfolios and Megan Fordon and Gabrielle Miller received an individual National Silver Medal and National Gold Medal, respectively.

#### Time to shine

Among the Gold Key portfolio winners were five of Szmrecsanyi's ceramics students—the most he can recall in recent memory.

Szmrecsanyi—known as “Shmer” by his stu-



Pictured is a sculpture from Sarah Simmet's portfolio “Geometric Scheme,” which earned her a National Silver Medal. Simmet's ceramics teacher is Tom Szmrecsanyi.

dents—said he has worked with several of the students three and four years.

“With what we have here to work with and some guidance, they develop some skills,” he said, adding the students who submitted portfolios also log in time in class and after school to put together “a cohesive portfolio” of eight pieces.

While individual recognition is gratifying, “the biggest deal for the kids,” according to Szmrecsanyi, is ArtFest, South's annual student art show. This is their time to shine.

“It's definitely the biggest deal for me,” he said. “Every student at the school knows what the ArtFest is and every student in the art department works with that in mind.”

As far as his students' individual successes are concerned, Szmrecsanyi said, “It's about working. You just keep doing it and ideas evolve. You

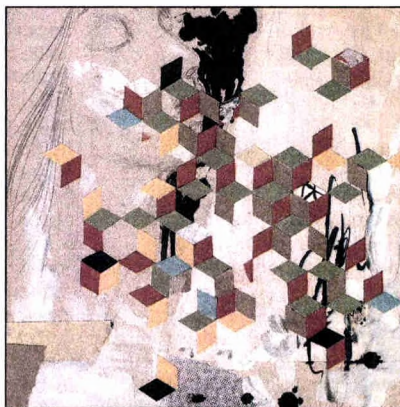
don't get anywhere without hands in the clay.”

#### Stress reliever

For Sam Rivard, who won a Gold Key for his portfolio and two individual Gold Key awards, time spent on his art represents “a littler release (from) sitting in class all day.” He makes sure his schedule each semester includes a tutorial so he has extra time to work on his ceramics projects.

“It's such a stress reliever,” said the senior. “It's just something I love to do. It's more like a passion.”

Rivard's portfolio, “Elliptical Array,” was made up of vases and bottle forms, which he said have interested him for a while. It represents a variety of glaze techniques and forms, including a technique called bubble glazing. Rivard said he created a circular bubble look by “mixing a color of glaze with water and a little bit of soap and



This mixed media artwork was included in Carter Teranes' National Silver Medal winning portfolio, “Layers and Perception.” Teranes' art teacher is Mick Buksar Cecil.

using a straw and bubbling it on.

“A combination of different types of glazes makes my pieces all a little bit different,” he continued.

In his artist statement, Rivard wrote his portfolio was never planned. “I just took some clay to the pottery wheel and experimented with what worked and what didn't.”

#### Capturing moments

Senior Abbey Schuetze said her photography, too,

was unplanned, many of her pieces capturing spontaneous moments.

“A lot of my artwork is finding beauty in the natural world,” she said.

Her Gold Key-winning photograph, “Elevation of Spirit,” captures early morning sunlight along a staircase in her church leading up to a balcony of pews.

“I managed to be there at the right time of day to have the sun coming through the stained glass,” she said.

In addition to three

years of photography, Schuetze has taken a lot of language arts classes at South, including film literature.

“Film literature helps you look at moving images and see how you can use that to convey stories,” she said. “Photo has helped me sharpen my eye and be more aware of the world around me.”

#### Stark and simple

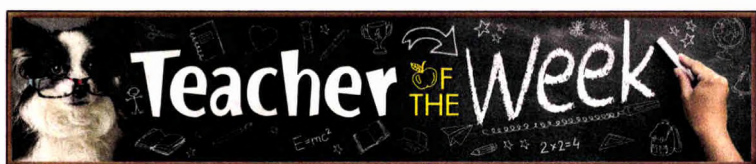
Junior Thomas Jogan was more methodical in

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Megan Fordon's digital art, “Depression,” earned her a National Silver Medal. Fordon's photography teacher is Kit Aro.



## Kristen Alles

**School:** Grosse Pointe North High School  
**Years at North:** 5

**Grade/Subject:** Freshman English and 10th grade Honors American Literature

**Nominated by:** Kate Murray, principal  
**Principal's quote:**

“Kristen is the quintessential teacher leader. Her dedication and expertise impact not only the students in her classroom, but all Norsemen. She cares deeply about the learning of all students. She has been the catalyst for several new and crucial programs here at North. She is also a kid-magnet. Her omnipresent smile and optimism encourage those around her to achieve more than they imagined for themselves.”

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

The students are the best part of teaching. They make every day enjoyable. When stu-

dents finally understand a concept or say a simple thank you for helping them, it makes the hard work of the job completely worthwhile.

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

I am most proud of my students. I'm not sure if I can pinpoint one “teachable” moment, but every time a student achieves something he/she did not think was possible is a gratifying moment. I feel as though it is my job to help students succeed academically, but it is also my job to help build them into kind, empathetic individuals. When students grow as people, and I can see that growth in four years, I am so proud of them.

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



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My fourth- and fifth-grade teacher Cheryl Teetaert inspired my love of literature and she was a wonderful, caring teacher. Also, the book “The Priority List” by David Menasche helps me maintain focus on the students, building relationships and fostering a community within my classroom.

#### Favorite quote:

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

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Learning the power of kindness Forum rescheduled

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

An act of kindness may be small, but its impact can be significant, on both the giver and the recipient.

This is the premise behind ThinkGive, a non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire young people to make giving a way of life.

Founded in 2013 in Concord, Mass., ThinkGive is based on the premise giving raises awareness, strengthens relationships, builds character and teaches right and wrong. The ThinkGive Challenge is a way for students to learn the power of kindness and value of giving in a meaningful way.

Assistant Head of Lower School Drew Mackay brought the program to fifth-graders at University Liggett School three years ago from his former school in Boston. While the program is geared to fourth- through eighth-graders, Mackay said he thinks age 10 or 11 is ideal.

"I think every child knows what it means to be kind and why it's important, but this problem really gets into how it affects others," he said. "Having that empathy learned at that age is really important. Not only is kindness to others received well and can be passed on, but it can also affect things the other way, too."

The kickoff for the program was Liggett's annual Day of Service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The challenge — made up of 14 non-consecutive days — continued through the middle of



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIGGETT

A culture of kindness creates a ripple effect, according to Assistant Head of Lower School Drew Mackay. Here students post individual acts of kindness on a bulletin board.

March, Mackay said. Each day of the challenge, students were given a prompt.

"For day one of the 14-day program, the prompt is to give a gift to yourself, the message being you can't give to others without taking care of yourself," said Penny Austen, co-founder of ThinkGive. "For fourth- and fifth-graders, it's not intuitive."

"The second day is give to your family, then give to a friend," she continued. "It gradually goes outward. Give to a peer, give to an adult you respect, give to your community, give to your environment. Give to someone you've never met towards the end — and obviously there's a safety component that comes with that."

The final prompt circles back to giving to yourself under the pro-

gram's premise giving to others is also "a gift to yourself," Austen said.

With each prompt, "there's a lesson involved, guiding the kids," Mackay said. "(Kids) not only give to a friend, but think about what does it mean to be a friend. What kind of gift can you give without giving something material, whether giving an act of kindness or going out of your way to tell your friend why you appreciate them."

"We challenge the kids to do a little more than what's easy. It's trying to build their confidence," he continued. "The whole point is to be mindful."

Each day of the challenge students log in to a ThinkGive website to chronicle their experiences and read what their classmates have been doing. The online journals promote peer-to-peer learning.

Austen said the non-profit has gathered feedback to ascertain the impact the program has had on students.

"For the most part we see an increase in pro-social identity — seeing yourself as a caring person and someone who does good," she said. Second is efficacy — "feeling a force of change, that what you do can have an impact." Another important component, while difficult to gauge, is empathy, Austen said. Finally, the program builds social connections, helping students break out of cliques.

"We don't call it an anti-bullying program, but it is," she said. "It definitely lends itself to reducing the bullying in class."

To Mackay, the importance of the program is its broader impact.

"We're trying to teach more abstractly that your actions have an effect on others," he said. "We're just trying to promote kindness and hoping (kids) see that the opposite can affect others too and we don't realize it. Also I think there's an important lesson when we don't do something, that has an effect too. We try to find instances when we might step in when we otherwise might not."

"We have a strong sense of community and kindness here at Liggett," he continued. "It's not so much that we needed to create kindness here, but we wanted to create a ripple effect. It's more about teaching the community about why we want to emphasize kindness and to build on that."

Postponed due to the power outage March 8, the Raising Global Leaders forum, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Public School System, has been rescheduled for 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, in Pierce Middle School's auditorium.

The forum will include a presentation of the GPPSS diversity plan and a panel discussion with questions moderated by the League of Women Voters. Panelists include Dr. Agustin Arbulu and Anthony Lewis of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Greg Bowns of the Grosse Pointe Harper Woods NAACP

chapter, Wayne County RESA educational consultant Ginni Winters, University of Michigan professor of social work and urban planning Barry Checkoway, GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus, attorney Mark McInerney and others still to be confirmed.

"This is going to be a continuing discussion with the community to help achieve understanding with each other," said GPPSS Board of Education President Brian Summerfield. "It's a good opportunity for the community to be involved in the discussion."

Instrumental students impress at festival

Two Grosse Pointe North High School instrumental students notched the highest scores a North student has ever received at the state festival, according to band and orchestra director David Cleveland.

Keenan Bakowski and Garrett Schreck each performed a trumpet solo before professional adjudicators at the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association state solo and ensemble festival at Chippewa Valley High School March 19, receiving a 99 and 98, respectively. This feat earned each a first-division medal for an excellent performance.

Also receiving first-division medals were Anthony Diamond — tuba solo; Kirsten Bessette, Rebecca Lubera, Clarissa Kam, Veronica Albo, Carmen Castronero, Charlee Tokarz, Nina Kozik, Sheila McNamara and B.J. Gerangaya — flute choir; Nikolas Sumnik, Joshua Motley, Joe Florance and Ryan Doss — trombone quartet; Ben Sliwinski, Audrey Rancourt and Grace Sexton — clarinet trio; Joe Florance, Hope Kujawa, Becky Lubera, Audrey Rancourt and Charlotte Nicholson — woodwind quintet; LaSean Patton — violin solo; Jordan Craighead — trumpet solo; Garrett Schreck — trumpet solo; Audrey Rancourt — clarinet solo; William Patton — trumpet solo; Keenan Bakowski — trumpet solo; LaSean Patton and Tayler Curry — string duet; Andrew Spiteri — violin solo; Jenna Buckman — trombone solo; Hope Kujawa — oboe solo and Joey Florance — bassoon solo.

The students perform at North under the direction of Cleveland, Noah Zogas and Dean Doss. Many of them also take private lessons after school.

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creating his photograph, "White Moon," which earned him a Gold Key award.

"I actually got the inspiration a few months ago when we had the big super moon," he said. "I loved the image of having such a big, bright object suspended in essentially nothing. I didn't have my camera at the time, but I wanted to recreate that .... It took me a long time to figure out how to recreate that in a manner that represents it."

He did so using a lamp and putting "cotton fluff in the bottom of it to simulate clouds."

"I hardly edited the image," he said. "I didn't make it any more black and white. I like how it turned out as a suspended image."

"I was seeking to create something in the midst of nothing," he continued.

Starkness and simplicity of form helped earn Fordon a Gold Key for her portfolio "Shades of Thought," a study on mental illness, as well as a National Silver Medal for her digital piece, "Depression." She also won individual Gold Key and Silver Key awards.

"I did a concentration on a bunch of different mental illnesses because that's always kind of fascinated me," said Fordon. "My inspiration for ('Depression') was feelings of starkness and being all by yourself. I think that portrayed that. The photo is very dark. The main subject is look-



Above, Thomas Jogan and Abbey Schuetze each earned a Gold Key for their photography, Jogan for "White Moon," left, and Schuetze for "Elevation of Spirit," right. Above right, Logan Cholody drew much of his inspiration from nature, even using sticks as handles for his signature teapots. His portfolio won a Gold Key award.

ing down. It's something I felt before so I put that in the photograph."

Inspired by nature

Senior Logan Cholody, who earned a Gold Key award for his portfolio, "Class of 2017," said he draws a lot of his inspiration from nature, even going so far as to use sticks as handles for his signature teapots.

"I like to keep a lot of things bare, taking pride in the natural beauty of things," he said. "For example, you don't need the glossiness of the glaze to make something spectacular."

In his artist's statement, he wrote, "I appreciate the raw elements of ceramics, so I often leave dramatic pull-lines in my pieces and parts of my pieces bare without glaze."

Different firing techniques — pit, raku and sagger — and texture glaze helped him achieve the appearance in his ceramic pieces of bark on a tree, veins in marble and the grain of wood.

Simmet, also a senior, believes in the rawness of her ceramic pieces, leaving parts of her work unglazed while adding color with underglaze, a technique in which decoration is applied to the surface before it is glazed.

"It takes a while, but I like the outcome," she said.

In her artist's statement for her portfolio, "Geometric Scheme," which won a National Silver Medal, Simmet described her work freshman and sophomore year as simple, but functional. Junior year she started to push the boundaries and create more elaborate pieces.

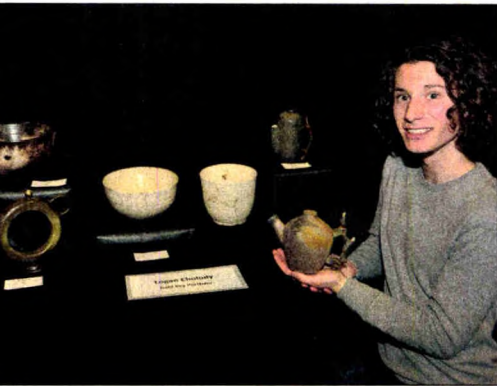
"This included balancing simple forms on top of one another and also cutting pieces apart and putting them back together," she wrote. Senior year she enrolled in AP ceramics and an independent study to focus on her love of "deconstructing and reconstructing" her artwork in a series of sculptural pieces.

Simmet wrote she "wanted to see how far I could push myself with this concept. When I start a new piece, I embrace the difficulty; I have so many cups, plates and vases in front of me and I need to find a way to make them all fit together cohesively."

A dull palette

Teranes, another National Silver Medal winner for his portfolio, "Layers and Perception," wrote in his artist's statement he worked completely with physical mediums, using ripped paper, graphite, tape, acrylic and ink to texture and layer his surfaces.

"What I hope people will take out of my work is that life and people have layers," he wrote. "Things will never work out how we intend, but that doesn't mean the alternate plan is bad. My dull color palette was to show just this. Rather than perceiving extremes in life, consider the gray areas and bask in the complexity it brings."



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Gabrielle Miller received an individual National Gold Medal for "Evanescent." Miller's teacher is Kit Aro.

National Award Winners

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- Dresses worn in S. Asia
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- Of the mouth
- Capital of Yemen
- Branches of a bone
- Very much
- TV host Leeza
- A way to change integrity
- Plants with dark green, glossy leaves

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- Seedless raisin
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- River in India
- Instinct
- Making a mistake
- "Borgias" actor Jeremy
- Phrases
- Millihenny
- Long ago
- Self-immolation by fire ritual
- Disfigure
- Horseshoe extension
- Regions
- Philippine Island
- Appropriate for a particular time
- Small constellation in the Milky Way
- Categorizes
- Malaysian boat
- Natives of Sri Lanka
- Type of vessel
- Prescribe
- Ranking
- Knickknack
- Funeral
- Mineral can be extracted from this
- Tide
- Lump in yarn
- Food on a skewer
- Letter in the Albanian alphabet
- Midway between south and west

## CLUES DOWN

- City in Washington
- Entertained
- Nakedness
- Exclamation of surprise

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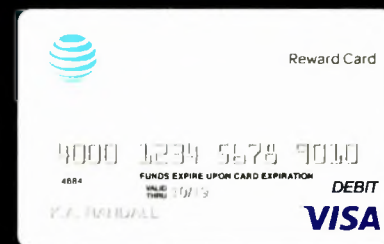
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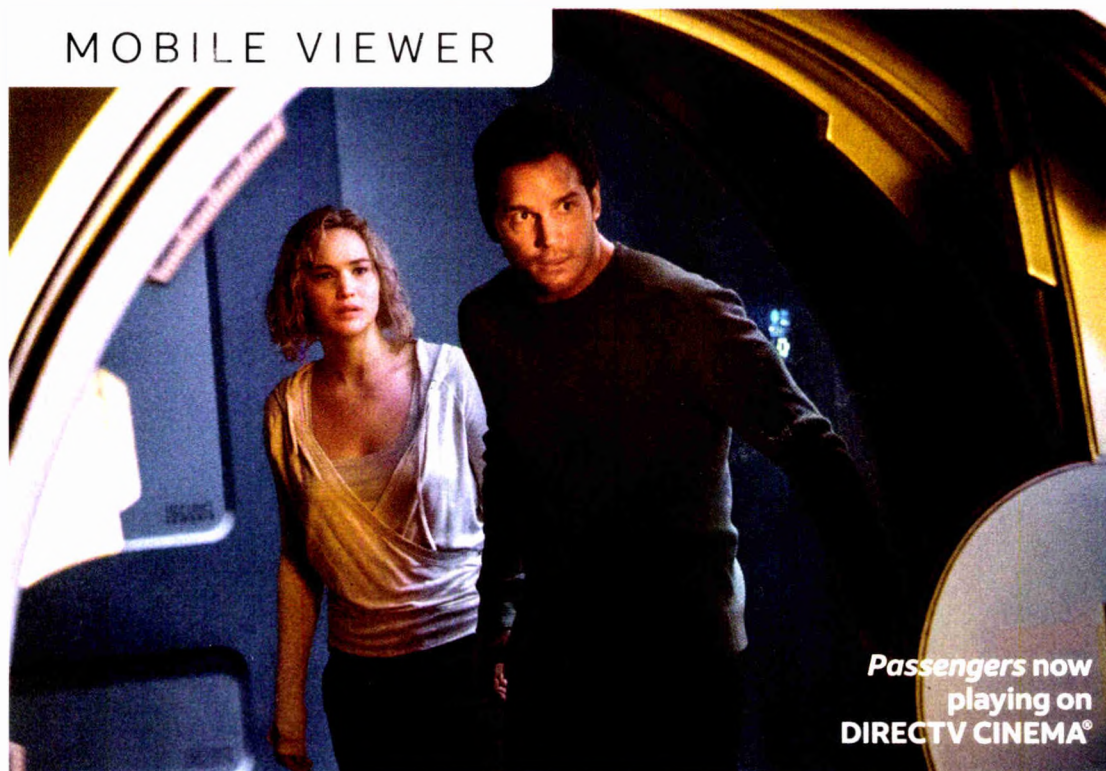
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Resources for Families, Individuals and Professionals

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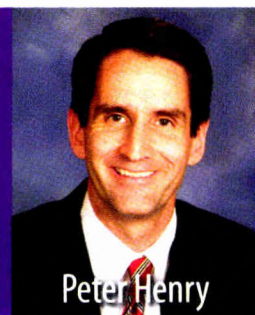
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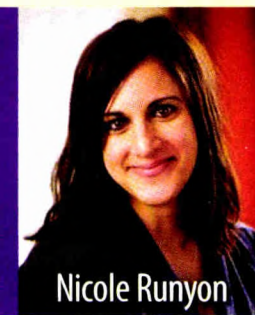
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## Targeted, Tricked and Traumatized: Victimization of Our Youth

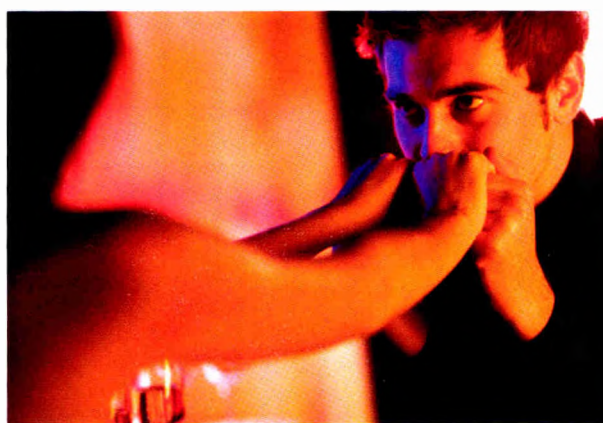
Human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation is widespread throughout the United States. In Michigan, where cases are actively prosecuted, it is happening at an alarming rate.

Defined by the Department of Homeland Security, human trafficking is: modern day slavery, exploiting a person through force, fraud or coercion, sex trafficking, forced labor and domestic servitude, any person under the age of 18 involved in a commercial sex act, and happening everywhere to any individual regardless of nationality, age, socioeconomic status or gender.

In 2015, an estimated 1 out of 5 endangered runaways reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children ([missingkids.com](http://missingkids.com)) were likely child sex trafficking victims.

Often targeted online, in public spaces like shopping malls, schools or local streets, children are tricked into trusting their new friend with gifts or promises of a loving relationship. Once suspicion and resistance are removed, the relationship's true nature is revealed. Children are traumatized and controlled with threats of violence to their families, pornographic images taken and used for blackmail, and even physical abuse or drug addiction.

*Targeted, Tricked and Traumatized continues on page 2*



## Spring Ask the Experts Talks

### Play Central

Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 9am - 11am, now through June 1, Barnes Early Childhood Center Gym

### Sexual Victimization of Our Youth: On and Off-line

March 21, 7pm, The War Memorial

### Burnout to Balance: A Mom's Guide to More Time

March 29, 10am, or May 24, 7pm, Christ Church Grosse Pointe

### The Spirituality of Taking Action: A Cooperative Approach to Lasting Recovery

April 12, 6:30pm, The War Memorial

### For Your Heirs: Preparing for Financial Circumstances of Aging and Disability

April 20, 6:30pm, Services for Older Citizens (SOC)

### Making Modern Divorced Families Work: During and After the Divorce

April 26, 7pm, Christ Church Grosse Pointe

### A Culture of Sexual Assault: Promoting Acceptable Relationships and Actions for Young Men and Women

April 27, 7pm, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

### Mindful Media Use: How to Find a Balanced Relationship with Technology

May 3, 7pm, Christ Church Grosse Pointe

### Teens and Screens: A Solution-focused Conversation

May 17, 7pm, Christ Church Grosse Pointe

### Meet & Greet for Professionals

June 8, 9:30-Noon, Grosse Pointe Congregational Church

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

## The Benefits of a Gap Year



Ask the Experts by  
Beth Walsh-Sahutske,  
MA, LPC

**Q: My daughter has some friends who graduated from her high school that took a year off before going**

**to college and now she is interested in exploring this idea. After all of this college admissions pressure, am I crazy to consider allowing her to take a break from formal education?**

A: The concept that your daughter is referencing is called Gap Year. It is almost always concentrated on a combination of education, service and personal growth.

*Gap Year continues on page 3*

## Matching Gift Opportunity!

HOLLYFEST has become one of the area's favorite events at which to start celebrating the holiday season.

For us at The Family Center, it has become our premier fundraising event and helps us maintain the level of commitment to the community that was the goal in 2000 at our inception.

In December we hosted our 14th HOLLYFEST at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. It was extremely special as we honored the efforts and commitment of our founder, Diane Strickler, and her husband, Ron Strickler, M.D.

Even more impressive was their announcement of a \$250,000 matching gift opportunity.

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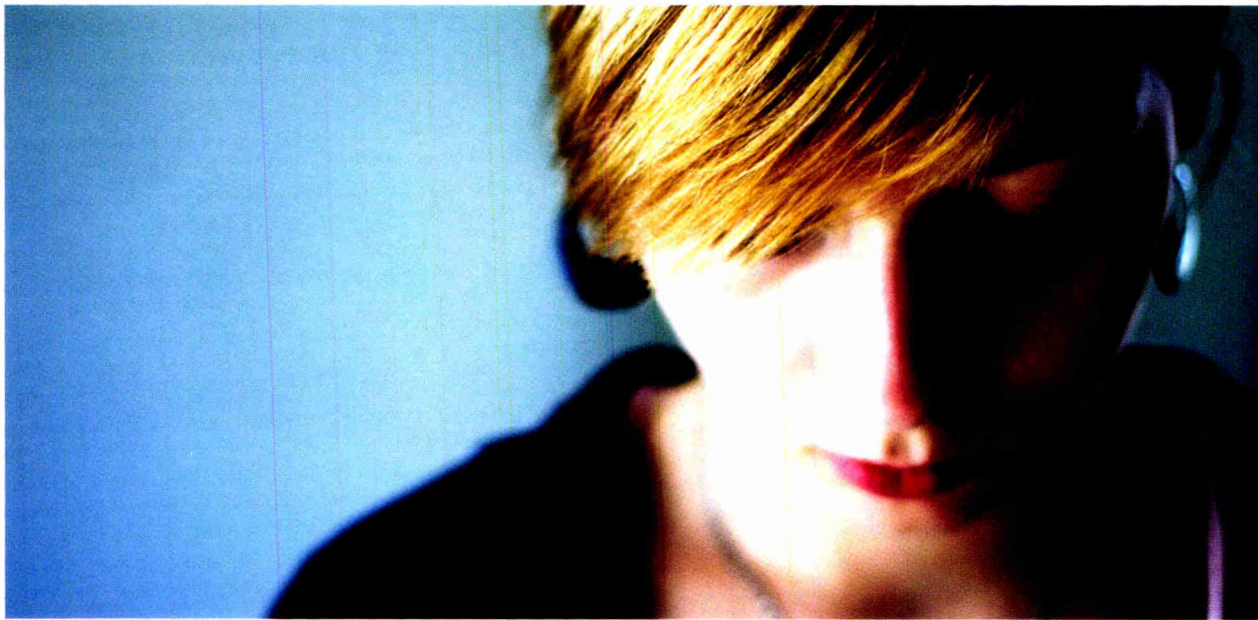
Angela Aufdemberge, president and CEO of Vista Maria, reports "the average age range for entry into commercial sexual exploitation is 12-14 for girls and 9-12 for boys. What many parents don't understand is that some children are being sexually exploited yet they are home in their beds every night. This is a crime that is hidden in plain sight. Understanding the signs that a youth is being trafficked should be a top priority for all parents, grandparents, teachers, counselors and first responders."

In Michigan, most times the victim is a girl or young woman, seen as a commodity, easy to recruit, cheap to maintain and easily replaceable. Our proximity to an international border and waterways make trafficking easier.

For the thousands of reported cases, many go unnoticed. Victims may be afraid to come forward, and we may not recognize the signs or think it doesn't happen "here."

Based on recent statistics and reports, it clearly does happen here. The FBI in Michigan worked 220 sex trafficking, or forced prostitution, cases in 2015.

Experts caution that no one is immune to this crime. It's happening in larger urban areas and small towns across the state. No age, race, gender, religion, economic class is not at risk of being victimized. Vulnerability is the only common thread among victims.



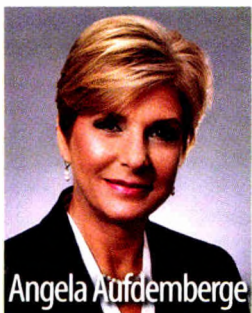
### **Sexual Victimization of Our Youth: On and Off-Line**

**Tuesday, March 21, 7pm**

Alger House at The War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms

Register: [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org) or 313.432.3832

In our continuing efforts to bring timely, relevant and important programs to our community, The Family Center, in partnership with the Grosse Pointe News and The War Memorial, is hosting "Sexual Victimization of Our Youth: On and Off-Line."



Angela Aufdemberge



F/Lt. Denise Powell



D/Sgt. Sarah Krebs

Angela Aufdemberge, president and CEO of Vista Maria, F/Lt. Denise Powell and D/Sgt. Sarah Krebs of the State of Michigan Missing Persons Clearing House present an overview of the use of the

internet and social media to lure youth into sexual acts and sexual exploitation.

They will discuss what is happening in the State of Michigan and provide information to aid parents, educators and other professionals on the ways youth are recruited, signs of victimization and how to report concerns.

Join us for this free, important event.

## Video Archives



**So you missed one of our presentations last fall?**

**Or you can't remember a specific tip a speaker gave that you found relevant?**

**Maybe you're interested in finding information on a topic and wondered if we hosted a program in the past?**

You're in luck. We know everyone is pulled in many directions and fitting everything in – in real time – is difficult.

For that reason, we videotape as many of our programs as possible for you to view and learn on your own time.

Find them on our website at [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org) or on our "FamilyCenterWeb Videos" YouTube channel.

The archive has almost 80 videos on varying topics.

Recently uploaded videos include:

*Tool or Toy: Educating Middle Level Learners on the Power of Cell Phones*

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## Gap Year

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There is a growing body of evidence it is actually preferable for many students to build this interim into their academic program for the benefits of personal experience, cultural exposure, life balance and focus.

By understanding themselves better they create their personal vision and path to success.



During a Gap Year, students take time (as short as a semester or as long as a full academic year) away from the traditional college classroom in order to have different life experiences like: international travel, community service, work or internship,

academic immersion and more. Students may explore an entrepreneurial interest or they might just explore the world.

International programs broaden horizons and expose students to cultural diversity they may not have the opportunity to experience otherwise.

The Gap Year has the potential to provide the student with time to reflect on their personal strengths and interests while building skills they will utilize in college and careers.

There are many programs where students can offer their service in local communities. The experience will provide the benefits of personal fulfillment while building skills in teamwork, communication and leadership.

Students who have invested in an internship Gap Year have reported they found great value in building a strong work ethic as they carved their own path toward a professional career.

Whether a student is working in science and engineering, social work and environmental conservation or developing technology applications, the Gap Year

provides an opportunity to expand their perspective and gain direction that give the college years meaning and focus.

There are many reputable Gap Year organizations with long histories. To research options peruse [usagapyearfairs.org](http://usagapyearfairs.org).

Whenever possible attend a Gap Year Fair. Similar to a college fair, one can hear some speakers talk about the benefits and considerations of taking a Gap Year as well as visit with representatives of various programs.

Most colleges will defer admission for a year if the student chooses this path, but be sure to check with individual colleges for requirements of deferral.

*Beth Walsh-Sahutske, MA, LPC is the chair of the counseling department at Grosse Pointe South High School where she is in her ninth year as a counselor and 18th as an educator.*

*She has guest lectured at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University and is the mother of four. Ms. Walsh-Sahutske can be reached at 313.432.3522.*

## Safe Disposal of Unused Prescriptions and Medications



*Ask the Experts by  
Ghada Abdallah, RPh*

**Q: I've been hearing a lot about teenagers using their parents' and grandparents' unused medications to get high. I also know that many of**

**the drugs cannot just be discarded in the trash. So what do I do with unused or expired meds in my home?"**

A: It is important to dispose of medications properly to help reduce harm from accidental exposure or intentional misuse. Proper disposal also protects our nation's water system.

Medications may be disposed of at a collector site (pharmacy or law enforcement take-back days), through a mail-back program, flushed (only certain medications), or disposed of in the home using a special technique.

When you decide to take your medications to a collector site, be sure to remove all personal information from the bottle. It is best to not dispose of the original bottle in the receptacle.

You should pour the contents of the bottle into the collection container, and dispose of the bottle separately.

If there are no collector sites or take-back days in your area you may:

- Mix medicines (do not crush tablets or capsules) with an unpalatable substance such as dirt, kitty litter, or used coffee grounds;
- Place the mixture in a container such as a sealed plastic bag;
- Throw the container into your household trash.

Certain medications that are potent and dangerous should always be flushed. This includes many pain medications. Unintentional ingestion of these medications, even in small amounts, can be lethal to children and pets. These types of drugs also pose a risk to the community if they land in the hands of people who intend to abuse or sell them illegally.

### **FDA: Flushable Medications List**

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/EnsuringSafeUseofMedicine/>

[SafeDisposalofMedicines/UCM337803.pdf](http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/EnsuringSafeUseofMedicine/SafeDisposalofMedicines/UCM337803.pdf)

### **DEA: Disposal Act: General Public Fact Sheet**

[http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/fact\\_sheets/disposal\\_public.pdf](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/fact_sheets/disposal_public.pdf)

### **FDA: How to Dispose of Unused Medicines**

<http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm101653.htm>

### **FDA: Disposal of Unused Medicines: What You Should Know**

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/EnsuringSafeUseofMedicine/SafeDisposalofMedicines/ucm186187.htm>

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*Abdallah is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals.*



## Matching Gift Opportunity

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Following is a portion of their words from that special night.

"The Family Center is a nonprofit organization. Those of you in business understand that when you create value for your customers, they are willing to pay for your services.

When a nonprofit creates value, for example, educating a parent who identifies a troubled teen and knows the community resources for help, there is no economic engine that gets fueled for growth and more successes.

The nonprofit world is a tale of two businesses: the mission which has social value without economic rewards, and economic survival which requires charitable subsidies.

The Family Center is in the hands of good people who are giving value to our community through program excellence.

Diane and I wish to jump-start The Family Center's economic survival. We offer an opportunity - a pledge to match the gifts of all investors for the first quarter-million dollars.

We believe passionately in the mission of The Family Center: linking families to the resources needed for health and growth. Why? Because Diane, whose careers as a nurse, stay-at-home mom who volunteered in child-enrichment programs and social worker before she founded The Family Center, and because

myself, a physician who helps couples become parents, have seen that parenting is the one job in life that you can undertake without any training or skill, without any degree or license, without an interview or review. And once hired, you are the boss who can never quit, never take back that decision to parent, and never abandon the child you created.

Join us to make The Family Center a resource for parents and children, a beacon for hope through learning, for generations to come. Make The Family Center our story without end."

**Your contribution to The Family Center will be doubled through the generosity of founder Diane Strickler and her husband Ron Strickler, M.D. Every dollar received will be matched through June 30, 2017. Your \$50 gift becomes \$100, your \$100 gift becomes \$200!**

**Your donation could help protect a teen and prevent a suicide. Your pledge can open the eyes of a parent to substance abuse. Your dollars will build bridges of understanding from children to adults to grandparents. Your gift enriches our community through stronger families.**

Make a tax-deductible donation today and celebrate a wonderful matching opportunity from the Stricklers.

You can use the envelope included with the newsletter, donate directly online at [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org) or call 313.432.3832.

## We Help People

Thousands of people look to The Family Center every month for timely and relevant resources from a trusted source.

*How do we help? Mothers of newborns have found ways to help their baby sleep all night. Parents of teenagers learned how to plan the college selection process. Adult children have found ways to select in-home care for elderly parents. All of this with help from Family Center resources:*



**Ask the Experts Articles** written by physicians, educators and counselors appear every week in the Grosse Pointe News.

Topics address the entire spectrum of family life. Hundreds of articles are online at [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org).



**Ask the Experts Talks** bring talented speakers who educate and engage audiences in an evening of intensive discussion on a single topic. Talks are held at community venues throughout the Grosse Pointes.



**Ask the Experts Videos** of many Talks are online at our YouTube channel and aired on The War Memorial's WMTV.



**Association of Professionals** online directory provides 24/7 access to connect with local mental health practitioners, specialized services, organizations, senior services, schools, faith community members and businesses.



**Play Central** is a weekly drop-in play program that allows children to be active and caregivers to socialize.

Play Central runs from 9-11am, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, October 5th through June 1st, in the gym at Barnes Early Childhood Center on Morningside in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org) for articles, events calendar and social media links.



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## Tax Efficient Charitable Giving: Win/Win



Ask the Experts by  
Suzanne Antonelli, CFP®

Donations to a qualified tax-exempt organization may only be claimed as a deduction if you itemize expenses.

If you claim the standard deduction, your charitable gift will not reduce your federal tax burden. Also, with the change in tax law that took effect in 2013, higher income taxpayers may not get the full benefit of their total itemized deductions.

Regardless of deductibility, there are effective strategies for charitable giving that are more tax efficient than merely writing a check.



### Gifting Appreciated Securities

Gifting appreciated securities avoids the capital gains tax that would be due if you sold the securities.

You purchased 5,000 shares of XYZ stock in December 2005 for \$1.36 for a total cost of \$6,800. Today, that same stock is now worth \$115.00 per share, or \$575,000 with a capital gain of \$568,200.

If you sell the shares to donate cash, your capital gain is taxed at 20% in addition to a 3.8% Medicare surtax for those in the highest tax brackets, or \$135,231 (23.8%); State of Michigan taxes are \$24,140 (4.25%) and your net contribution is \$415,629.

If you made a direct gift of the shares to the charity they get the full benefit of the market value of the shares, \$575,000, and could sell the shares with no tax liability.

In other words, by making the direct gift you are gifting what would be the tax liability to the charity, rather than paying the funds to the tax authorities!

In addition, you get to deduct the full market value of the gift (consult your tax advisor; you may have to carry forward a portion of the deduction to future years).

### Gifting Directly from an IRA

Owners of an IRA that are over age 70 ½ are subject to Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). If you do not require the annual withdrawal for living expenses, you are able to directly transfer up to \$100,000 of your annual RMD to a qualified charity. Your philanthropic wishes are met, plus the \$100,000 is not subject to income taxes.

When making philanthropic gifts it is important to keep adequate records of gifts, as the IRS requires supporting documentation if audited. Any monetary gift with a value in excess of \$250 requires a receipt from the charity.

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## Association of Professionals



Part of the mission of The Family Center is to have resources available and accessible to families.

To that end, the Association of Professionals

(AOP) was formed. The AOP continues to be a source for families and individuals seeking information and connections with professionals who can help them.

Familycenterweb.org houses an expansive listing of professionals and organizations in various fields. Categories include:

- Mental Health Practitioners
- Caregiver/Senior Care Services
- Specialized Services
- Organizations
- Schools
- Faith
- Businesses
- Attorneys
- Dentistry (Pediatric Specialty)
- Optometry and Specialized Optometry Services

This guide is designed for users to quickly and confidentially connect with local professionals who strive to be the best in their field. Complete contact information, practice statement, professional qualifications, personal information and a photo, if provided, are included in the profile listing.

Recent additions to the AOP membership roster include Rose Hill Center, A.H. Peters Funeral Home, WCCCD, Miracle Ear, and Fuller Potentials Coaching to name a few.



Other, longer-standing memberships include Northeast Guidance Center, Brighton Center for Recovery, CARE of Southeastern Michigan, RLAC (Reading & Language Arts Center), Thrive In-Home

Counseling, many clinical therapists, dentists, senior care professionals and facilities, financial advisors, suicide prevention support organizations, baby care, and many more.



Brighton Center for Recovery



All membership profiles can be found at familycenterweb.org under "Resources and Referrals."

The Family Center takes great pride in these strong relationships. The abilities and programs available to those seeking support through the AOP are essential to strong families and strong communities.

Through our AOP relationships, we are able to offer programs presented by experts in many fields, host programs at sites throughout the community, provide weekly columns on varying topics, and most importantly, provide important information to families reaching out to us for help.

If you are a professional working with families and individuals and wish to find out more about the AOP, email [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org) for an informational package.

## Community Partnerships

The Family Center relies on strong relationships with other community agencies and organizations. Whether the partnership involves hosting programs at welcoming locations throughout our area, working together to bring a widely-known speaker to town, sharing information on programs to prevent duplication, or being supportive of programs and activities of our partner organizations, The Family Center could not continue without the dedicated commitment of others.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is essential in publicizing important information to its families, and opening doors for program locations. The faith community helps The Family Center in much the same way. The War Memorial has partnered with The Family Center on varying programs as part of their *This Americana* series. SOC (Services for Older Citizens) opens its doors throughout the year for Family Center programs.

One specific highlight this past year was a program we were able to bring to Harper Woods High School. Through our relationship with St. John Providence Brighton Center for Recovery, we helped coordinate a special presentation to more than 600 students in grades 9-12.



Mark Lundholm and Tommy "Gunz" Kraus visited the school on December 1st during a tour of schools in Michigan. Lundholm is a recovering addict who takes his story of working his way up - literally from the gutter - and makes it into a very real, very powerful, comedic message people can relate to.

Tommy Gunz is a self-described "conscious, hip-hop lyricist and performing artist in recovery." He is a Lyrical Life Coach and a group facilitator at The Recovery Unplugged® Treatment Center.

Deborah Whitelow, parent & community engagement specialist at Harper Woods Middle and High Schools, said: "The entire school was in attendance along with the staff and administration. Everyone was excited and thrilled with the presentation. The presenters had a powerful message to share."



## Seniors Benefit from Sharing in Family Meals



*Ask the Experts by  
Marian Battersby*

**Q: I often feel bad that I do not include my elderly father in our family meals.**

**So many things intervene and I feel overwhelmed at**

**the prospect of coordinating these events. How can I make this happen?**

A: You are not alone with your frustration. A recent survey by Home Instead, Inc. in North America indicated challenges.

Approximately 50% of those surveyed do not have enough sit-down dinners with their senior relatives. This is true even when the senior lives within five miles.

The biggest obstacles were conflicting schedules (52%) and time constraints (40%). Most families today are very busy juggling children, jobs and caregiving responsibilities.

Making the effort can be rewarding to all. Eating with multigenerational family members is a good way to

reconnect and get to know each other better. Younger family members build stronger bonds with older family members. Senior relatives can share life experiences to enrich those present.

An added benefit is that seniors eat better when eating with others. It is not what is on the plate, but who is at the table.

Family dinners can be a team effort. Invite your senior to pick out a recipe, have a grandchild provide rides to and from their home. Involve seniors and grandchildren in the preparation of the meal.

Let your senior sit in a place where they can participate in conversations. Encourage children to share something special or address an experience as a family.

To assist families in this worthy endeavor, Home Instead, Inc. has developed a website with a multitude of topics. Conversation starters, activity suggestions, and meal planning guides are available.

Traditional family recipes have been developed by Food Network celebrity chef Melissa d'Arabian are made simple and delicious for all to enjoy.



To access all of these aids, visit [sundaydinnerpledge.com](http://sundaydinnerpledge.com).

Make family dinners fun!

*Marian Battersby is the franchise owner of Home Instead Senior Care, an accredited non-medical home care agency located in Grosse Pointe Woods. She is a certified senior advisor and a certified dementia practitioner. Battersby can be reached at 313.647.9682.*

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## Identity Theft a Concern for Seniors



*Ask the Experts by  
Carolyn Van Dorn*

**Q: My mom has recently moved into a nursing care facility and I have power of attorney over her finances.**

**Do I still need to be concerned about identity theft for her?**

A: Absolutely! Identity theft tops the list of consumer complaints reported to the FTC and other enforcement agencies every year. This type of crime has no age boundaries.

Social security numbers (regardless of age of holder) can be used by thieves to apply for government benefits, open bank accounts and apply for a loan or utility service.

Some consider the senior population to be easy targets due to the fact they are normally financially stable and less likely to be opening new lines of credit.

Most seniors also do not routinely check the status of their credit report, which allows for a lower probability of fraud detection.

There are options available for you to protect yourself and your family. You can learn how to monitor your history on your own or register with a credit monitoring service. If you choose to use a service, take the time to do a little research to verify it is a reputable company.

Engaging a credit monitoring service in advance of an issue can eliminate the headache of clearing up damaged credit due to identity theft. The FTC also has free materials you can order directly to help you protect yourself or clear up an issue. You can find the materials at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

The FTC materials are also available at Nursing Unlimited's office on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Visit the News and Articles tab at [www.nursingunlimitedonline.com](http://www.nursingunlimitedonline.com) to view what is available and for a list of helpful web links.

*Carolyn Van Dorn, CDP, is the director of client and employee relations at Nursing Unlimited in Grosse Pointe Woods. She has worked in the medical field since 1984 with a goal of educating families and caregivers about the services available to help them maintain a balanced home*

*while caring for a loved one in need. Contact Carolyn at 313.642.1122 or [cvandorn@nursingunlimitedonline.com](mailto:cvandorn@nursingunlimitedonline.com).*

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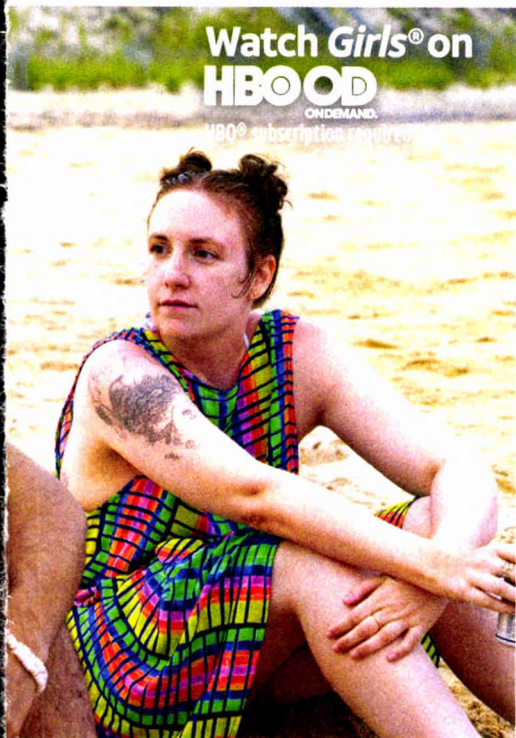


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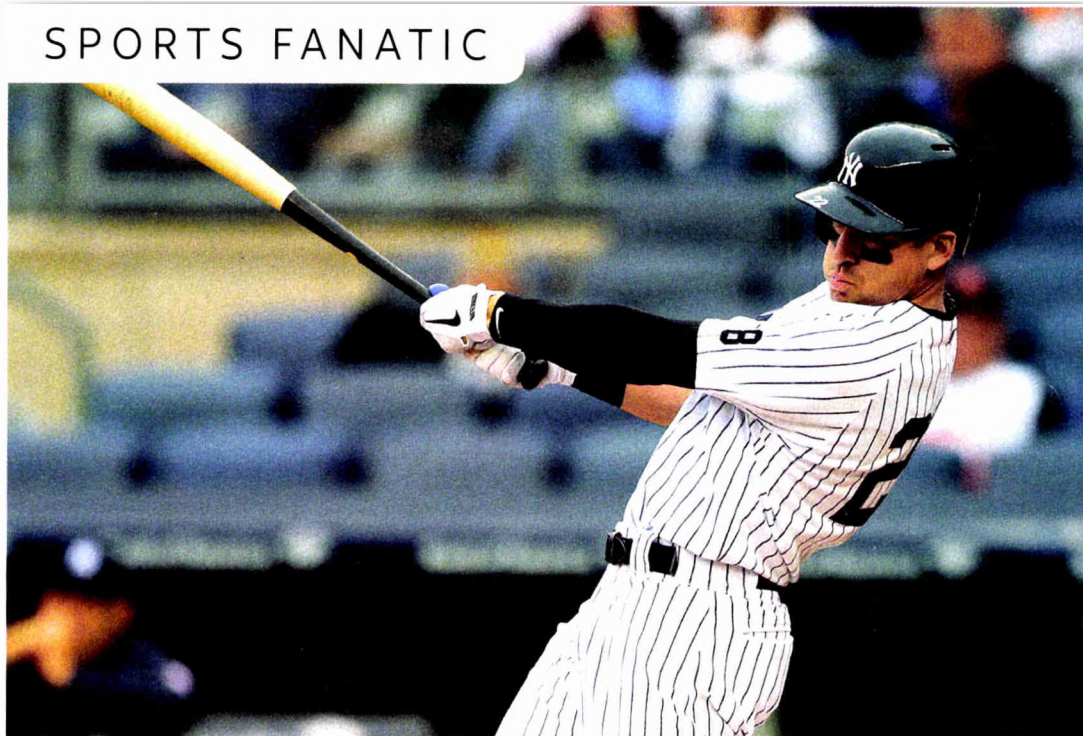
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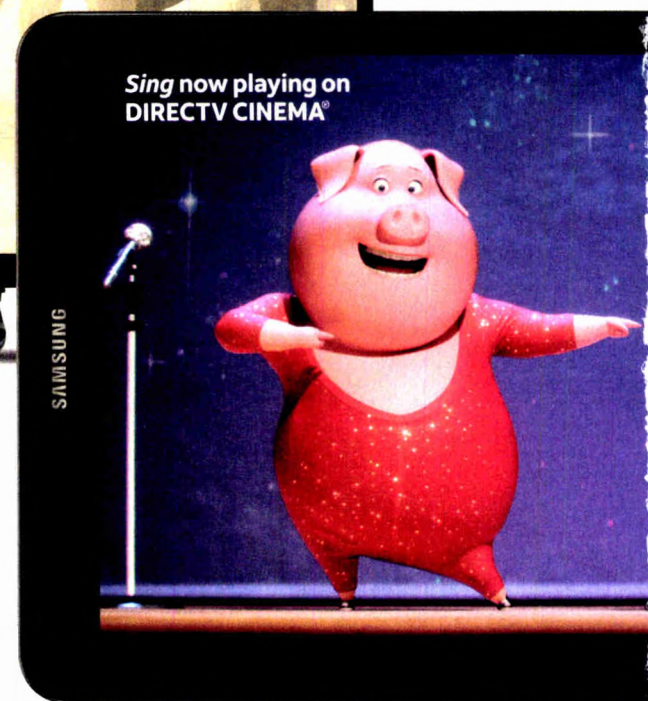
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AT&T gives you crystal-clear digital home phone with local and nationwide calling! Plus, you'll get Voicemail included and 20 features including:

- Caller ID
- Call History
- Call Waiting
- Three-Way Calling



Geographic and service restrictions apply to AT&T services. Call or go to [www.att.com](http://www.att.com) to see if you qualify.

**\*\$100 Reward Card** for purchase of qualifying SELECT Package and above. For new residential customers. **Reward Card:** Will be sent letter with redemption requirements. Redemption req'd w/in 75 days from reward notification mail date. Reward Card delivered within 3-4 weeks after redemption to customers who maintain qualifying service from installation date and through reward fulfillment. Card expires at month-end 6 mos. after issuance. No cash access. For cardholder agreement, go to [rewardcenter.att.com/myreward/agreementFSV.pdf](http://rewardcenter.att.com/myreward/agreementFSV.pdf). AT&T Reward Card issued by U.S. Bank National Association, pursuant to license from Visa U.S.A. Inc. May not be combined with other promotional offers on same services. **Offer ends 3/31/17.**

**2-YEAR PRICE OFFERS:** Offers extended to 5/20/17. **\$50 2-YR SELECT All Included Package Price:** New DIRECTV residential customers who bundle w/ eligible new or existing High Speed Internet/AT&T Phone. Price includes SELECT All Included TV Package and monthly fees for a Genie HD DVR + up to three (3) add'l receivers. **Internet:** 12 mo. agmt req'd. Prorated ETF (up to \$180) and Equipment Non-Return fees apply. **\$80 2-YR BUNDLE PRICE:** Price includes SELECT All Included Package (\$50/mo.) and Internet plans (768k-45M) (\$30/mo.) and monthly fees for Wi-Fi Gateway and a Genie HD DVR + up to three (3) add'l receivers. **\$89.99 2-YR BUNDLE PRICE:** Price includes SELECT All Included Package (\$50/mo.), Internet plans (768k-45M) (\$30/mo.) and Phone Unlimited North America (\$9.99/mo.) and monthly fees for Wi-Fi Gateway and a Genie HD DVR + up to three (3) add'l receivers. Must maintain all bundled services for 24 mos. to receive advertised pricing. After 24 mos., then-prevailing monthly rates apply, unless canceled or changed by customer prior to end of the promotional period. Pricing excludes taxes, add'l equip fees and other charges. Some offers may not be available through all channels and in select areas.

†Must maintain a bundle of TV and Internet on a combined bill in order to receive unlimited data allowance at no add'l charge. For more info, go to [www.att.com/internet-usage](http://www.att.com/internet-usage).

**DIRECTV SVC TERMS:** Subject to Equipment Lease & Customer Agreements. Must maintain a min. base TV pkg of \$29.99/mo. **Add'l Fees & Terms:** \$19.95 Handling & Delivery fee, \$35 activation fee and other fees may apply. Programming, pricing, terms and conditions subject to change at any time. Visit [directv.com/legal](http://directv.com/legal) for details.

**AT&T PHONE:** AT&T Phone service is provided over an Internet Protocol connection powered by electricity in your home. AT&T Phone service, including 911 dialing, will not function during a power outage without battery backup power. It is your responsibility to purchase any necessary battery backup units for your service. Caller ID may not always be available for all calls. AT&T Voicemail may not be fully compatible with all AT&T wireless voicemail systems. Phone Unlimited North America: Includes unlimited nationwide calling within the U.S., plus calls to Canada, Mexico and U.S. Territories; otherwise, per minute rates apply. An additional per minute rate applies to international calls terminating on mobile phones.

**GENIE HD DVR UPGRADE OFFER:** Includes instant rebates on one Genie HD DVR and up to 3 Genie Minis. Req's SELECT Pkg or above; OPTIMO MAS Pkg or above; or any int'l service bundle w/ PREFERRED CHOICE Pkg. **\$99 fee applies for Wireless Genie Mini (model C41W) upgrade.** Whole-Home HD DVR functionality req's an HD DVR connected to one television and a Genie Mini, H2S HD Receiver(s) or a DIRECTV Ready TV/Device in each additional room. Limit of three remote viewings per HD DVR at a time. Visit [directv.com/genie](http://directv.com/genie) for complete details.



# & PHONE

Switch to AT&T and enjoy the ultimate connection whether you're online or on the phone.

THE BEST INTERNET & PHONE

## High Speed Internet

Get unlimited Internet data when you bundle High Speed Internet with DIRECTV!

PLUS, GET ALL THIS AT NO EXTRA COST!

### McAfee SECURITY SUITE

Protect your computer with AT&T Internet Security Suite powered by McAfee®—a \$60 value.

### AT&T WI-FI GATEWAY





Using the AT&T Wi-Fi Gateway with your Internet-connected devices will save on your mobile data usage at home.\*\*

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### AT&T WI-FI HOT SPOTS

Connect to AT&T Wi-Fi Hot Spots in thousands of locations across the U.S. and around the globe.\*

AT&T High Speed Internet delivers all the speed you need. **ASK HOW!**

	18 Mbps	24 Mbps	45 Mbps
  <b>DOWNLOAD 10 SONGS</b>	19 sec	14 sec	7 sec
 <b>DOWNLOAD SHORT VIDEO (SD, 4 min)</b>	22 sec	16 sec	8.7 sec
 <b>DOWNLOAD FAVORITE TV SHOW (SD, 30 min)</b> <small>Westworld on HBO® HBO® subscription required.</small>	—	—	65 sec

Speed/time examples are estimates. Availability limited to select areas. Speeds may vary and are not guaranteed. Internet speed claims represent maximum network service capability speeds. Actual customer speeds may vary and are not guaranteed. Actual speeds vary based on factors including site traffic, content provider server capacity, internal network management factors, device capabilities, and use of other U-verse services. For more info, go to [att.com/speed101](http://att.com/speed101).

**††DATA FREE TV:** Residential DIRECTV & select wireless customers in the U.S. (excludes P.R. and U.S.V.I.). In-App streaming does not count against your data allotments. **Exclusions apply & may incur data usage.** Will receive Bonus Data to help cover data usage for exclusions. **Elig. Wireless:** Requires active AT&T postpaid data service on elig. device. Use subject to wireless service terms including those related to data speed. Streaming may not work at reduced speeds. **Offer, functions & programming subject to change & may be discontinued without notice at any time.** See [att.com/datafreetv](http://att.com/datafreetv) for details. **1. DIRECTV App and Mobile DVR** are available to U.S. Residential DIRECTV customers (excludes P.R. and U.S.V.I.) who stream on a compatible device using the DIRECTV App. App uses location info. To stream from your DVR, you must have a Genie HD DVR model HR44 or higher that is connected to the Internet at the time you stream or download from it to your device. To download, your mobile device and DVR must both be connected to your Wi-Fi network. Wi-Fi data usage charges may apply. Some Limits: Mature, music, Pay Per View and some On Demand content are not available. Live-streaming channels are based on your package & location. Your DVR can stream to one mobile device at a time. Rewind and fast forward may not work. All functions and programming subject to change at any time. **INSTALLATION:** Standard professional installation included in up to four rooms only. Custom installation extra. Applicable use tax adjustment may apply on the retail value of the installation.

**DIRECTV CINEMA/ON DEMAND:** Access to available DIRECTV On Demand programming is based on package selection. Actual number of shows and movies will vary. Additional fees apply for new releases. Some DIRECTV CINEMA/On Demand content requires an HD DVR (HR20 or later) or DVR (R22 or later), DIRECTV CINEMA Connection Kit and broadband Internet service with speeds of 750 kbps or higher and a network router with an available Ethernet port. Downloading On Demand content may count against your data plan allowance. Visit [directv.com/movies](http://directv.com/movies) for details. Standard text message & data rates apply when ordering by text. An additional \$5 charge applies for an operator-assisted order. Purchases via remote control will only be accessible on the TV and will not be accessible on any other device. To order Pay Per View programming with your remote control, all the DIRECTV receivers must be continually connected to the same landline and/or the Internet. To order Pay Per View programming, a DIRECTV subscription is required. Programming, pricing, terms and conditions subject to change at any time. Pricing residential. Taxes not included. **HD:** HD television req'd. Number of HD channels based on TV plan.

Offers may not be combined with other promotional offers on the same services and may be modified or discontinued at any time without notice. Other conditions apply to all offers. \*Access includes: AT&T Wi-Fi Basic. Wi-Fi enabled device required. Other restrictions apply. See [www.attwifi.com](http://www.attwifi.com) for details and locations. \*\*Use of Wi-Fi at home will count towards your Internet usage data plan. Additional charges may apply for usage in excess of your data plan. NFL, the NFL Shield design and the NFL SUNDAY TICKET name and logo are registered trademarks of the NFL and its affiliates. **COPYRIGHTS:** Fences (rated PG-13): ©2017 Paramount Pictures. All Rights Reserved. Passengers: ©2016 Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc., LSC Film Corporation, Village Roadshow Films Global Inc., and Wanda Culture Holding Co., Ltd. All Rights Reserved. Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: ©2017 Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. Harry Potter and Fantastic Beasts Publishing Rights ©J.K.R. All Rights Reserved. Sing: ©2016 Universal Studios. All Rights Reserved. HBO® CINEMAX® and related channels and service marks are the property of Home Box Office, Inc. ©2017 AT&T Intellectual Property. All Rights Reserved. AT&T, Globe logo, DIRECTV and all other DIRECTV marks contained herein are trademarks of AT&T Intellectual Property and/or AT&T affiliated companies. All other marks are the property of their respective owners.





# 2 YEAR PRICE GUARANTEE

Choose the all-included package that's right for you!

TV  
PACKAGE

**\$50<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH  
PLUS TAXES  
**FOR 2 YEARS**  
WITH QUALIFYING AT&T SERVICE

W/ 24-mo. TV agmt.\* Price for SELECT™ All Included Package.

## □ DIRECTV

- 150+ Channels
- Connect 4 TVs
- HD DVR service INCLUDED
- Plus, pro install INCLUDED

TV +  
INTERNET  
BUNDLE

**\$80<sup>00</sup>**  
MONTH  
PLUS TAXES  
**FOR 2 YEARS**

W/ 24-mo. TV, 12-mo. Internet agmts & combined billing.\*  
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- Enjoy over 99% reliability and consistently fast speeds  
(Claims based on U-verse High Speed Internet service.)
- Includes unlimited data allowance at no additional charge†

TV +  
INTERNET +  
AT&T PHONE  
BUNDLE

**\$89<sup>99</sup>**  
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ALL DIRECTV OFFERS REQUIRE 24-MO. TV AGREEMENT. BUNDLED INTERNET OFFER REQUIRES 12-MO. INTERNET AGREEMENT. FOR DIRECTV, AN EARLY TERMINATION FEE OF \$20/MO. FOR EACH MONTH REMAINING IN AGMT APPLIES. FOR INTERNET, AN EARLY TERMINATION FEE OF \$15/MO. FOR EACH MONTH REMAINING IN AGMT APPLIES. EQUIPMENT NON-RETURN FEES & ADD'L FEES APPLY.

\*New approved DIRECTV customers only (equipment lease req'd). \$50 SELECT™ All Included Package offer requires other qualifying AT&T svc during 2nd year.

For bundles, must maintain all qualifying svcs to receive advertised pricing during 2nd year. Credit card req'd. See inside for full offer details.

PLEASE CALL NOW TO GET A **\$100**  
AT&T VISA® REWARD CARD!†

W/ 24-mo. agmt. Redemption req'd. Offer ends 3/31/17.



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