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## Hepatitis A scare shocks restaurants

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK and WOODS** — The owners of Cabbage Patch Cafe and Catering, Pam and Keith Dziedzic, are blown away by the community support they've received the last week.

They closed their restaurant late last week after voluntarily reporting to the Wayne County Department of Health, Veterans and Community Wellness one of their employees contracted Hepatitis A.

Since then, they've received Hepatitis A vaccines, sanitized the entire restaurant and cleared out every piece of food.

Where the employee picked up the liver disease is still unclear. It could have come from any number of sources. Every purveyor and vendor for the cafe was reported to the health department for investigation.

Pam Dziedzic, who grew up in the Pointes, is heart-stricken by the situation.

"I grew up in this area," Dziedzic said. "I hold this area very close to my heart. I ran my business to the highest standard. Unfortunately, it hit our place. It's not negligence on my part. It's not uncleanliness. It has nothing to do with that."

However, the support

from customers and the community, the people who know her and her business, has been tremendous, she said. Christ Church opened its commercial kitchen for her so she could cater events over the weekend. The Tompkins Community Center opened its doors for an event originally scheduled to take place at the restaurant. Dziedzic said she has been receiving supportive messages from customers and a liver specialist at a catering event said the media blew it out of proportion.

Uncle Paul's Pizza in Grosse Pointe Woods, erroneously reported as having the same owner, also closed temporarily. They share the employee.

Dr. Ruta Sharangpani, medical director of the Wayne County Department of Health, Veterans and Community Wellness, advised residents who have eaten at these establishments between Tuesday, Aug. 1, and Friday, Sept. 29, to monitor themselves for Hepatitis A symptoms, which could appear any time from 15 to 50 days from the time of exposure.

"Symptoms include abdominal pain, nausea, diarrhea, fever and chills and yellowing of the eyes and skin," she said. "Children can be asymptomatic."

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## South celebration

Above, 2017 Grosse Pointe South High School Homecoming Queen Julia Rapai awaits an embrace from friends as her father, Bill Rapai, and sister, Maggie Rapai, stand beside her. Left, members of the senior class cheer as they move down the parade route. For more photos, see page 11A

PHOTOS BY JOHN MCTAGGART

## Traffic safety grant awarded

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — For the second consecutive year, Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety received a traffic safety grant from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. In effect for the state's fiscal year Oct. 1 through Sept. 30,

2018, grant funding will expand the department's resources and allow for overtime detail to support safer roads in the community.

The grant provides public safety additional support in reducing traffic crashes, especially in high-crash areas and situations, said Woods public safety detective Ryan Schroerlucke. This

support allows for special patrols for enforcing impaired driving, distracted driving, speed enforcement and other dangerous traffic infractions such as running a red light.

"We can't use this grant for anything other than these specific details for traffic enforcement," said Schroerlucke.

During October, additional support detail funded by the grant will be dedicated to speed enforcement and seat-belt enforcement, especially in school zones.

From Nov. 26 through Jan. 1, 2018, grant monies will support the prevention of impaired driving. Other enforcement

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The Best in Show award went to a 1970 Plymouth Roadrunner 446-6 pack owned by Tom Davies.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ED WUJEK

## Concours D'Elegance a success

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Beautiful weather contributed to a large turnout of 778 at the 10th annual Grosse Pointe Concours D'Elegance Sunday, Sept. 29, at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park.

The classic car show hosted by the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation began with a car parade ending at Pier Park, where the cars were displayed

for enthusiasts to view up close. Admission was free.

Residents of the Grosse Pointe communities entered approximately 100 classic cars into the show this year. Judging them were Farms Foundation board members Ed Wujek, Jeff Huebner and Duncan Campbell.

The 2017 Best in Show winner was Tom Davies' 1970 Plymouth Roadrunner 446-6 pack. For Best in Show, Wujek said judges assessed entrants

for a variety of factors, including "the condition of the car, the general excitement around the car, the work put into the car, the story behind it, etc."

The 2017 People's Choice winner was George Jerome Jr.'s 1985 Ferrari 308 GTS QV. For People's Choice, the judges observed commentary among visitors "to establish where the most buzz is," Wujek said.

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# Howlers and Growlers looks for October opening

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The bar is in. The tables are awaiting their first patrons, the taps awaiting the first beer to be poured. They say it's almost there. They are Charles Loredo and Kevin Beard, proprietors of Howlers and Growlers on Charlevoix at Beaconsfield, where Sunrise Sunset Saloon once stood.

It's been a long time coming. The cousins first started throwing around the idea of opening a bar at a family party in 2013. Michigan had just passed legislation allowing establishments other than breweries to fill up growlers, a gallon of beer to take home. For the craft beer lovers, the idea of going someplace and taking home a growler sparked the idea to open a fill station in Grosse Pointe.

"At the party, I threw it out there saying this is a great idea, we should do something like that," Beard said. "Then Charles came back a day or two later and said, 'were you serious about that?'"

He was and so the hunt for a location started. They found the spot at the corner of Charlevoix and Beaconsfield and like any good idea, the concept went from a simple fill station to the space they have now.

"We very much believe in being community based," Loredo said. "We want this to feel like a communal space."

But it's all about the beer. With 40 taps and plans to continually rotate the selection, there won't be a shortage of high-quality craft beer from around the country.

"There's not many around with 40, and the ones that are around with 40 are pretty much dedicated to specific beers all year long. So we get the opportunity to not do that," Beard said. "It's exciting to meet with a brewery like Odd Side Ales, which has 12 bottled beers but 52 in kegs. So we are able to bring those kegs out to you who wouldn't be able to experience it unless you went to the brewery. That's our big focus, getting those beers you'll never try anywhere else in this area."

For wine lovers, they also will have wine on tap.

The food menu will feature appetizers, sandwiches, burgers and other standard bar fare. But quality is important to Loredo and Beard. Chef John Thurman will be in charge of the kitchen. He's planning on working with Eastern Market proprietors to come up with the freshest, seasonal dishes.

"We talk about it on a regular basis," Loredo said. "We want the food to be good and enjoyable and fitting for where we are. But, we want to keep the price reasonable. Our burger is a higher quality grind, but the portions are going to be smaller to keep it reasonable. Personally, I don't like going to get a giant burger that's \$15 that's over a half pound. It's just too much."

"We want you to be able to drink three beers," Beard said. "I always tell people we are a bar with food, we aren't a restaurant with beer. So at the end of the day we want to control the portions so you're not overeating and unable to enjoy the beer."

Howlers and Growlers plans to open in October.



**Wild Birds GP owner Rosann Kovalcik and WB founder and CEO Jim Carpenter.**

# Wild Birds GP celebrates 25 years

Wild Birds Unlimited in Grosse Pointe Woods celebrates its latest business milestone with a 25th anniversary celebration Thursday, Oct. 5, through Sunday, Oct. 8. Business owner Rosann Kovalcik opened her store in 1992, inspired by the franchise's mission to "bring people and nature together." Since

then, she has built a loyal customer following, transforming the hobby of backyard bird watching into a platform for education and community involvement.

"It feels like a huge accomplishment because so many people don't stay in business that

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# Michigan AG Schuette to speak

Rich Shetler, chairman of the Eastside Republican Club political action committee, recently announced Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette as guest speaker for the PAC's annual fundraiser to benefit local candidates.

The dinner event begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at the Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Shetler, a Grosse Pointe Woods councilman, invited local supporters to attend.

"With voters going to the polls next year to elect a U.S. senator and statewide races for governor and attorney general, I encourage all local Republicans to get Bill Schuette's perspective on what's ahead for the campaign," Shetler said.

Tickets are \$60 per person. According to Shetler, proceeds will be used to support local candidates' elections.

Shetler added, "The buffet dinner is

business casual and open to the public, but because space is limited, reservations are a must."

For reservations or more information, call Shetler at (313) 882-7407 or learn more about ERC events at facebook.com/EastsideRepublicanClub.

Schuette was elected to Congress in 1984, where he helped advance the Reagan Revolution. He later served as Michigan's director of agriculture.

His public service continued with election to two terms in the state Senate and service on the Michigan Court of Appeals.

In 2010, Michigan voters elected Schuette attorney general.

Formally known as The Thomas R. McCleary Jr. Eastside Republican Club Political Action Committee, the PAC is named in memory of one of the ERC's original members, Tom McCleary, who also served as a PAC director.

# Gubernatorial candidate Shri Thanedar to visit

The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club hosts Michigan gubernatorial candidate Shri Thanedar at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 19, during a general membership meeting.

Thanedar is expected to give remarks on current events and his campaign.

"The club is looking forward to presenting our great candidates for governor at our upcoming events for the benefit of our members and the community," said Grosse

Pointe Democratic Club President Gary Bresnehan. "Shri Thanedar will be a terrific speaker and we look forward to having him at our Oct. 19 meeting."

Thanedar, an immigrant from India, touts a

background in both science and business. He announced his bid for governor June 8.

Other Democratic elected officials and candidates at the state and local levels are expected to attend. The public is

welcome, but membership is required to vote on all Grosse Pointe Democratic Club matters. The club will conduct regular business during this meeting. Additional information about the club and this event may be found at gpdems.com and on Facebook.

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Pointe Dermatology's favorite brands and its friendly staff to learn about the latest anti-aging products and pro-

cedures to achieve younger, healthier looking skin.

The event takes place 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at Grosse Pointe Dermatology, 18050 Mack, City of Grosse Pointe.

It includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, treatment package giveaways and special event pricing for one night only.

It also serves to celebrate Balle being honored as an Hour Magazine Top Doc for the fourth year in a row.

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# Ready for fall

The City of Grosse Pointe hosted its annual Fall Harvest at Neff Park Saturday, Sept. 30. Activities included pumpkin painting, mechanical bull rides and an outdoor movie at dusk. Participants also roasted hot dogs, made s'mores, ate caramel apples and drank cider.

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Macie Kerwin eats a s'more.



Emily Albrecht and Aliaba Ritter hold 2-month-old kids, Chip and Dip.

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Sharangpani does not recommend those exposed more than 14 days ago get tested for the disease, but urges those exposed within 14 days to get vaccinated at their doctor's office or

pharmacy. If exposure was more than 14 days ago, a vaccine would only prevent future exposure.

A person who has contracted Hepatitis A will be infectious for two weeks prior to symptoms appearing and two weeks following their disappearance.

Symptoms can be active two weeks.

To find a local health-care provider with the Hepatitis A vaccine available, visit vaccinefinder.org.

Cabbage Patch Cafe was cleared to reopen by the health department, Monday, Oct. 2, but the Dziedzics are waiting a

little longer to open their doors to the public.

Dziedzic said she is taking this opportunity to re-evaluate all aspects of her business and looking to come back stronger than ever.

— Staff writer Melissa Walsh contributed to this report.

# BIRDS:

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long," Kovalcik said. "I think it says a lot about the community and the support I get from the Grosse Pointes and beyond."

Along the way, Kovalcik has embraced two seemingly contradictory business lessons: changing with the times and staying the same. Change has come in several forms. To reward customers for their loyalty, the store has instituted a loyalty program, known as the Daily Savings Club, which gives members special benefits and savings. The store also offers a delivery service, providing a break for those who don't have the time or can't make it into the store.

Kovalcik also has embraced technology and social media, adding a website, Facebook page and blog on which she writes about seasonal nature happenings, local bird walks and practical tips for feeding wild birds. She also offers a regular painting class called Avian Art and a monthly children's coloring contest where children are encouraged to get excited about birds.

At the same time, Kovalcik has stayed true to her roots by providing personal service to everyone who enters the store. She continues to follow through on a pledge she made to her father, a 30-year employee of General Motors, to offer as many products as possible made in the United States.

"Customers know we have good products, we stand behind our prod-



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Students of a Wild Birds Avian Art class show off their finished products.

ucts and we deal with vendors who are loyal to us," Kovalcik said. "That means we can offer a higher level of service."

Still, Kovalcik added, the store is all about birds and a place where people come for answers and encouragement.

Thanks to customer support and involvement, Kovalcik gives back by offering bird walks at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House and Elmwood Cemetery, donating bird feeding stations to Whitefish Point Bird Observatory and Lake St. Clair Metropark and serving on the board of directors of both Michigan Audubon and Detroit Audubon.

In honor of its anniversary, the store hosts two events for the community.

Barb Baldinger, a Michigan Department of Natural Resources falcon volunteer, visits the store 4 to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, to lead a presentation about her experience working with peregrines. She'll present an overview of several nest sites

and discuss what is involved in monitoring peregrines during nesting season.

The following day, Josh

Haas leads a presentation about better identifying hawks in flight. His presentation takes place 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. He'll discuss the principles of how hawks migrate so efficiently, why Michigan is a hawk-watching paradise and the evolution of hawk identification.

Both programs are free, but registration is required. Call (313) 881-1410.

Wild Birds Unlimited is located at 20381 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (313) 881-1410 or visit facebook.com/wbu\_grossepointewoods/ or grossepointewoods.wbu.com. Read Kovalcik's blog at wildbirdsgpw.com.

# Council OK's 800 recycling carts

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Encouraging recycling among residents, the Farms city council approved the purchase of an additional 800 64-gallon recycling carts during the Sept. 11 council meeting. This is in addition to 500 carts previously purchased to replace the red box bins, which the city no longer will distribute.

In May 2017, the Farms was awarded \$28,350 in state funding toward recycling, based on a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Recycling Infrastructure Grant requiring the city to contribute matching funds in \$9,450 for the total purchase amount of

\$37,800.

The funding was approved by Farms city council as part of the city's 2018 budget. Following on, Farms city management solicited three bids from vendors.

Up for discussion during the Sept. 11 meeting was a proposal to purchase recycling carts at \$45.95 per cart from the low bidder, Cascade Engineering of Grand Rapids. The price includes the \$39.70 cost of the cart itself and a delivery cost of \$6.25.

The city has been running a promotion for residents to purchase a 64-gallon recycling cart for \$35. Farms residents interested in purchasing a cart should call the Farms Treasury Department at (313) 885-6600.



The People's Choice award went to a 1985 Ferrari 308 GTS QV owned by George Jerome Jr.

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# CONCOURS:

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Farms Foundation board member Dan Hughes initiated the annual classic car show in 2008 to raise funds for Farms community improvements. The foundation's past projects have included improvements to Kerby Field and Pier Park and other aesthetic and recreational enhancements through-

out the community.

Projected capital initiatives for next year include the removal of arborvitae along Kerby at Kerby Field and replacing it with iron fencing and brick pillars, erection of a new flagpole at Kerby Field and replacement of the bus shelter at Mack and Moross.

For more information about the foundation, visit grossepointefarmsfoundation.org.

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Farms teen gains mastery of music in sacred spaces

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

Theodore “Teddy” Sweeney III models how sacred music enhances life beyond the parish. As a Christ Church Grosse Pointe chorister, the 17-year old senior at Grosse Pointe South High School has performed in Detroit, Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C., France, England, Wales and Spain.

As with many youngsters, joining choir wasn’t his choice.

“My mom forced me into the choir,” said Sweeney.

When Sweeney was in third grade, his mom, Amie, required him and his older sister, Maggie, to participate in one year of choir at Christ Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. If they didn’t like it after their novice year, she bargained, they would be free to quit.

Yet during his first year as a chorister, Sweeney said he “started liking it more and more.”

He said his interest in music “really began to light up,” in 2010, when, as a fifth-grader, he traveled with the Choir of Men and Boys to France and Italy. Current Christ Church Choir Director



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PORTRAIT PLACE

Theodore Sweeney

Scott Hanoian led the group of boy sopranos and professional choristers.

Sweeney said this was “the big turning point” in realizing he wanted to continue his musical study and explore new opportunities. Several events during that trip contributed to igniting his passion for music at a young age. One of these momentous events was performing with his fellow Christ Church

choristers in the Vatican. “That was fun,” he said.

He recalled singing in the Vatican also was “difficult,” as “it is such a big space.

“In fifth grade I really couldn’t understand how cool it was, but I could definitely appreciate that something was there.”

In seventh grade, Sweeney began studying voice privately under Meredith Hanoian.

“And that’s when I

really started to see more of the future — that there is so much more out there of what I could perform beyond what I do on Saturdays and Sundays,” he said.

Private study opened soloist opportunities for Sweeney, beginning with small parts during service, which led to larger solos at and outside the church.

One special gig Sweeney remembers was in eighth grade, being elected to perform as a boy soloist in a concert comprised of Danny Elfman’s music scores from films by Tim Burton. With the Wayne State Symphonic Choir and Detroit Symphony Orchestra under conductor Ted Sperling, Sweeney performed before a crowd sporting Halloween costumes of characters sprung from Burton’s films, such as “The Nightmare Before Christmas” and “Alice in Wonderland.”

The DSO recommended Sweeney to the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra after a previously selected soloist in Pittsburgh declined the performance. Three weeks after his solo performance at Detroit’s Orchestra Hall, Sweeney

performed in the same performance under the same conductor at Pittsburgh’s Heinz Hall.

Sweeney rarely sings in a show choir and doesn’t sing with his high school choir. His schedule is full with regular rehearsals and performances with all four choirs at Christ Church — Choir of Men and Boys, Choir of Men and Girls, Christ Church Schola and Christ Church Chorale.

“In church, it’s about 95 percent religious-based text,” he said. “I haven’t really branched out into something other than that. A good majority of what we sing would be considered classical.”

His favorite composer is Bach.

A tenor now, Sweeney said adjusting to his new vocal range from soprano — after his voice changed following eighth grade — required him to relearn how to use his voice.

“I was just getting a feel for my (soprano) voice and what I could do with it,” he said. “Then it was like going back to square one. It was hard.”

Last summer, Sweeney performed with the Christ Church Schola in

England, including at Westminster Abbey. There was a lot of “pomp” in being part of the Westminster Abbey service, he said.

Though voice is Sweeney’s main instrument, he also excels in playing piano. He attributes his skill as a pianist to his former piano teacher Maria Eliason, under whom he began studying in fifth grade until she moved back to her native Hungary a couple years ago. Eliason was “very forward with everything she wanted” and “very witty,” he said.

Sweeney hopes to study business at the University of Michigan next fall and join a choir there. If not studying at U of M, he might attend Kenyon College, where his sister studies and plays tennis.

Having played tennis as long as he can remember, he currently competes as part of South’s varsity tennis team. He also is a member of the school’s jazz band, playing piano and trumpet.

As for a future in music, Sweeney said, “The dream would be if I could find a choir like this (at Christ Church) and be a full professional.”

Residents looking for answers to flooding questions

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — On a Facebook group populated by victims of the 2016 flood in Grosse Pointe Park, people wished each other Happy Poopeversary. It’s been a little over a year since heavy rain forced Park officials to shut down the pumps allowing sewage to backup into 200 homes. One year later, residents still are looking for answers.

At the Monday, Sept. 25, Park council meeting, the first since the Aug. 28 storm flooded more basements, residents asked what the city was doing to prevent further flood-

ing.

“The city is continuing to work with DPW and our engineers to dry out the system,” Mayor Robert Denner said. “We’re finding places where storm flow is getting into the sanitary system and trying to find ways to divert that. Any time we have an area that is affected, we try to identify if there’s any concentration of infiltration into the sanitary system of storm water. So they are working hard to dry out the system. The pump capacity was able to keep up with the flow. So it wasn’t the pump capacity that was the problem, it was probably too much water in a particular loca-

tion.”

According to City Manager Dale Krajniak, the storm in August was even larger than last year’s.

“This storm had about a half percent chance of happening in any given year,” Krajniak said. “Last year, when we had the problem, it was caused by a 150-year storm. This one was larger in that it was a 200-year event. We were very, very surprised we didn’t have more problems within the system than what we found.”

Many streets in the Park, especially south of Jefferson, flooded. But, Denner said that is no cause for concern.

“It takes a while when

you get that much rain very quickly, as I’ve been told by the engineers,” Denner said, “to get it all into the catch basins and to our pump station at Patterson Park. When you see water in the streets, that’s not necessarily a problem. It’s the streets acting as a retention reservoir as the water is getting into the [system].”

Six inches fell in less than 24 hours in the Park Aug. 28 and 29. Detroit City Airport recorded only a third of that, said Krajniak.

“These isolated pockets are extremely isolated,” Krajniak said. “The Farms, the City measured a lot less in the amount of

rainfall they received in the same event. I don’t know if we are just not as lucky.”

Krajniak said the exceptionally rare storms are becoming less rare.

Climate scientists agree.

Studies by the Great Lakes Integrated Sciences and Assessments Program, a University of Michigan and Michigan State University collaborative climate research group funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, show annual precipitation levels have increased 11 percent for the Great Lakes region since the turn of the 20th century. The

intensity of extreme weather also is on the rise. The heaviest 1 percent of storms annually dumps 37 percent more rain, according to the GLISAP.

Meanwhile, Councilman Daniel Grano noted long-term planning for the issue falls under the Public Service Committee. A committee meeting is scheduled 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, at city hall in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Grano said Krajniak and the city engineer will report on smoke test progress and other solutions for drying out the community.

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# Time for an upgrade

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The Park’s 31-year-old Harley fire pumper truck is no more. “We got our money’s worth out of it,” Director of Public Safety Stephen Poloni said. “It was 31 years old. The truck was starting to literally fall apart and had to be towed back to the bay.” The city council approved \$450,000 for a new fire pumper Monday, Sept. 25. Public safety is eyeing a new Sutphen stock pumper truck,

which comes off the assembly line ready to use. The alternative is a custom truck, which could take up to 10 months to complete. “We just can’t wait,” Mayor Robert Denner said. The lack of a fire truck leaves the city in a precarious position. The closest ladder truck is the City of Grosse Pointe’s 28-year-old pumper. The City also has a 2-year-old mini-pumper that has the same pumping capacity as a full-size truck, but can’t carry long enough ladders.

The Park was not expecting this expense and a new fire pumper is not in the budget. However, with the public safety millage and other financing options, funds will be available to cover the cost, according to Poloni. The Park also has been in talks with the City about sharing equipment, which could mitigate some of the cost. However, with the urgency of protecting the community, the council deemed it necessary to act quickly and figure out the minutiae of a partner-

ship later. “Some are aware that from time to time we talk to the City of Grosse Pointe about sharing equipment,” Denner said. “Because this came up so quickly, we haven’t had a chance to complete those discussions. But, we continue to have them. We felt in order to protect our community, the chief needed to act as soon as he could get information together. Right now, the city does not have its own pumper. We don’t want to let that situation drag on.” Poloni said the Park has one more truck to look at, but a new truck should roll into the bay soon.

# Sewer study to begin in Shores

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — The village will begin studies to determine where excess water is entering the sanitary sewer system. The Shores conducted a meter study in the Cook Road sewer just upstream from the Wayne County interceptor. The results showed the village exceeds its Town Outlet Capacity of three cubic feet per second on a regular basis. The results also showed four separate occasions where the village exceeded four CFS during rain events less than or equal to 1-year storms. According to the study, a constant one CFS, 33 percent of the village’s limit, is from dry weather infiltration. The Environmental Protection Agency defines excessive dry weather flow as 120 gallons per capita per day. The Shores’ dry weather

is almost two and a half times that at 300 gallons. The new study, conducted by consulting engineering firm Hubbell, Roth & Clark, will look at exactly where the problems lie. A number of meters will be set up along the sewer system to determine which section may be at fault. There also will be field investigations consisting of manhole inspections, smoke testing, dye testing, sewer televising, downspout survey and pump station evaluation and performance testing. The first two phases of the study will cost \$58,300 and are eligible for reimbursement through the Stormwater Asset Management Grant, which the village received in 2017. The cost of the last three phases will be determined by the results of the meter study and pump station inspection. Phase one and two are expected to be complete within six months.



John Desarmeaux and Cathy Federighe shop the jewelry selection at the Twistful Thinking booth.



Grosse Pointe Park’s last After 6 event included food trucks, music, vendors, face painting and more. Left, Shane Fitzpatrick attempts to complete more push-ups than his mother, Anne Fitzpatrick. The push-up challenge was sponsored by Fusion Integrated Training, Grosse Pointe Woods.



After 6 finale  
Mark Rosenthal, of Animal Magic, shows the crowd a coral snake.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

# Council approves underground upgrades

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — During its Sept. 11 meeting, Farms city council approved \$562,738 for the replacement of two layers of gravel bedding of the water-filtration system and an inspection of the underdrain system and cells. “What we’re doing a little bit differently this year is we’re going down another layer,” said Farms City Manager Shane Reeside. “Since we’re removing the carbon, we’re also removing the existing gravel bed. And by doing that, it’ll let us look at the underdrain system at the base of the filters.” Viewed as an opportunity to work toward continued water quality, the

city will report the results of the underdrain system inspection to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. “In the event that we find anything that needs repairing,” said Reeside, “we’ll make the repairs, then restore the gravel bed with new gravel and (granular activated carbon).” Hubbel, Roth & Clark Inc., a Bloomfield Hills engineering firm, recommended to city council a proposal by the lowest bidder of four — Carbon Activated Corporation of Bladell, NY, with a total base bid of \$496,580. The scope of the proposal included the removal of spent GAC media and its replacement with new GAC media; the removal of existing gravel bedding and replacement with new gravel bedding;

filter underdrain inspections of the eight filter cells with any rehabilitation recommendations for each cell; an allowance for underdrain repairs and a comprehensive filter study. The firm also recommended an additional 10 percent “contingency,” or \$49,658, to the base bid amount for a total project cost of \$562,738. “This will all take place within the walls of the water plant,” said Reeside. “It won’t have any impact on residents.” The project’s inspection activities will affect two of the city’s eight filters at a time. “There will always be

at least six filters in operation, which is sufficient for our water demand during the summer months, when demand is higher,” said Reeside. “But we’ll be doing this in the winter months when demand is much lower.” The city’s water plant filters water from the lake, running through filter beds made up of granular activated carbon media. It then goes through an under-bedding of gravel before being pumped into the city’s water system. The city normally replaces the GAC every five years and tests it annually, which is consistent with the expected lifespan.

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety invites the community to attend its annual open house noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Woods Fire Station, 20025 Mack Plaza Drive. The theme for Fire Prevention Week, Sunday, Oct. 8, to Saturday, Oct. 14, is “Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out.” Attendees at this free event interact with Woods police and fire personnel to gain important tips on fire safety

and prevention, including information on having an escape plan in case of an emergency. The event includes a fire safety session, safety equipment demonstrations, child fingerprinting, a smoke house exercise, presentation by the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad, rollover simulation and child car seat safety inspections. Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Officer Tim Harris and his canine partner, Duke, will give a K-9 police demonstration. The child-friendly event also includes hands-on activities and face-painting.



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OUR VIEW

\$4 million flooding settlement in Farms

At a special Sept. 25 meeting, the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council agreed to a \$4 million settlement in the lawsuit brought by 593 residents whose basements flooded during extreme downpours May 25 and Sept. 9, 2011. That equates to \$6,745.36 per plaintiff (not allowing for lawyers’ fees and other expenses).

The suit filed by the homeowners contains a good history on how the Farms’s lakeside and inland sewer systems got to where they are today and how the 2011 flooding happened.

Prior to 1997, both inland and lakeside systems were combined systems, i.e., sanitary and storm fluids traveled in the same system to be processed by the then Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. In May 1990, the Grosse Pointe News revealed there were 13 combined sewage outfalls, or CSOs, used by the Grosse Pointes — seven in the Farms, four in Grosse Pointe Shores and one each in Grosse Pointe Woods (Milk River) and Grosse Pointe Park (Fox Creek).

City of Grosse Pointe has separated sanitary and storm systems.

At the time, the Farms’s seven outfalls were being used by the lakeside system to discharge excess combined sanitary and storm effluents during heaving rains. The inland district had — and has — no emergency outlet since the terrain flows downhill toward Mack Avenue. It must pump all its combined effluents to Detroit for treatment — even during extreme storm events. Even though the Farms, Shores and Park were ordered in 1982 to remediate the CSOs, nothing or little had been done by 1990.

In 1997, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality directed the Farms to separate the lakeside system. The Farms complied. Now during heavy rain events, only stormwater runoff overflows into Lake St. Clair.

The inland system remained combined. In 1990, Farms officials pointed out there was no space near Mack Avenue to build a retention basin to act as an emergency CSO. The Kerby Road pump station has a “wet well” that collects combined effluents. Pumps “lift” the effluents in order to pump them to the Fox Creek Collector and then on to Detroit for treatment. The only plan for heavy rain events was — and is — to rev up the pumps and hope nothing went wrong. On May 11 and Sept. 9, 2011, something did.

The plaintiffs alleged five defects involving insufficient pumps, electrical problems and improper operation and maintenance. They also faulted the

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Prayers for Las Vegas

In the wake of the mass shooting Sunday night in Las Vegas, we send our condolences and prayers to family, friends and all the people of Las Vegas. Our hearts go out to you.

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Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Thomas Kliber, a member of the Grosse Pointe Camera Club, recently snapped this shot along Lakeshore in the Farms, near dawn. “I spotted a bird perched on a spot of land in the lake and a freighter serendipitously in the distance,” he said.

OUR VIEW

MILibraryCard ... right or wrong

There has been much discussion about the wisdom, necessity and risks associated with Grosse Pointe Public Library’s enrollment in a new reciprocal borrowing network, MILibraryCard. The concerns run the gamut from why do we need access to more books when everything is online to if books are not returned what will this cost the library?

These are all valid concerns, but we think the library staff and board have anticipated and addressed them to our satisfaction.

First, interlibrary loaning is not new. The GPL has participated in the MeLCat system for years. Through MeLCat, participating library cardholders can go online — at the library or home — and search for materials at participating libraries throughout the state of Michigan. Sometimes, a Grosse Pointe MeLCat user discovers the book or materials are available at another branch library in the Pointes — if she or he has not searched the local database first — but most times, the local library user has already checked and found the item is not available here. But, using MeLCat, the local library patron finds the book or other item available at another library, say, in Port Huron. The local library user can request the book online. She or he is then notified when it arrives at her or his Grosse Pointe branch library. This could take several days while the request is being processed and the item shipped to Grosse Pointe.

This back-and-forth arrangement happens every week throughout Michigan between all the libraries, including Grosse Pointe. Many of us have used MeLCat with good results and have heard no complaints.

MILibraryCard is similar yet more specific. First, the library system needs to voluntarily enroll in the MILibraryCard network, which the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees approved July 27. Second, MILibraryCard users must be cardholding members in good standing with their participating library. They also must ask to be part of MILibraryCard and get a sticker affixed to their library card. Third, nonresident MILibraryCard holders must come in person to check out up to 10 “non-new” library “print” items. That excludes DVDs, video games, tools and other non-print library offerings. Lastly, MILibraryCard holders cannot put holds on print items.

True, as one resident asked the library board, a nonresident MILibraryCard holder may show up at a Grosse Pointe library one day, check out 10 non-new books or other print items and never return. Yes, our library system would be out 10 items, but, as Library Director

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Think again about hotel project

To the Editor:

The old adage “it’s the forest and the trees all over again” becomes ever more relevant as we appear to be caught up in the details and miss the bigger issue. City of Grosse Pointe council currently is considering the construction of a 6 to 7 story (60-plus foot high) building across the street from Maire Elementary School. The building consists of a three-story Choice Hotel (Cambria Suites Brand) with 100-plus rooms sitting on top of a multi-level parking deck. It occupies the entire parking lot (public property) that currently sits behind the Starbucks/TCBY block in the Village.

I have heard many rea-

sons why this proposed hotel project does not make sense; increased traffic, lack of parking, incompatibility with adjacent businesses, infrastructure costs, city-backed bonds, being forced to park in a deck, etc. The list is too long to fit in the space allowed for a “Letter to the Editor.” This should not be that complicated. A 6-plus-story structure that invites a constant stream of strangers with locked rooms into an elementary school safety zone is simply a very bad idea. Someone needs to explain why adding any risk, or in any way compromising the safety of our children walking to and from school or playing in the playground across the street from a hotel, is somehow an effort worthy of our public support.

Is it just me or are we in the wrong forest?  
ROBERT J. HALSO  
City of Grosse Pointe

Thanks, but I’ll pass on the chip dip

To the Editor:

Warning: If you have ever double dipped a potato chip or retrieved a food item from a salad bar and then returned it to the tray, you may find this letter hurtful and cruel, so you have been warned. If on the other hand, you abhor situations where food servings may have been tainted by people who perhaps lack common manners, then this letter is for you.

Have you noticed we have become a nation of slobs, pigs and societal dirt bags and cretins? We have abandoned hygiene manners. The salad bars in restaurants have become a feeding trough for these undisciplined scavengers as they pick and choose through the various items. And some of these slobs are double dippers. I saw a guy the other day in a wheelchair positioning himself in front of the olive exhibit at a local grocery store and wheeling himself down the line as he sampled all the olives. I was

tempted to say something, but people like that are clueless when it comes to societal hygiene and thus I remained silent.

And of course the buffet line at a wedding always brings out the uncouth cretins who sometimes taste an item before placing it on their plate and then return the item to the warming tray when they decide it is not to their liking.

And how about the sample bowls in various grocery stores where you can dip into a sauce with a cracker? I never succumb to the temptation because I’ve watched people double dip, which, as has been pointed out so accurately on a “Seinfeld” episode, is like “putting your whole mouth in the dip.”

Is there an answer for all this piggish behavior? Maybe we should create a citizen-enforced ticket wherein we as neat nicks give these repugnant chow hounds a notice with a list of how to properly dine in public and couple that with an eating manners book.

By the way, if you see me at the movies, don’t ask me to share my buttered popcorn with you.

BILL KALMAR  
Lake Orion  
Formerly of Grosse Pointe











# SCHOOLS

SCHOOLS

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Blue ribbon facilities committee  
holds its second meeting **PAGE 10**

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## Maire named National Blue Ribbon School

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Principal Sonja Franchett was notified by the state in January that Maire Elementary School was one of only 13 schools in Michigan nominated for a National Blue Ribbon Award. Following a lengthy application process in which all staff members “weighed in on different parts of it,” she awaited the outcome.

The good news arrived Thursday, Sept. 28. U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos formally announced Maire is among 342 National Blue Ribbon Schools around the country selected for this recognition. The National Blue Ribbon Schools program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. Maire was selected as a high performing school.

“We’re super excited,” Franchett said. “We worked really hard at our school to develop teacher leadership and student leadership and to have our parents have a really big say in our school. I feel when you have all of these partners work together in a strong way, it really does result in student achievement.”



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Lewis E. Maire Elementary School is located in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The full application, available at [nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov](http://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov), involved questions on the school’s curriculum, including instructional methods, interventions and assessments; climate and culture; engagement of families and the community; professional development; leadership; and strategies for academic success.

According to the application, “Our united staff keeps laser-sharp focus on building relationships with students. No real learning can occur without a ‘caring bridge’ for every child at Maire School. We build this by ensuring all students are engaged, feel valued for their unique backgrounds and opinions and have choices in their learning.”

“We had to decide what was our piece that was most important out of all the things we do and I think it really was we try to develop that personal relationship with our students and our parents,” Franchett said. “Everyone matters and wants to do their best. That is really important — when you feel like people really pay attention to you as an individual. They’re rooting for you and want to do everything for you they can. It makes you want to do your best.”

“We want to congratulate Maire Elementary School on their National Blue Ribbon Award,” wrote Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus in an email. “Principal Sonja Franchett

and her faculty and staff have done an amazing job of educating our young students. Maire has established a great teaching and learning community. A positive relationship with the parents and community members has always been a hallmark for Maire. The culture inside Maire is inviting, encouraging and provides what is best for the students first.”

Niehaus will accompany Franchett and Kathleen McClanaghan, Maire’s reading specialist, who worked closely with Franchett on the application, to the awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., Nov. 6 and 7. Maire will be among a cohort representing public and non-public



Principal Sonja Franchett shows off the official letter she received from the U.S. Department of Education.

elementary, middle and high schools, including traditional, charter, magnet schools, parochial and independent schools in 44 States, the District of Columbia and Department of Defense Education Activity schools in Okinawa, Japan, Stuttgart, Germany, and West Point, N.Y.

“There are more than 130,000 schools in the United States and you are at the top,” said DeVos. “You have kept a clear vision of what all schools should be — student centric.”

Now that the news is official, Franchett and her staff have begun planning events throughout the year to celebrate the school’s national blue ribbon status.

**About Maire**

We are an increasingly diverse school that values the unique backgrounds and cultural traditions of each student. Maire staff provides a safe, welcoming environment while adhering to high academic standards. The teachers collaborate to provide differentiated instruction. Readers and Writers Workshop, math problem-solving, outdoor education, genius hour and research projects are all examples of instructional practices focused on critical thinking.

Educational technology is an integral part of Maire instructional practices, facilitating increased student choice and learning modes to maximize growth. Maire promotes digital learning in all subject areas. Students access a variety of web-based resources to explore their personal interests, to connect with the wider world, and to meet their individual needs.

Our students achieve highly in academic settings, but our school also promotes social and emotional growth by encouraging leadership roles, character development and artistic endeavors. Students present high quality musical concerts, share award-winning artwork within the school and greater community, and coordinate activities to maintain our Evergreen status in the state of Michigan.

We are proud of our Reward School status, being ranked at the 99th percentile of Michigan elementary schools. We have much to celebrate due to the shared efforts of students, parents, staff and the community.

— from the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program application


### Week Ahead

**THURSDAY, OCT. 5**

♦ University Liggett School hosts an October art exhibition featuring ceramics and glass mosaics created by artists Carrie Armstrong Reid, Tracy Gallup, Laurie Eisenhardt, Sue Ann Majewski, Marcia Hovland and Deborah Hecht, with an opening 6 p.m. in the Manoogian Arts Wing. The exhibition and opening are open to the public. The Manoogian Art Gallery at Liggett, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, attracts some of the region’s best artists. Artwork is displayed throughout the academic year.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 6**

♦ Defer, Ferry and Monteith elementary schools are hosting Fun Runs to benefit their PTOs. The kid-style run-a-thon is an opportunity for students to have fun while promoting fitness and healthy habits. Defer’s event is 1:45 to 3:15 p.m.. Ferry’s Fun Run begins at 8:40 a.m. and Monteith’s begins at 1:30 p.m. Each Fun Run is held at the school’s track. Parents, friends and local businesses are encouraged to pledge their financial support. Funds raised support educational opportunities for students and provide technology, playground equipment, assemblies, family events and more. Check out each school’s website or PTO Facebook page for more information or to donate.



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# Facilities committee continues planning for future of district

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

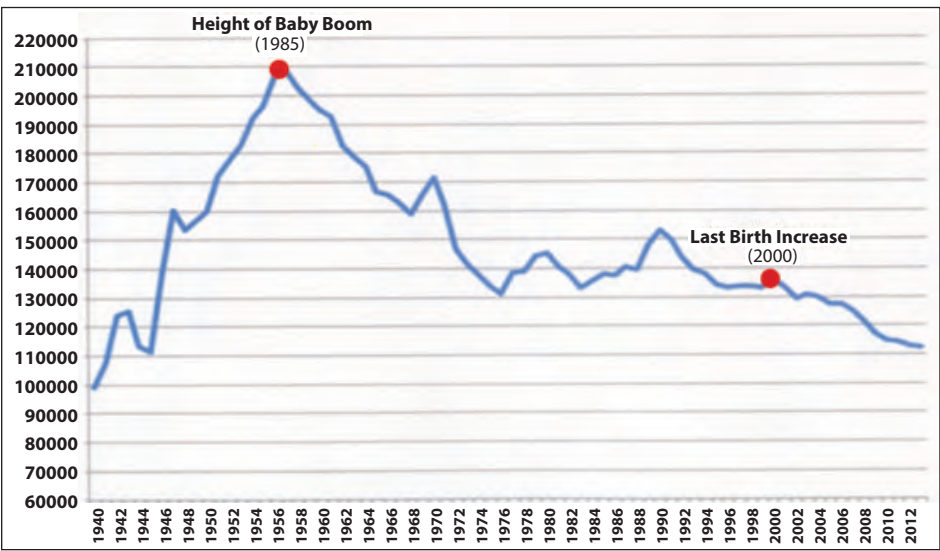
The first meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public School System blue ribbon facilities committee, held at Grosse Pointe South High School, concluded with a homework assignment. Committee members were to review Plante Moran Cresa’s report, an in-depth analysis of the district’s major buildings and sites and student enrollment. GPPSS engaged PMC in spring 2017 to provide a 10-year capital planning template consisting of three major components: critical need, deferred maintenance and property enhancements.

The committee gathered for its second meeting Thursday, Sept. 28 — this time at Grosse Pointe North High School. A part of each meeting is a tour of the host facility to give committee members an opportunity to witness for themselves some of PMC’s findings. A tour of North followed a presentation by PMC partner Paul Wills on the district’s capital needs. Participants met afterwards in small groups for “round table” discussions to discuss major observations — or “aha” moments — to record and share with the larger group.

GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus concluded the session by asking members, as homework, to begin forming priorities and core values. Next meeting’s agenda includes a presentation on changes in elementary enrollment, class size and staffing ratios over nine years.

Fifty community members representing a wide range of backgrounds, interests and skills agreed to serve on the committee, attending six three-hour meetings through November — or longer, if need be, according to Niehaus.

Local attorney Jim Bellanca said he agreed to volunteer his time because he had served with Niehaus on the



This chart shows live births in Michigan from 1954 to 2013. Declining enrollment is a major factor in the district’s hiring of Plante Moran Cresa to conduct a facilities and enrollment study.

Source: Pew Research Center

Economic Development Committee of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

“He asked me to participate because I’m a firm believer that we’re at a critical point in Grosse Pointe to preserve it as a community to attract young people back to Grosse Pointe,” Bellanca said. “I’m a strong believer in preserving the community and I think the school system is the benchmark of the community. If the schools deteriorate, then part of the master plan of bringing people here is going to be affected. I seriously believe that unless we do something proactive to keep the schools afloat and otherwise attract young people to our community, the Grosse Pointe that we know is not going to exist in 10 years or 15 years. It’s going to exist, but it’s not going to be the place that we know it to be and that would be a shame.”

“Selling a building isn’t the solution,” he continued. “Managing the money better and spending it more wisely and perhaps finding alternative consistent uses for the school compatible with what’s going on in the schools seems to be the direction. I think it’s going to take a bond and I think it’s going to take private donations to solve the problem. I don’t think you can solve it

alone with bonds.”

Sue Martin has had children attending schools in the district 15 years and believes she was selected for the committee because of her volunteerism over the years and role at South as vice president of the preservation committee.

“I care a lot about the district,” Martin said. “Especially being on the preservation committee, I’m aware of — not the entire scope of what the district is facing — but at least on a micro level what the improvements and infrastructure needs (are) at South.”

“I think there’s a lot to learn,” she continued. “I think the assessment and the study that they gave us provides a lot of background information. My hope for the committee is that we all are from very diverse backgrounds and can bring a lot of different perspectives to this important, but very overwhelming and massive, issue. Because we’re all from different backgrounds I think that we can each bring to the committee perspective. We can learn from each other and then help the district move forward with a plan of action.”

Martin said many committee members believe current needs must be assessed before the idea of a bond could be floated.

“You have to take a look at what buildings would still be useful in three and five and 10 years to the district, or does it make more sense to repurpose those buildings in some way and for educational purposes bring more students into fewer buildings.”

John Shook said he has “lots of experience in the trenches” in the engineering and construction industry and believed contributing in a positive

manner and providing observations was critical to the community.

“I’m very interested in the process and being able to add my two cents when I can,” he said.

His main concern is to cut down on contingencies, overruns and soft costs and devise “creative methods of bringing innovation to solve some of the perception that all of our schools are falling apart. And they’re not.” For Shook, it’s about planning. “Everything in these budgets or in the pro forma that Paul (Wills) prepared should have been budgeted,” he said. “Right now the school is on its heels, moving backward, in full reactive mode. They have failed to address these issues, little by little, year over year.”

It’s also about outcome.

“I’m interested in seeing the outcome, but certainly know that many residents are very strongly opposed to these mammoth types of bond issues that are being issued in Bloomfield Hills and Ann Arbor,” Shook said. “You have to balance.”

“I’m one of many that are concerned and that are here,” he continued. “I give everybody a lot of credit for volunteering their personal time and contributing their individual expertise to the process. The outcome is the responsibility of the school board and the administration to work this out.”

Future meetings are Thursday, Oct. 12, Pierce Middle School library; Thursday, Oct. 26, Parcels Middle School library; Thursday, Nov. 16, Monteith Elementary School gymnasium; and Thursday, Nov. 30, Brownell Middle School multipurpose room. All meetings are 6 to 9 p.m. and open to the public.



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Pictured at the dedication of University Liggett School’s Stadium Field in honor of longtime Head of School Dr. Joseph P. Healey are, from left, Bart Bronk, interim head of school, Healey and Kelley Hamilton, associate head of external relations.

## Dedicated

University Liggett School dedicated its Stadium Field during Homecoming in honor of longtime head of school Dr. Joseph P. Healey.

“Dr. Healey’s decade of leadership was transformative,” said Kelley Hamilton, associate head of external relations. “Through the defining thesis of his career, he

transformed Liggett’s curriculum. He unified two campuses, began ambitious construction effort that includes our athletic fields complex, and expanded our school’s regional footprint. He will long be remembered for everything he has done for University Liggett School.”



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Ryan Billups was given the name Donald when he was born, but when his adoptive parents met him for the first time, they didn’t think he looked like a Donald. Their older son, Theo, chose the name Ryan. Ryan discovered his name means “little king.”



Nadia Kissau’s twin brother’s name is Aidan, which is Nadia spelled backwards. Spelled backwards inside Nadia’s name is Ida, her grandmother’s name. Also pictured is Silas Wooten. His parents selected his name from a character in a TV show.

## What’s in a name?

Molly Collins’ fourth-grade class at Mason Elementary School researched their first names in a homework and class assignment called The Name Project. Students were to interview their parents to discover how their parents decided on their name; whether it had personal or cultural meaning to their family; what they would have been named if they had been born the opposite sex; and any nicknames.

Next, each student researched their name to find out its meaning, the history behind it, its popularity and the most popular spelling.

As part of the project, Mason Principal Roy

Bishop read the book “Chrysanthemum,” a story about how a little mouse girl got her name, to the class. Then the students turned in their research papers and printed their names in 20 different fonts. Individual posters of each name are currently on display.

The purpose of the assignment, according to Collins, was to provide a personal context for learning about history. By researching the history of their names, the students laid the groundwork to understand historical concepts in increasingly broader contexts over time.

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# South homecoming

Grosse Pointe South High School held its annual homecoming parade Friday, Sept. 29. The parade route ran along Kercheval, ending at Fisher where members of the senior class raced to South's Stadium Field for the start of the varsity football game against Romeo High School.

The marching band led the way and students, decked in class spirit attire, accompanied class floats. Best floats and other awards were announced at halftime, with the senior class awarded the spirit jug. Also at halftime was the introduction of homecoming court members Dani Dulworth, Lily Lathon and Julia Rapai and announcement of Rapai as homecoming queen.

Results of the game are on page 2C.



PHOTOS BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Above left, the marching band took the lead during South's homecoming parade Friday, Sept. 29. Above right, the route was lined with students from all grades cheering as the parade made its way toward South's stadium.



Above, senior class Homecoming Court members, from left, Julia Rapai, Dani Dulworth and Lily Lathon wave to onlookers. Above middle, the Class of 2018 float makes its way along the track. Above right, the marching band and color guard entertained the crowd at halftime. Right, the student section was packed with South fans. Far right, seniors celebrate as the spirit jug is hoisted.



## Teacher of THE WEEK



### Bridgette Murray

**School:** Grosse Pointe Academy  
**Years at GPA:** 7  
**Grade/Subject:** Grades 6-8 literature; grade 8 grammar and composition  
**Nominated by:** Didi DeBoer, assistant head of school, grades 4-8  
**Assistant head's quote:**

"The students at the Grosse Pointe Academy love Mrs. Murray! She not only makes learning fun and engaging, she also challenges each of her students to achieve at their highest possible level. She works tirelessly in the classroom and with our forensics team and is also always willing to share her creativity and passion for learning with her colleagues. Students in the middle school are thrilled to have Mrs. Murray, as many had her as their teacher when she taught in our lower and intermediate schools, and they get the rare opportunity to have a favorite teacher for the second time. She's definitely a special teacher for all students."

**What do you enjoy most about teaching?**

The thing I enjoy most about teaching is engaging with my students in one of my passions — reading and analyzing great literature. I have been blessed to teach at the Grosse Pointe Academy because it has

afforded me the ability to create bonds with my students that will hopefully last long after they graduate from GPA. I am in the unique position of teaching students I taught in elementary school — third and fourth grades — again in middle school. It's been a blast to see how they've changed, and how they haven't! They keep me laughing ... and young(ish).

**Describe a teaching accomplishment you're proud of or a "teachable moment" you experienced.**

For me, one of the most rewarding things about being a teacher is having my prior students come back to visit. What makes it even better, is when they announce that because of my class, they are finding they are well prepared in their high school literature and writing classes. This year alone, I have had several students come and see me and excitedly broadcast that they are reading several of the short stories we annotated and analyzed together. They feel this groundwork has set them up to feel accomplished and capable, which is what this teaching business is all about.

**Please share a book or person that has inspired you or your teaching.**

It would be too difficult to name just one person,



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book or author who has inspired me. I have been inspired by each and every teacher I have ever come in contact with, as both a teacher and a parent. Teachers are truly a unique group of people who spark a passion inside of me every day. In addition, I have read so many books, watched so many TED talks, and attended innumerable conferences which have made me want to go out and try something new. Some of the key lessons and inspiration I have garnered over the years include: dream the unimaginable, teach with heart, be kind, be flexible, always have a plan B and always remember that being a teacher has rewards that are immeasurable.

**Favorite quote:**

This is written on a chalkboard in my classroom: "Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

## South teacher reaches certified journalism educator status

Grosse Pointe South High School journalism teacher Kaitlin Edgerton achieved the Certified Journalism Educator status from the Journalism Education Association. Edgerton will be honored Thursday, Nov. 16, at the National High School Journalism Convention in Dallas, co-sponsored by JEA and the National Scholastic Press Association.

Journalism certification recognizes teachers who meet national standards of preparation to teach high school journalism classes and advise student media. Edgerton joins 858 teachers who gained this certification, which shows evidence of continuing education and professional growth, knowledge of teaching and advising methods in scholastic journalism and leadership at local, state, regional or national levels.

"Becoming a certified journalism educator solidifies the work I do with the journalism program at South, the state and national level," Edgerton wrote in an



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**Kaitlin Edgerton with her husband, Bill, and daughter, Virginia.**

email. "It signifies the work I have done to demonstrate my knowledge of scholastic jour-

nalism as an adviser. At the end of the day, it's all about the students. If I can do something to become a better teacher, I am going to do so. I'm excited to receive the accreditation and have a few letters after my name."

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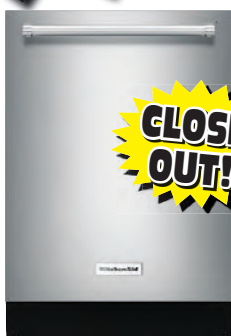
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## Open for play

### Oktoberfest officially opens Family Activity Center at GPYC

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Construction crews have cleared from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, where they’ve occupied space since March.

Where once six aged tennis courts stood, now the club offers a variety of experiences for members of all ages.

“The courts were getting tired and really needed to be renovated,” said Commodore Blaise Klenow. “We put together a committee of members, a nice cross-section of young and old, with kids and without kids. We wanted to know how we could arrange the space not only for tennis, but for other activities as well.”

The answer was with four Har-Tru tennis courts, four pickleball courts, two bocce courts, a shuffleboard court, a half-court basketball area, Playscape and splash pad. All these amenities grace the club’s new Family Activity Center, which officially opens during Oktoberfest, 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8.

“We have the harbor (for boaters) and we also offer dining opportunities, beautiful surroundings and swimming,” Klenow said. “So we hired a designer to deter-



Above, the splash pad will help keep kids cool next spring. Left, tennis director Dimitri Diakonov works with students on one of the new tennis courts.



Four pickleball courts also were added to the area.

Center improvements follow the recent opening of the club’s marine recreation center, which offers classroom space, as well as an upper level deck for a bird’s-eye view of activity on the water. The \$2 million project included building an island on which the marine center sits, as well as rebuilding parts of the seawall and adding floats and new boat wells.

“The money spent on the harbor improvements was important and necessary in our mission as a yacht club,” Klenow said, noting the Family Activity Center project carried a price tag of around \$1 million.

“This can be enjoyed by all members — active, social, boating, non-boating. It has value for all members.”

There still is green space in the area, he noted, which means space for future plans.

“We’ll probably replace the tennis pavilion with a larger one with more bathroom facilities,” he said. “We’re going to wait and see how the area is used before we put in benches and lighting. We’ll still be adding more things — not features — but that’s a ways in the future.”

Tickets for Oktoberfest are \$12.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children. Call (313) 884-2500.



The new bocce courts are positioned with a beautiful view of the lake.

mine what was reasonable to add, what would fit .... It’s about families. This is a family-oriented place. The purpose of these improvements is to attract young families and keep families here, with or without boating.”

The new tennis courts include an underground sprinkler system that will keep clay surfaces moist without having to water them down, like the previous courts.

The pickleball courts, built on a harder surface, cater to a crowd who has fallen in love with the activity.

“This is a wildly popular game around the country that has really taken off here, too,” Klenow said. The pickleball

courts were completed in August and the club hosted tournaments on holiday weekends. Leagues already have formed.

Children have used the Playscape already and the tennis and basketball areas also have seen some use.

The splash pad officially opens in spring.

“Next year, it will be in full vigor,” Klenow said.

Members are invited to check out the Family Activity Center during Oktoberfest, which features German music and cuisine, face painting, children’s games and cider and doughnuts from Blake’s Cider Mill. For adults, Dragonmead Brewery offers wine and beer tasting.

Bocce, basketball and pickleball competitions also are included.

“It’ll be fun times out there,” Klenow said. “People who haven’t

seen it yet are welcome to walk around.”

The Family Activity

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## Raising awareness

Director Keith Famie introduced his film “Death is NOT the Answer” to a crowd of almost 200 at The War Memorial Wednesday, Sept. 27. The film addresses the suicide epidemic and was brought to the Grosse Pointe community by The Family Center and Kevin’s Song.



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# Ford House features collections at upcoming series

Edsel and Eleanor Ford were avid and eclectic collectors of art, furniture, books and other items that made their home beautiful and interesting. Their trips abroad often included visits to galleries and art museums, where they developed an eye for design and selected items for their home.

The Edsel and Eleanor Ford House welcomes visitors to explore these items and learn about their history at its Collectors Series programs, which take place 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 12, Nov. 2 and Nov. 30.

The Fords' flair for design can be captured in everything from the architecture of their home to their careful selection of the décor that filled it. At the Collectors Series programs, experts examine a specific category of Ford House's collection items, dive into the history and significance and discuss how guests can use this information to

enrich their personal collections.

"When visitors come to Ford House, they are often overwhelmed by the amount of magnificent art and artifacts around them, so the Collectors Series was created to give them an opportunity to focus in on the details," said Jessica Belcoure Marcetti, education programs coordinator. "We are thrilled to have partnered with extremely knowledgeable collections experts to guide each program

and create a dialogue about these interesting pieces of history."

Topics include:

- ◆ "Off the Shelf: Collecting Rare Books," Thursday, Oct. 12 — C. Hedger Breed of White Raven Books in Ypsilanti takes literature enthusiasts into the Fords' library to examine their rare book collection and share tips about collecting and caring for rare and antique books.
- ◆ "For What it's Worth: Appraisals & Valuations," Thursday, Nov. 2 —

Cassie Spencer of Sotheby's discusses the 10 components of value used while appraising works of art, as well as the pitfalls to avoid in personal collections.

Sotheby's, headquartered in New York City, is one of the world's largest brokers of fine and decorative art, jewelry and collectables.

- ◆ "Collecting Oriental Rugs," Thursday, Nov. 30 — Alan Marschke, owner of Oriental Rug Gallery in Grosse Pointe, takes a deeper look at the

Oriental rugs on display in the home and shares insight on the fabrication and significance of these decorative pieces.

Marschke, one of only five certified Oriental rug appraisers in Michigan, teaches guests maintenance tricks to save valuable rugs and talks about how the world of Oriental rug collecting has changed.

Cost of each session is \$40 for non-members, \$35 for Ford House members. Tickets may be purchased at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org).

**Shores Foundation**

The Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation hosts a fundraiser luncheon 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 12, at Country Club of Detroit. Tickets are \$50 and the public is welcome. Tickets are available at Shores offices or by calling (313) 881-6565.

**Veterans**

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club Inc. meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Raymond A. Mabarek discusses his experiences with the U.S. Army during World War II, including the Battle of the Bulge. Admission is free and guests are welcome. Call John Bates at (313) 881-4125.

**St. Paul School**

St. Paul Catholic School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts Harvest Fest 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13. The event includes hay rides, inflatables, a petting zoo, pony rides, carnival games and more. All are welcome.

**Barnes & Noble**

Grosse Pointe Farms resident and author Elizabeth Weigandt signs copies of her book, "Queen Bee," noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Barnes & Noble, 19221 Mack, Detroit. Joining her is Brian Peterson-Roest, educator, beekeeper and founder of Bees in the D, who will discuss honeybees and the challenges they face. All ages are welcome.

**War Memorial**

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, welcomes Detroit Public Theatre at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, for a free performance of "Detroit '67." Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis one hour before the performance.

**Woods Community Center**

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, offers a day trip to Blake's Cider Mill & Orchard in Armada Thursday, Oct. 19. The trip includes bus transportation, a train ride into the orchard to pick apples, cider and a doughnut and admission to the Barnyard Funland. Lunch is on your own. Cost is \$15 for Woods residents, \$20 non-residents. Registration deadline is Monday, Oct. 16. Call (313) 343-2408.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

**Reunion**

Grosse Pointe North High School's class of 1977 celebrates its 40-year reunion 7 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$75 and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, a DJ and cash bar. Dress is business casual; no denim. Tickets must be purchased in advance at [bit.ly/2g5SRKgH](http://bit.ly/2g5SRKgH). Email Gene LoVasco at [glovasco@lovascogroup.com](mailto:glovasco@lovascogroup.com).

**Ecumenical Breakfast**

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, past president of the Ecumenical Theological Society and current professor of Systematic Theology and Preaching at ETS, speaks. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

**BNI**

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

**Grannie Nannies**

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 882-9600.

**GPAA**

The Grosse Pointe Artists' Association presents the following programs at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms:

- ◆ 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays, Oct. 6 to 27, "Watercolor Print Workshop with Marilyn Thomas."
- ◆ noon to 4 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 15 to 29, "Multicolor Woodblock Print Workshop with Nobuko Yamasaki."

For information, call (313) 881-3454.

**Blood drive**

The American Red

Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit.
- ◆ 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

To register, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**DAR**

The Louisa St. Clair chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the John Paul Jones Society and Boy Scout Troop No. 96 host a flag retirement ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore. The event is free and open to the public.

**Toastmasters**

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikelele at (313) 884-4201.

**Family Center**

The Family Center hosts a Meet & Greet, a gathering for profession-

als who work with youth, adults and families, 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 10, at its new location inside The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Call (313) 447-1374.

**Chamber**

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents Business After Hours at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20381 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

**Senior Men**

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Chip Rohde, president of Rivertown Detroit, speaks. Cost is \$15. Men age 55 and older, retired or not, are welcome. Jackets are suggested. Call (313) 550-9661.

**LWV**

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe hosts candidate forums for the upcoming local elections. A forum featuring candidates for mayor and city council in the City of Grosse Pointe is tentatively scheduled 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of

Grosse Pointe. Candidates include David Fries, Sheila Tomkowiak, Chris Walsh and Daniel Williams for council, as well as Christopher Boettcher and Dale Scrace for mayor.

A Grosse Pointe Farms mayoral forum takes place 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Candidates include Joe Ricci and Louis Theros.

**Conner Creek**

The Salvation Army's Conner Creek Corps Community Center, 3000 Conner, Detroit, hosts "The State of Conner Creek," a breakfast and conversation about the center and its impact on the east side, at 7:30 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11. Lt. Col. John Turner, division commander, speaks. Call (313) 822-2800.

**Herb Society**

The Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe Unit meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. The group will work on projects for the Herb and Holly Boutique in November. Guests are welcome.

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‘Local on the Lake’ features food, chefs

Local chefs showcase their talents at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, as The War Memorial presents “Local on the Lake — Chefs for Vets: The Harvest Moon Edition.” Partnering with The War Memorial are Edible WOW Magazine and Taste the Local Difference, along with five chefs teaming up to craft a menu featuring harvest season ingredients and wine pairings provided by sommelier Michael Schafer.

A portion of the evening’s proceeds benefit No Veteran Left Behind. Featured chefs include Chef Frank Turner of The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Farms; Chef Jeff Rose of C.A.Y.A. Smokehouse Grill, Wolverine Lake; Chef Mike Metevia of Slows BBQ, Detroit; Chef Natalia Tarnavsky of Dorsey Culinary Academy, Roseville; and Chef Brian Kanak, formerly of The Toasted Oak, Novi. The evening is emceed by WDET 101.9 FM’s Ann Delisi, with entertainment by Detroit-based musician JC Whitelaw.



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**The War Memorial’s Executive Chef Frank Turner.**

Each chef personally introduces his or her course as guests dine in The War Memorial ballroom, overlooking the harvest moon as it rises above Lake St. Clair. A special barn-chic ambiance was designed exclusively for this event. “The War Memorial is proud to bring together some of the top names from metro Detroit’s culinary world,” said Charles Burke, president and CEO of The War Memorial. “Our featured

chefs, food sheds and sponsors all have close, authentic ties to their respective communities and it’s our honor to facilitate collaboration and connectivity between them. Every element of ‘Local on the Lake’ will be locally-sourced, from the ingredients to the music to the décor.” Tickets include a cocktail hour, appetizers and a five-course meal with beverage pairings. Specialty cocktails are included in the ticket price courtesy of Tito’s Handmade Vodka and Blake’s Orchard and Cider Mill. A full cash bar also is available. No Veteran Left Behind, which will receive a portion of the evening’s proceeds, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting men and women who served in the armed forces and their families, to assure they assimilate seamlessly into civilian life and are aware of the services available to military veterans and their families.

“Edible WOW Magazine is pleased to partner with The War Memorial to bring aware-

ness of the needs of our local veterans,” said Robb Harper, publisher of Edible WOW. “With five highly acclaimed local chefs, we will bring a culinary experience to our guests and much-needed insight and appreciation for the men and women who serve our country.”

“Local on the Lake” is supported by presenting sponsor Edible WOW Magazine, as well as sponsors Taste the Local Difference, Tito’s Handmade Vodka, Fairway Packing Co., Event Source, Mitten Crate, Blake’s Orchard and Cider Mill, Calder Dairy, Sohn Linen and Indian Brook Trout Farm. General admission, non-reserved seating is \$90 per person; tables of eight with reserved seating are \$695. All guests receive a free goody bag and a special giveaway is announced at evening’s end. The War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. More information and tickets are available at warmemorial.org/localonthelake or by calling (313) 881-7511.

Beaumont, Grosse Pointe offers nursing career fair Thursdays in October

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe presents “Talent Thursdays: Nursing Careers” every Thursday in October for graduating and experienced nurses to learn more about nursing career opportunities with Beaumont Health, including hospital care, home care and medical group office work.

The program runs 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe hospital, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe, as well as Beaumont’s seven other hospitals. “They can visit with the recruiting team, visit specific units they may be interested in across the Beaumont system,” said Alex M. Almanza, director of nursing workforce management for Beaumont Health. “It’s specifically for graduate nurses who are graduating in December or for already experienced nurses.” The events include live, on-site interviews with recruiters and nurse managers. Applications will be

accepted for experienced and new graduate nurses. Participants are encouraged to bring several copies of their resumes. “It’s a way to systematically have recruiting events to give nurses working at other places a chance to come to our site, network with others and explore opportunities,” Almanza said. “Folks get the opportunity to explore different sites. It’s nice for folks to go around and see which location would work best for (them).” “It’s great for any nurse who has not visited us before or who is looking for a change,” he continued. “Bedside, ambulatory, operational opportunities. That’s the beauty of nursing — there are so many options.” Almanza said Beaumont is considering offering quarterly events in 2018, and expanding the program beyond nursing. “We’re a great place to work,” he said. “Our door is always open; come see us.” For more information, call (313) 473-1000.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Sean Cleland

Pre-planning for aging parents

**Q: My parents are getting older and I worry what will happen if/when my siblings and I must make decisions for them. Is there anything we can do ahead of time?**

**A:** By 2030 there will be more Americans older than age 65 than younger than age 16. As we age, an increasing number of care concerns arise, such as the ability to live independently. Families should have a plan in place to handle these care concerns before they arise. If you have parents in their mid-70s or older, it is a good idea to hold a family meeting to discuss how they want their needs met during their later years and to make sure each family member’s role is agreed upon. Without advanced planning, families can be caught off guard by a care crisis. In such cases, prompt family coordination becomes vital. When families don’t plan in advance and cannot coordinate

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their efforts, caring for a parent often is left to one sibling out of necessity or convenience, which is a recipe for conflict and resentment. Planning in advance of a care crisis or after one develops can be challenging. The discussions can be emotional and require informed decision making. Often, family dynamics add to the difficulty. In both scenarios, an elder care mediator can be invaluable. Elder care mediators are experts at helping families plan for age-based concerns or handle an emerging care crisis. In a completely

confidential setting, elder care mediators design and guide family discussions. They help families make informed decisions by including professionals, such as care managers and elder law attorneys. The result is a workable and long-lasting solution that serves to decrease hostilities between family members. Learn more about ways to plan ahead at the upcoming program “Aging Parents? Strategies to Remain Conflict-free.”

Cleland is a collaboratively trained attorney and mediator specializing in divorce and elder law disputes. His company, Cleland Collaborative Solutions, can be found online at clelandsolutions.com. He may be reached at (586) 981-0990. He is a member of The Family Center’s Association of Professionals and on the board of directors. The Family Center’s



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# SENIOR Living

## The Encore Years: Don Burton *a.k.a. The mayor of Merriweather*

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

There’s a stretch of Merriweather, between Beaupre and Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Farms, where neighbors are especially tight knit. If there’s a problem, someone steps in with a solution. If there’s a party, everyone participates. It’s a close section of community that continues to evolve as the years go by.

But one constant in the evolution of Merriweather is Don Burton, a 47-year resident of his block, whom friends and neighbors have given the affectionate moniker, the mayor of Merriweather.

Burton, who celebrated his 90th birthday Sept. 15, was given a block party in his honor.

“I feel good for 90 years old,” he said. “My MD really keeps track of me.”

Burton, whose corner house stands out for its lush flowers and operational drinking fountain,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Don Burton, the mayor of Merriweather.**

said rarely do people walk by without getting a hello from the jovial nonagenarian.

“It’s fun living on the corner,” he said, adding he likes growing tomatoes and cucumbers and often offers them to passersby. “It’s been great here. All the neighbors are great. The whole block is a family to me.”

The father of five was born in Canada and calls himself a “nickel immi-

grant,” because it only cost five cents to take the ferry from Ontario when he was an infant. He and his late wife, Lora, who passed away last year, first lived in Harper Woods before moving to the Farms nearly 50 years ago.

He and Lora had been married 60 years. She picked out their corner house.

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Jody Pear offers a unique moving service for seniors transitioning from a house to an apartment.

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## A Delicate Move for a delicate time

Business makes downsizing a comfortable, seamless transition

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

A home is a reflection of its owner. People get emotionally attached to their belongings, the way they’re arranged and the comfort they afford.

When a senior citizen has to move from the home they love to an assisted living facility or senior apartment, that transition can be stressful.

Enter Jody Pear, whose business, A Delicate Move, aims to eliminate that stress and help seniors settle comfortably into their new surroundings.

A house coach and Grosse Pointe Woods resident, Pear created her business through the inspiration of her mentor, interior designer Kirsten Steno.

“Kirsten noticed a pattern, how emotional people get,” Pear said. “Our home is us, a reflection of who we are.”

A move, she said, espe-

cially a downsizing move, throws many people into a tailspin because they imagine they’ll have to get rid of a lot of sentimental treasures.

Not so, said Pear, who was one of seven people in the world Steno trained in her philosophy. She put the new knowledge to use when her husband’s aunt fell ill and wasn’t able to return home.

“The weight of that was so tremendous for her,” Pear explained. “The idea of not going home for her was the end of the world. I went in and looked at the house the way it is now — where artwork hangs in relation to the sofa, what’s on the shelves. I tried to copy that in the new home .... I did a photo shoot to document everything, from the knickknacks on the shelves to what’s in her kitchen cabinets, her linen closet — where everything is that made sense to her. I coordi-

nated the whole thing — packed up one shelf at a time and moved it to the new apartment.”

Pear said she even put shampoo bottles and magazines in the exact spot they were at the house, “so things looked as untouched as possible.

“I measured everything at her home and the apartment, then did a floor plan,” she continued. “Her big pieces would still fit. And luckily, the layout of the apartment was similar to her home. The first time she walked in her door, she saw her kitchen table. Not far from that is her lift chair. It’s almost the same orientation as her house.”

Pear said if an item is important, it’s going with you — she will find a way to make it happen. In this instance, a Hummel collection displayed on a treasured bookshelf was relocated and arranged identically.

“When she walked in, she started crying,” Pear said. “She said, ‘I feel like you picked up my house and moved it here.’ It was the most fulfilling work I’ve ever done.”

Pear looks to share that experience with other seniors through A Delicate Move. Rather than moving into what could be a cold, sterile environment, she wants to not only bring the comforts of home, but arrange them in a way so the transition is seamless.

“Families turn their world upside down because they’re handling the move like any other move in their lifetime,” Pear said. “We can’t let that happen .... It’s those small things. On every level, I try to emphasize that you are home. It’s not the structure, it’s the contents that are meaningful to you.”

Pear, who opened Pear Design in 2012, said A Delicate Move isn’t about interior design. It’s about duplicating as much as possible so there’s no added stress to what may be an already stressful situation.

“I want to meet with them in their current home, see how they’re using it, how they live in it, what the most important things are in it,” she said. “How can I duplicate that so they’re com-

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“It’s been interesting to see the block change,” he said. “When we moved in, there were 80 kids on this block. First base was the sewer out front, second base was on my lawn. I don’t see as many kids going by as I used to. Everyone must be driving them.”

Burton’s own children keep an eye on him and one currently lives with him, but it’s Burton who’s watching out for his son, who recently had surgery.

“The kids keep track of me now,” he said. “They’re always coming and going.”

So is Burton. When a neighbor has an issue, Burton is the first on the list of people to call.

The retired master electrician worked for the Detroit School Board and Michigan Consolidated Gas before spending 14 years at Pine Knob, now DTE Energy Music Theatre.

“I represented all of Pine Knob. Anything electrical went through me — the ski lifts, the theater and golf,” he said.

In his neighborhood, Burton became the go-to guy for most maintenance, from rewiring a garage to fixing a garbage disposal.

“I only directed the guys,” he said. “Everybody said, ‘Go see Don.’ They felt



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Burton, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends during a neighborhood block party, displays the many cards he received from well-wishers.

comfortable with my recommendations. Almost this whole block, if there’s a problem, the neighbors work together.

“At Pine Knob, they gave me a service truck and I would go on call all the time. Every Saturday, the kids in the neighborhood would load into the service truck and go skiing. Five or six kids would get in the truck, I’d drop them off and go to work.”

Burton built relationships with many youngsters in the neighborhood, some of them calling him their men-

tor. He made — and still makes — a point to be cordial, kind and courteous to everyone he meets.

“When they were renovating the Pine Knob golf course and tennis court, someone threw away this drinking fountain, just put it in the trash,” he said. “So I took it home and kept it for a while. Eventually, I put it in outside and put a brick step in front of it.

“I would offer water to kids, then to their mothers,” he continued. “The next thing I knew, they just flocked over here. They still

do.”

After he retired, Burton became the caretaker at three mansions in the Pointes.

“I’ve always worked. I enjoy working,” he said. “I never made a whole lot of money, but it worked out just fine.”

The World War II Army medic learned long ago to treat people with respect.

He also was blessed with the gift of gab.

“I just enjoy when people go by,” he said. “Nobody gets by here without saying hello.”

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fortable and familiar almost immediately.”

Through A Delicate Move, Pear titles herself a move designer, there to offer consultations and comfort before, during and after a move.

“It’s about copying and pasting,” she said. “The sooner they call me, I can figure out what’s important and may be able to stop them from discarding or passing on something that’s part of their life story. I don’t want them to lose their story. I want them to still have those things that remind them where they came from.

“But I don’t have to offer that level,” she continued. “I can just measure items and figure out what furniture you want to go with you. I can measure the new apartment and do a floor plan. I can be done at that point. I can also create a moving portfolio, a road map they can use to communicate to whoever they choose to help them through this process — a friend, family, a mover. The cost of my services could reduce the cost of their moving fees. Everything is marked and the floor plan is right there. It’s all kinds of service I can offer. As simple as that or as detailed as possible.”

Pear is focused on starting the business in Grosse Pointe, where her home and heart are. She said through her business she’s learning to use the heart as a compass. She said she’s hopeful for the future of her business and making an impact in the lives of those she helps.

“It feeds my soul. It’s blissful,” she said. “When I see I can make a connection for somebody else, when I can point something out to them, when I see that spark, that’s the best feeling.”

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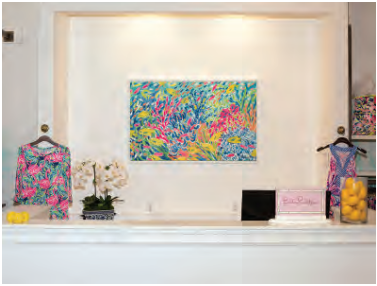
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On your next shopping trip, please keep in mind the many benefits of shopping locally. Merchants in the Village need and value your support.

Keeping your shopping dollars in the area is definitely a winning strategy for you the buyer. According to the research firm Civic Economics for every \$100 spent: In a local small business \$68 stays in your community A local branch of a chain store \$43 stays in your community Online, virtually no money stays in your community. Those dollars spent locally help keep taxes lower and support your local schools, police and fire department. Studies show having a vibrant shopping and dining destination in your town actually raises your property values. Local merchants live in your neighborhood and appreciate your patronage. They hire locally and provide job opportunities for youths living in the area.

The old saying “what’s good for GM and IBM is good for the country” may be restate to “what’s good for local businesses in Grosse Pointe is for all of it’s residents”.

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PASTOR’S CORNER By the Rev. Edward Dunn

What do we tell the children?

**WARNING: THE FOLLOWING CONTAINS ADULT CONTENT**

Now that I’ve caught your attention, here’s the adult content: The actions and words an adult takes and uses will have a significant impact on the adults our children will become.

In Deuteronomy 6, the Israelites are admonished to love God with their heart, soul and might. They are to remember this command and instruct their children of its significance. When Jesus is asked about them, he points to love of God as the greatest and love of neighbor as the second.

Loving God and neighbors is not always so easy, particularly when it comes to love of neighbors who might be from a different cultural or religious tradition, politi-

cal party affiliation or other ways that might make them distinct from us.

We are reminded that our children watch us; they learn from us and as much as they may deny it, they will become like us. The challenge, in light of these commandments, becomes, “What do we tell the children?”

Do we teach them compassion or fearfulness, understanding or suspicion, hope or hopelessness in what they observe us saying or doing? What are we teaching children when adults are unwilling to engage in civil discourse about the differences between us or as they hear profanities used to defame others?

More importantly, what they see the adults in their lives say and do will affect the kind of adults our children become. If they see our kindness

toward others, they will be kind. If they hear hope in our conversation, they too will have hope.

But if they see or hear none of these things from the adults in their lives, what have we taught them about justice, forgiveness or acceptance?

The writer of Deuteronomy advises us to “hear ... remember ... teach” what it means to love precisely because we have heard, recalled and been taught that we are loved.

So the adult content of this article is a quote from Carol B. Hillman, “One of the most important things we adults can do for young children is to model the kind of person we would like them to be.”

What are we telling the children?

*Dunn is the pastor of Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.*

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, continues its Detroit 1967 series with “The Detroit I Knew and Know,” with speaker Ike McKinnon, at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 8. For information, call (313) 822-2814.

First English

The Women of the Church at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, invite the community to the program “The Serious Aspect of Internet Safety, Cyber Bullying and Human Trafficking,” presented by Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Detective Ryan Schroerlucke, at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9. The program follows a short

business meeting. There is no charge; dessert and coffee are served.

Saturdays and 10 a.m. Sundays. Call (313) 884-4470.

St. Matthew

St. Matthew Catholic Church, 6021 Whittier, Detroit, hosts its autumn garage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29. Shoppers may find furniture, clothing, household items, books, jewelry and more. Additionally, St. Matthew School furniture and memorabilia — including sports uniforms, trophies and print materials — will be sold.

Donations may be dropped off at the gymnasium noon to 2 p.m. or 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Oct. 10 to 12, 17 to 19 or 24 to 26, or after weekend Mass at 4:30 p.m.

Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts Cancer Connect, a spiritual resource for those touched by cancer, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17. Call Kathie vonSchwarz at (313) 303-1777 or Nancy Osborn at (313) 595-5392.

St. Margaret

St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 21201 13 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores, seeks crafters and artisans for its annual art and craft show, slated Saturday, Nov. 4. For table reservations or information, call Carol at (586) 296-2745.

International peacemaker to visit Woods Presbyterian



Ebun James-DeKam

Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, welcomes Ebun James-DeKam, general secretary of the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11. James-DeKam will speak about the work of the Council of Churches during the Ebola outbreak in 2014-15 and the August 2017 mudslide in the West African nation’s capital where 1,000 people were killed and thousands displaced. For more information, call (313) 886-4301.

First English hosts Oktoberfest

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, invites the community to its annual Oktoberfest 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, in the Luther Center.

The evening features authentic German cuisine with a cash bar, raffle and children’s games. A live oompah band entertains with dance music, Polka lessons and songs.

New this year are traditional fall festival games for children.

Additionally, the event includes a silent auction, tin can raffle featuring German wares and items from local businesses and a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets for Oktoberfest cost \$25 for adults in advance, \$30 at the door, and

\$10 for children ages 4 to 12. Ages 3 and younger are admitted free. Tickets may be purchased online with PayPal at [feelcoctoberfest@gmail.com](mailto:feelcoctoberfest@gmail.com) process as “send money to friends & family” to avoid fees.

All proceeds benefit local missions to stock food pantries providing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to those in need.

“First English is pleased to share our German heritage by giving something back to the community in this festival season,” said the Rev. Sean Motley, First English pastor. “We feel we’ve priced the event fairly. Good fun will be had by all participants.”

For more information, visit [feelc.org](http://feelc.org).

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9:30 a.m. - Bible Study  
10:45 a.m. - Sunday School

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# OBITUARIES

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

### Barbara Frances Bartley

Barbara Frances Bartley, nee Fox, of Grosse Pointe Woods and Northport, died Friday, Sept. 22, 2017, at Tendercare of Leelanau in Suttons Bay. She was 98.

Born and raised in Detroit to Edward and Josephine (nee Noll) Fox, she was a 1937 graduate of the Academy of the Sacred Heart on Lawrence Avenue. On Oct. 6, 1942, she married Arthur Lloyd, to whom she was married 38 years, until his death Dec. 4, 1980. She is survived by her daughter, Sharon “Sherry” and son-in-law, Richard Koenig and daughter-in-law, Marilyn Trent Bartley and grandson, Edward “Ted” Bartley.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her parents and sons, Robert Lloyd in 2011 and Edward Arthur in 2015.

Barbara was a dedicated volunteer at St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit where she volunteered 24 years primarily in the Fontbonne Gift Shop giving countless hours of help and support. She was a member of the Fontbonne Society at the hospital and also a long-time sustaining member of the Christ Child Society of Detroit.

She moved to Northport in 2007, along with her daughter and son-in-law, to enjoy the peace and beauty of northern Michigan. She enjoyed volunteering for the Northport Community Arts Center, the Northport Area Heritage Association assisting with mailings and other tasks as needed and the Northport Lions Club in preparing a multitude of napkin and utensil packs for the club’s annual fly-in pancake breakfast each summer.

A funeral Mass and celebration of her life will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, in the main mausoleum at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 25800 West 10

Mile Road, Southfield. Interment will be in the family mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. John Hospital & Medical Center, 22101 Moross, MOB Suite 102, Detroit, MI 48236.

Share a memory at martinson.info.

### James R. Daoust Sr.

James R. Daoust Sr., 95, passed away Friday, Sept. 8, 2017.

Born July 3, 1922, in Bay City, he was a U.S. Navy officer who served during World War II. He was commissioned to the USS Indianapolis, the attack transport USS Collingsworth, and served as lieutenant junior grade aboard the battleship USS Wisconsin until 1947. James graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1950 and practiced law until age 94.

An unquenchable thirst for the outdoors led him to ski the slopes of the world, skiing with family, friends, Olympians and heads of state. He joined Bayview Yacht Club in 1959, where he acquired a bountiful 29 Mackinac races and enjoyed countless regattas. In 1967, James joined the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club serving as commodore in 1985. From these yacht club memberships, he forged lifelong friendships and rode the waves of adventure, the wind always in his sails.

In 1951, he joined Grosse Pointe Theatre, embracing life’s drama until the day he passed.

James is survived by devoted sons, James Jr. and Peter. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Marjorie.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment will be at Lake View Cemetery in Bellaire. Donations may be made in memory of James R. Daoust and Marjorie A. Daoust to the Grass River Natural

Area, P.O. Box 231, Bellaire, MI 49615.

### Shirley Stretlien Kirk

Former Grosse Pointe resident Shirley Stretlien Kirk, 87, passed away Friday, Sept. 29, 2017, after a long struggle with COPD. She was a resident of Beacon Hill retirement community in Grand Rapids the last several years, where she made many wonderful friendships.

Born in Detroit, Shirley was the daughter of Hjalmar and Hjordis Stretlien, who immigrated to Detroit from Norway. She attended Cass Technical High School and graduated with a degree in elementary education from Wayne State University, where she was a member of Zeta Chi sorority. She loved her career with the Grosse Pointe Public School System and taught hundreds of children at Maire and Defer elementary schools.

Shirley is survived by Robert Kirk, her husband of 64 years, and children, Alison O’Gorman (Mark), Jeff Kirk (Bethann Verbiest) and Nancy Doyal (Tom). Shirley got a kick out of her eight grandchildren, Todd O’Gorman, Kirk O’Gorman (Sarah), Kate O’Gorman Fodell (John); Torrie Kirk Abello (Roberto), Bryan and Jennifer Kirk; Sally and Charlotte Doyal and nine great-grandchildren. She also is survived by her sister, Doris Lindland.

Shirley loved spending time at her cottage in Glen Arbor and thought the perfect day began with kayaking in Lake Michigan. She had many wonderful summer friends, many of whom she met in college. Shirley was artsy and creative and loved designing, sewing, gardening, reading, nature and was a master at improvising. She was active in the Grosse Pointe Arts Council and was a member of the Leelanau Conservancy and Friends of the Crystal



Barbara Frances Bartley



James R. Daoust Sr.



Shirley Stretlien Kirk

River. Shirley was a progressive thinker and loved meeting new people and having interesting conversations.

Her family is grateful for the gentle, attentive care Shirley received from the entire team at Hospice of Holland, Beacon Hill Skilled Nursing and Gauthier Family Home Care. Shirley’s lively and unconventional spirit will be dearly missed by those who knew her.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at Beacon Hill’s auditorium, 1919 Boston St. SE, Grand Rapids.

Donations may be made to Friends of the Crystal River, Leelanau Conservancy, P.O. Box 1007, Leland, MI 49654.

### Ruth M. Paradise

Ruth M. Paradise, 88, wife of Everett “Perry” Paradise, passed away Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Ruth was born in 1928 in Boston, to Cornelius and Anna Doherty, both Irish immigrants, and was the youngest of seven children. She met her husband, Perry, at age 17 and they were married five years later in 1952 and remained married 65 years. Ruth was blessed with sons, Scott (Cynthia) and Dean (dec. 1999), grandchildren, Matthew (Erin), Michael (Linda), Andrea (Ryan) Salem, Deanna and Jessica and eight great-grandchildren.

Ruth was a dynamic, independent and fashionable wife, mother and business owner. As her sons grew older, she returned to work in downtown Detroit at an employment agency. Ruth established her own agency and had a successful career in business helping others find employment. She also



Ruth M. Paradise



Beverly A. Kummer

traveled the world with her friends, which she greatly enjoyed.

The family held a small gathering Oct. 2 to celebrate her life.

Donations may be made to Alzheimer’s Association at alz.org.

Arrangements were handled by A. H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

### Beverly A. Kummer

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Beverly A. Kummer, 84, died Friday, Sept. 29, 2017.

Beverly grew up in Detroit with her parents, Sarguis and Adele Saad, and four sisters. At 21 she married her high school sweetheart, Donald Kummer. Together they created a loving home for their eight children with Saturday morning doughnuts, Sunday waffles, big Lebanese dinners and holiday celebrations with 100 relatives.

Beverly had a sassy and fun-loving spirit. Her love for playing the organ filled her living room with music and dancing. She loved performing and sang with the St. Ambrose Players and the Judelaires well into her 70s. Her closet was full of sequins and sparkles.

Her family said Beverly loved people and had the ability to make them feel

special. She was compassionate, without prejudice, spoke kindly of others and did not pass judgment. She was grateful for the life she was given. As she grew older and knew her health was failing, she told her loved ones, “Don’t cry when I die, I’ve had a wonderful life.”

She will be deeply missed by those who knew her.

Beverly is survived by her loving children, Daniel Kummer, Mary Naber (Michael), Dennis Kummer (Sherry), Donald Kummer Jr. (Pamela), Dean Kummer (Shelly), David Kummer, Evie Ansell (Rich) and Christine Boring (Peter); 16 grandchildren and siblings, Charlotte Joseph, Lolly Szykowski and Elaine Schornack.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her beloved husband, Donald Kummer and sister, Gloria Solomon.

Visitation will be held 3 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton St., Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation begins at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Full Circle Foundation at fullcirclefdn.org.

## ‘Songs of Praise & Peace’ exhibition at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church

“Songs of Praise & Peace,” art works by Tamm Whitty of Grosse Pointe Park and Lori Zurvalec of the City of Grosse Pointe, currently are displayed in the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church lounge, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. The exhibition is up through Sunday, Nov. 12, and may be viewed by the public 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday or by appointment.

The exhibition is the sixth in a program of ongoing visual arts exhibitions held in conjunction with the arts ministry



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The work of Tamm Whitty, left, and Lori Zurvalec is displayed at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church through Nov. 12.

begun by GPCC in late 2016.

For more information,

contact Whitty, director of arts ministry, at tammwhitty@gmail.com.

## Music at Memorial presents Sounding Light

Music at Memorial’s 2017-18 season opens at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, with the 32-voice Sounding Light chamber choir, conducted by Tom Trenney. The concert features award-winning composer Jake Runestad conducting his own composition, “The Hope of Loving,” as well as special appearances by the Wayne State Concert Chorale conducted by Noah Horn and the WSU Women’s Chorale conducted by Arianne Abela.

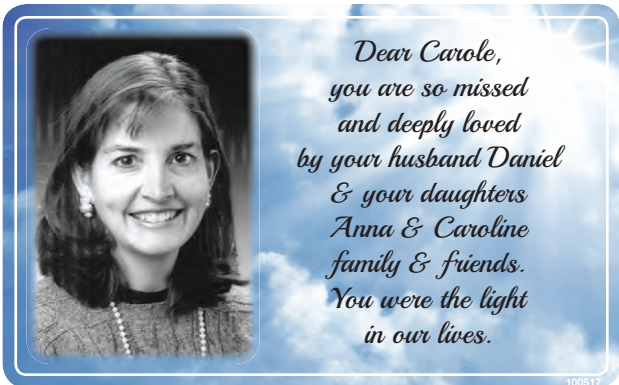
Sounding Light sets words of inspiration to the rhythms and harmonies of Johann Sebastian Bach, the African-American spiritual, Kim André Arnesen, American folksongs and Trenney.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and are available at the church reception desk or online at ticketriver.com. Parking is available behind the church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.



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**Sounding Light performs 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.**



Dear Carol,  
you are so missed  
and deeply loved  
by your husband Daniel  
& your daughters  
Anna & Caroline  
family & friends.  
You were the light  
in our lives.



# Mom’s Choice Awards honors ‘Rosaline’s Big Dream’

Pointer honored for children’s book

The Mom’s Choice Awards® has named children’s book “Rosaline’s Big Dream” among the best in family-friendly media, products and services. The book is the creation of Grosse Pointe author Gail Kachadourian Howe and former Grosse Pointe

Public School System art teacher Laura Grande Adams. “Laura and I are thrilled to earn the Mom’s Choice Excellence Seal of Approval,” Howe said. “MCA works to connect consumers, educators and caregivers with the best products and ser-

vices available for families.”

The MCA evaluation process uses a proprietary methodology in which entries are scored on a number of elements, including production quality, design, educational value, entertainment value, originality, appeal and cost. “Rosaline’s Big Dream” is a book about a fun-loving, young giraffe who aspires to more than her daily routine at the zoo. Her parents foster her creativity and can-do spirit and encourage her to pursue her dreams. Rosaline’s dreams come true because of tenacity and support from family and friends.

In Grosse Pointe, the book is sold at El’s Boutique in the Village. It also is available on amazon.com and at bookstores and boutiques across the country.

“Our aim is to introduce families and educators to best-in-class products and services,” explained Dawn Matheson, executive director of the Mom’s Choice Awards. “We have a passion to help families grow emotionally, physically and spiritually. Parents and educators know that products and services bearing our seal of approval are high-quality and also a great value. The MCA evaluation program is designed to incorporate the expertise of scientists, physicians and other specialists, but we also engage parents, children, educators and caregivers because they are experts in knowing what is best for their families.”

To be considered for an award, each entrant submits five identical samples for testing. Entries are matched to evaluators in the MCA database. Evaluators are bound by a strict code of ethics to ensure objectivity and that the evaluation is free from manufacturer influence. Evaluations are submitted to the MCA Executive Committee for final review and approval.

With the evaluation now complete, the testing samples of “Rosaline’s Big Dream” will be donated to schools, libraries, hospitals and nonprofit organizations.

## Dining & ENTERTAINMENT

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### Football

LIGGETT

## Knights make it 9 in a row

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Sophomore Ian Narva's 50-yard interception return with 2:09 left allowed host University Liggett's football team to win its first game of the season 27-23 over Macomb Lutheran North on homecoming.

It was the Knights' ninth consecutive homecoming victory as classmates mobbed the players at midfield after the final horn sounded.

"This is what this team can do when they play hard and play tough football," head coach Dan Cimini said. "The guys put together a strong effort against a team in the playoff hunt. We have played better of late and today the guys played their hearts out on homecoming."

"It is a great win for a young football team."

Narva picked off a third down pass and was not touched as he raced to the end zone. The Mustangs were trying to run out the clock while nursing a 23-20 lead.

It was 23-14 midway through the fourth quarter and the Mustangs

had all the momentum. They just scored to take the nine-point lead.

Narva and the offense played their best football of the game on the ensuing drive. He completed a 10-yard pass to junior wide receiver Dan Bowen on the first play before an incomplete pass and a quarterback sack left the Knights with a third-and-29.

The Mustangs were flagged for a personal foul, wiping out an interception and giving the Knights a first down.

Narva and Bowen connected again for a 16-yard gain and Narva completed an 18-yard pass to sophomore Anthony Green to put the ball at the Mustangs' 25-yard line.

After that, it was Narva taking control, rushing five times, including a 3-yard touchdown run, with 3:26 left. It was 23-20 before a missed extra point left it a three-point deficit.

With a chance to run out the clock, Narva stepped in front of the third-down pass and took it to the house for the winning score.

The Mustangs had



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

**Liggett sophomore quarterback Ian Narva darts through a hole during a running play in the Knights' win over Lutheran North.**

their chance to win the game, but senior Desmon Darby tipped a screen pass and senior Fayeze AliAhmad intercepted it near midfield with 1:34 left.

The Knights had to punt and the Mustangs took over with only 12.5 left. A completed pass put the ball at the Knights' 40-yard line, but a quarterback sack on the final play allowed the Knights to celebrate.

Liggett scored a touchdown in the first quarter on Narva's short run and he added another short scoring run in the second quarter. Junior Zach

Elliott had three extra points.

Liggett evened its Catholic League Intersectional 1 Division record at 1-1 and is 1-5 overall.

Coming up for the Knights is an away game at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, against Allen Park Cabrini.

"I am anxious to see how this group of guys finishes the season," Cimini said. "We have a young group and they will only get better. They have made mistakes, but they are learning and becoming better football players."

### Swimming

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Motivation on the rise

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Head coach Jim Singelyn was all smiles after his Grosse Pointe North girls' swimming and diving team beat visiting Chippewa Valley 108-78 last week.

The win gave the Norsemen a 1-1 mark in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 2-1 overall.

"I was happy with our results from top to bottom, despite some of our kids battling illnesses," Singelyn said. "The desire to get better is prevalent and that makes me happy as a head coach. I see the positive results from lots of hard work in practice. It was evident tonight."

The Norsemen trailed after three events, but put it in second gear in the 50-yard freestyle, taking the top three spots.

Olivia Peruzzi was first with a time of 27.13, followed by Helen Michaelson at 28.14 and Sophia Vitale at 28.27.

The Norsemen placed second in the 200-yard medley relay with Jaden Payne, Michaelson, Jill Peters and Vitale posting a time of 2:11.20 and Katie Flynn and Angelina Cavaliere took second and third in the 200-yard freestyle with times of

2:11.13 and 2:18.02.

Ava MacGillis was second and Amelia Fly third in the 200-yard individual medley, turning in times of 2:22.39 and 2:30.02.

In diving, Amanda Nguyen was third with 152.25 points. She was less than one point from second.

The Big Reds grabbed the lead with a first-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly. In that event, Peruzzi and Fly took second and third with times of 1:08.20 and 1:08.43.

Sam Villani won the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 56.42 and Alyssa Carlino was second at 58.52. In the 500-yard freestyle it was Flynn winning with a time of 5:46.74 and MacGillis taking second at 5:49.73.

The Norsemen came back to win the 200-yard freestyle as Peruzzi, Michaelson, Cavaliere and Vitale had a time of 1:51.34.

Villani also won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:02.12 to help the Norsemen pull away.

Michaelson was second in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:16.89 and the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Carlino, Cavaliere, Villani and MacGillis won with a time of 3:52.48.

### Football

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen grind out league win



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

**North's Ka'Ron Henderson scored a touchdown and produced positive yards in his time in the backfield.**

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Grosse Pointe North's football team spoiled Warren Cousino's homecoming last weekend, beating the Patriots 35-8.

This has been a one-sided division series with the Patriots winning the past few games. All of the games have been close, coming down to the final few minutes of the fourth quarter.

This was close at the half, but the Norsemen's offensive line wore down the Patriots' defense, opening huge holes for senior running back Sheldon Cage to run for a career-high 278 yards.

"The guys up front were solid tonight and our running game was very strong," head coach Frank Sumner said. "We're happy with the outcome. We moved the ball well, but this wasn't a perfect game. We need to improve as we head down the stretch."

The Patriots jumped out to an 8-0 lead, scoring on a fourth-down pass with 3:09 left in the

opening quarter. They also converted a two-point pass to take the lead.

It took the Norsemen 16 seconds to answer as Cage rushed 70 yards for a touchdown. They missed a two-point conversion, but brought the deficit to 8-6.

Cage scored again on a 7-yard run early in the second quarter and he ran in the two-point conversion to give the visitors a 14-8 lead which would last to the half.

After trading interceptions to end the first half, the Norsemen took the opening possession of the third quarter and used five straight runs by Cage to add to their lead. Cage capped the drive with a 7-yard run and senior John Lizza kicked the extra point to make it 21-8.

Cage left the game after gaining 42 yards on a run and junior Ka'Ron Henderson replaced him and didn't skip a beat. He gained 19 yards on three carries, including a 4-yard touchdown run with 4:36 left in the

third quarter.

Lizza kicked another PAT. It was 28-8 and the Norsemen had total control of the game.

The Norsemen put an exclamation mark on the victory when senior Tyler Hill returned a fumble 95 yards for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

Henderson was a standout on defense, recovering a fumble, intercepting a pass and sacking the quarterback. Senior Peter Ciaravino also had an interception and the duo of junior Joseph Salisbury and junior Myles Stewart-McConnell shared a quarterback sack.

Hill also had a fumble recovery.

The Norsemen rushed for more than 300 yards, with senior fullback Darrick Hollowell chipping in to the total.

Grosse Pointe North is 2-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 3-2 overall.

Next for the Norsemen is their annual homecoming game at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, against Sterling Heights.



Field hockey

LIGGETT

In the title chase

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Homecoming was a fruitful day for host University Liggett girls' field hockey team. Playing in front of a large crowd, the Knights edged rival Ann Arbor Greenhills 2-0 to improve to 10-1 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 standings and 11-1 overall.

"We have a good team and we played like a good team today," junior Kate Birgbauer said.

"Our communication was great today and it has been good all year," senior Naomi Yoshida said. "I think it is a big reason we are doing so well. We are having a lot of fun."

Senior Alexandra



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett junior Kate Birgbauer scored one of the two goals in the Knights' win over Greenhills.

Diggs scored a goal in the first half and Birgbauer tallied in the second half off a backhand shot from the top of the circle.

Head coach Jayant Trewn has been able to take inexperienced freshmen and turn them

into productive players, using his veterans as on-the-field teachers.

In other action during the week, Liggett beat Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard and West Bloomfield to stay on the heels of division-leading Wixom St. Catherine.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen play well

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls' field hockey team played one of its best games of the season Monday afternoon, tying visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills 2-2.

"Our spacing was good and the girls played hard," head coach Paula Cornwall said. "It was a good game for us since we had a slew of tough

opponents right in a row. This is a confidence builder for us with the playoffs approaching."

The Norsemen led 1-0 on a goal by junior Erina Nazarko, assisted by junior Clare Murphy.

Greenhills tied it with a goal in the final seconds of the first half and it took a 2-1 lead tallying at the 18:37 mark of the second half.

Senior captain Sydney Murray carried the play

into the Greenhills zone and seconds later junior Emma Martell scored to tie the game. Murphy also assisted on the play.

Both teams had chances to take the lead in the final few minutes and Greenhills scored a goal, but it was waved off.

Grosse Pointe North is 2-6-2 in Division 2 of the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Falling to the best

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' field hockey team dropped an 8-0 decision last week to the top squad in the state, Ann Arbor Huron.

"This was the best team in the state and I am proud of our girls for playing hard and playing

with a purpose," head coach Amanda Amine said. "Yes we lost, but the effort was there."

With the loss, the Blue Devils drop to 1-9 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 1 standings.

For captains Hannah Voytowich, Elise Whitney and Tori Potter, and their teammates, the

state playoffs are looming.

Before the playoffs begin, South hosts city rival Grosse Pointe North in the annual Cancer Awareness Game Thursday, Oct. 12.

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall to Romeo

By John McTaggart  
Special Writer

Football

A lone field goal was all the Grosse Pointe South offense could muster in front of the enthusiastic homecoming crowd last weekend as the squad fell to Romeo, 17-3.

"Despite the score, I liked the effort tonight," head coach Tim Brandon said. "Our defense was stellar tonight, they really were."

The defensive unit kept the Blue Devils in the game against a good Romeo team.

"We held a MAC (Macomb Area Conference) Red Division team to 17 points," Brandon said. "And really there were just a few plays that even got them to 17 points. Like I said, I really liked the effort of the defense and the offense tonight, too."

The Blue Devils jumped out to an early lead, 3-0, thanks to a 40-yard field goal from Cameron Shook with

5:18 left in the opening quarter.

The scoring ended there for South as the Bulldogs took a 10-3 lead into the halftime break, then followed with a 1-yard touchdown run from Malik Jones on the squad's first possession of the third quarter.

The loss dropped the Blue Devils to 3-3 overall.

However, they're still in the thick of the MAC White Division title chase.

Brandon is focused, and focusing his team as well, on a very big division game Friday, Oct. 6, at Anchor Bay — and the possibility of a second division title in as many years.

Currently, the Tars and Blue Devils sit atop the division at 3-0. Anchor Bay has outscored its three division foes 106-6.

"We have two big division games left, starting with Anchor Bay," Brandon said. "If we beat

them then we are at least guaranteed a tie for the division championship. But we are really just going to take it one game at a time."

The Anchor Bay game is followed by L'Anse Creuse North at home, then Warren Mott on the road.

"We went into this season knowing we were inexperienced," the coach said. "And we are still making some of those mistakes. But, it's game six of the season, we have to be done with those mistakes by now."

"When we make those mistakes, they're killing us. But, we're gonna go back in practice this week and do our repetitions, and get better. From week one to week six, we are a better team."

"We play good teams though, there are no breaks in the division we play in, none. So, we have to get better and we have to stop the mistakes. We can do that."



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South players head onto the field with the American flag for their annual homecoming game.



Cross country

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils back in race mode

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

The Grosse Pointe South cross-country teams enjoyed a perfect running day last weekend as both competed in the Hanson's Invitational at Stony Creek Metropark.

The girls placed third in the 20-team field, led by junior Devon Krasner, who was fifth with a personal-best time of 19:08.

Senior Abby Hurst, freshman Cameron Lundh and freshman Lizzy Bellovich each finished in the top 20 with times of 20:32, 20:40 and 20:46, respectively.

Other Blue Devils were junior Sarah Bellovich with a time of 20:42, senior Leah MacKay at 20:54 and senior Natalia

Szura at 20:54.

"We were very excited to see all seven varsity runners under 21 minutes," head coach Steve Zaranek said. "That is a first for us this season and a very good sign of things to come."

"Devon is providing great leadership in setting the standard for our team up front. Our second through seventh runners were separated by only 22 seconds. That is a great achievement."

The boys had 20 runners under the 18:50 mark as they finished seventh out of 23 teams.

Junior Blake Weaver led the team, placing 23rd with a personal-best time of 17:02. Senior Rockim Williamson was 41st with a season-best time of 17:28 and senior



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANEK

**South varsity runners, from left, Sarah Bellovich, Leah MacKay and Natalia Szura, finished strong in the Hanson's Invitational.**

Ethan Vick was 51st at 17:38.5.

Sophomore Dominic Dulac ran 53rd with a season-best time of 17:40 and the trio of senior

Isaac Kado, freshman Charles Rulison and freshman Jack Corrion finished 68th, 69th and 70th with times of 18:03, 18:05 and 18:09.

Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Building confidence

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Grosse Pointe South boys' tennis team is rounding into shape as the state regional tournament approaches.

Last week, the Blue Devils beat Novi Catholic Central 6-2, winning three points in singles and doubles.

At No. 1 singles, Sean Miller won 6-0, 6-2 and Michael Willard posted a 7-6, 6-0 win at No. 2 singles.

Kenny Prather also won his singles match, 6-3, 6-4, and the No. 1

doubles team of Teddy Sweeney and Turner Sine was victorious 7-5, 6-1.

Sam Packer and Mickey Kuchta won 6-3, 6-0 at No. 2 doubles and the Blue Devils' sixth point came from the No. 3 doubles team of Dylan Haggarty and John Lynch, 6-4, 6-2.

"The boys played well on an extremely hot day," head coach John Willard said. "I was impressed with our team's focus against a very good team."

Grosse Pointe South improved to 6-3-1.

LIGGETT

Knights fall just short

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

The University Liggett boys' tennis team made a bid to stay in the division title chase last week.

The Knights hosted one of the perennial state powers, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood and came away with a 5-3 defeat. This is a match they could have won or even tied.

However, three losses came in third sets and the team had a lineup change.

The home team won one of four singles matches with Andrew Staricco taking a 6-2, 6-3 victory at No. 4 singles.

William Cooksey lost 6-7, 6-3, 11-9 to Benji Jacobson at No. 1 singles. It was one of the best matches of the year as the two tennis heavyweights battled for a couple of hours. Cooksey is only a freshman, while Jacobson is a senior.

At No. 4 doubles, Victor Logan and Patrick Ilitch lost in three sets.

Winning their doubles matches were Spencer Warezak and Thomas

Van Pelt at No. 2 and Craig Buhler and Matt Lesha at No. 3.

Liggett regrouped and won its final Catholic League Central Division dual match of the season the following day, beating host Novi Catholic Central 6-2.

Head coach Mark Sobieralski and his Knights finished 3-2 in the Central Division.

The Knights moved to 18-2 overall after beating one of the top teams in the area, Birmingham Seaholm, 5-3.

The Knights dropped three of four singles matches with Staricco winning 6-1, 6-4.

They dominated the doubles matches, led by Maddie Fozo and Alec Azar winning 6-1, 7-6 at No. 1.

At No. 2, Van Pelt and Warezak won 6-1, 6-0, and it was Lesha and Buhler winning 6-3, 7-5 at No. 3 doubles.

The match of the day was at No. 4 doubles where Patrick Ilitch and Victor Logan won 2-6, 7-5, 6-3.

The match took more than two hours.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen get fourth at Hanson's

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

The Grosse Pointe North girls' cross-country team placed fourth out of 17 squads in last weekend's Hanson's Invitational at Stoney Creek Metro Beach.

The Norsemen were led by Sara Michalik, Kate Wozniak, Jenna Miller, Katie Louwers, Caroline Mrsan, Stephanie Schaefer and Lyndsay Kluge.

"We had an incredible top five today," girls' head coach Scott Cooper said. "With Michalik out front running 19:45, her first time under 20, making her officially an elite runner, and Woz running another tough race, followed by Miller, Louwers and Mrsan all flocked up

within seconds of each other, we finished strong in the pack of teams."

The boys also finished fourth behind senior captain Mike Ciaravino, who was fourth overall with a sub 16-minute time of 15:55.

"We had a very good outing on Saturday despite suffering three injuries and three illnesses in our top 10 in the last two weeks," boys' head coach Diane Montgomery said. "Despite missing (Garrett) Schreck, 16:25 PR, from our top five, we still placed fourth overall (out of 19 teams), only 24 points out of first."

Next for the Norsemen was junior Will Hofmann, who was 12th with a personal-best time of 16:25, and senior captain Calvin



PHOTO BY DAVE HOFFMANN

**North junior Kuvin Satyadev was a solid contributor to the Norsemen's fourth-place finish in the Hanson's Invitational.**

Riley, who finished in the top 20 with his second fastest time ever of 16:59.

Junior Kuvin Satyadev was 27th with his second fastest time of 17:06 and rounding out scoring was sophomore Andrew Spiteri, 54th place, in his second fastest time of 17:41.

"I am very much hop-

ing to get most of the team back by this Saturday when we travel to Willow Metro Park for the Wayne County Championships and then hopefully the full team back by the 14th when we compete at Gabriel Richard Invitational at Hudson Mills Metro Park," Montgomery said.

LIGGETT

Running tall in the CHSL

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

The University Liggett girls' cross-country team made it two wins in a row in the Catholic League Division 3 and 4 meet last week.

Head coach Lindsey Bachman watched her Knights finish with 50 points. They were led by senior Annaleis Ondersma, who was third overall with a time of 21:08.

Sophomore Sadie Ancona was ninth with a time of 22:54.8. Her top 10 finish was crucial in the Knights' bid to take the top spot in the team standings.

Sophomore Ava Henness was 15th with a time of 23:51.3 and sophomore Margaret Hartigan took 17th at 24:02.9.

Senior Karina Minnanov and freshman Sophia Ma also finished in the top 30, placing 23rd and 25th with times of 24:25.3 and 24:30.3, respectively.

The boys took third with 75 points. Ann Arbor Greenhills won the meet with 49 points and Madison Heights Bishop Foley was second with 59.

Sophomore Ashton Pongratz was 10th with a team-leading time of 18:57.1 and senior

Michael Ellis was 12th at 19:04.4.

Sophomore Kelin Flynn also broke the 20-minute mark, running the race in 19:09.8 to take 15th. Senior Tristan Shogren and sophomore Ian Shogren placed 21st and 24th with times of 20:00.8 and 20:07.5 for the Knights.

In other meets, the girls and boys competed in the annual James Cleverly Invitational at Anchor Bay.

The girls finished seventh with 165 points and the boys eighth with 150. Rochester won the girls' meet with 39 points and Utica was the boys' champ with 43.

For the Knights, Ondersma was 10th with a time of 22:20 and Ancona was 25th at 23:50.

Ma placed 36th at 25:10 and was followed by Hartigan and senior Lauren McKenzie, who had times of 25:19 and 31:25 to place 39th and 59th.

For the boys, Ellis was 15th at 18:41 and Flynn was 26th at 19:15.

Senior Andrew Loner, Ian Shogran and Tristan Shogren also ran and finished 43rd, 44th and 56th with times of 20:25, 20:41 and 22:06.

The team competes in the Wayne County meet this weekend.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Prepping for regionals

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Grosse Pointe North boys' tennis team prepared for the upcoming Division 2 state regional tournament last week, hosting one of the top squads in the area, U-D Jesuit.

The Norsemen lost 8-0, but half of the matches went to three sets.

"Our kids played some very good tennis today and they see how they can match up against some of the best around," head coach John Van Alst said. "Despite the loss, I'm happy with how well the kids played as we move forward."

At No. 1 singles, Hunter Williams lost 6-4, 6-3 and David Daher lost 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 at No. 2 singles.

Bella Gallanet lost 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 at No. 3 singles and Charlie Ramsdell lost 6-2, 6-1 at No. 4 singles.

In the No. 1 doubles match, Blake Graham and Ethan Aziz lost 6-3, 6-1, while Blake Danna and Sonny Mulpuri lost 6-1, 6-3 at No. 2 doubles.

Bill Steigelmann and Matt Mourad lost 6-2, 6-7, 6-3 at No. 3 doubles and at No. 4 doubles Joe Haney and Ken Heaton lost 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Grosse Pointe North is 6-8 overall.



High school sports

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

South joins with Red Zone team

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Fans of Grosse Pointe South football can watch the varsity game even if they are not in the stands. This season, South administrators signed up for Our Red Zone, an app which allows fans to watch live scoring of the Blue Devils’ football games. In addition, a student makes \$15 to keep live scoring each game. So it is a win-win for everyone involved. “It has been a nice addition for our fans and

so far, we signed up for only football, but that could change,” South Athletic Director Jeremy Hawkins said. “Keeping live scoring gives someone a chance to be part of the game, even if they are not playing in it. I like it and I heard good things about Our Red Zone.” South did not pay to join. ORZ President and CEO Brad Jackson came up with the idea a year ago and after some ingenuity, he tried it out on his son’s school, Rochester High School. “I had a lot of parents

say the baseball games started too early (4 p.m.) and they missed most of them,” Jackson said. “I thought creating a play-by-play live on your phone would be a great way for parents to never miss watching their son or daughter. “The technology was created and I tried it out with the Rochester baseball games. It worked great and before I knew it, there were dozens of people using Our Red Zone to watch the games. They loved it so I decided to reach out to other schools.” According to the ORZ

website, the product is an innovative program focused on strengthening communities through the power, purity and excitement of high school athletics. South officials signed up for ORZ, joining Rochester, Rochester Adams, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, Auburn Hills Avondale, Novi, Oxford, Clarkston, Romeo, Chippewa Valley, Westland John Glenn and Detroit Country Day high schools which utilize the app. A couple of hundred football fans recently watched a Chippewa

Valley varsity football game on ORZ and during the Blue Devils’ first home game of the season against Detroit Cody, nearly 100 fans were watching on their cellular devices. “Who doesn’t enjoy high school sports and I’m happy to have developed this app for fans to enjoy the game,” Jackson said. “Fans can watch any varsity sport of the schools signed up to receive ORZ. “This is for people who want to get involved and support high school sports.” For the fans of hun-

dreds of other high schools in the Tri-county area who can’t get the app, talk to school officials and get them to sign up. This free app is underwritten by local businesses who are involved and committed to their local schools, sports, athletes and parents. A portion of their sponsorship goes directly to school athletic programs and students. Their special offers bring exclusive offers and special values to parents, kids and fans with the ORZ app.

Soccer

LIGGETT



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Pre-playoff tests

Goals were tough to come by for the University Liggett boys’ soccer team during two tough games last week. The Knights played a scoreless tie at Riverview Gabriel Richard and returned home to lose 1-0 last weekend to Royal Oak Shrine. Freshman Stewart Smith, pictured center against Shrine, and his teammates will be battle-tested when it comes time for the state playoffs the week of Oct. 16. The game with Gabriel Richard was a Catholic League Intersectional 1 Division game and the Shrine contest was a cross-over. Liggett is 4-1-1 in the division and 5-2-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH & SOUTH

Blue Devils net big win; Norsemen stay in title hunt

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Grosse Pointe South boys’ soccer team earned a 2-1 home win over Chippewa Valley Monday night, improving to 4-10-2 overall. “We played hard against a team in the division above us and that is good, but we still have work to do if we are to win in the state playoffs,” head coach Francisco Cilano said. The Blue Devils scored both goals in the first half. The first came off the foot of senior Peter Hummer and the second was by junior Matthew Moran. The Blue Devils had chances to add to the lead, but they just couldn’t get a foot on a crossing pass or launch a

hard shot on net. The Big Reds scored on a penalty kick at the 20-minute mark of the second half and they continued to put pressure on the Blue Devils’ defense. However, junior Griffin Clevenger led a defensive charge which kept the Big Reds off the board and helped the Blue Devils earn the non-league victory. “We will get better or else it might be a quick run in the playoffs,” Cilano said. In division games, South lost 3-2 to Utica and 3-2 to Anchor Bay, dropping to 2-7-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division. **North results** Grosse Pointe North had two tough games against Utica and Fraser.

Head coach Eric Vanston and the Norsemen tied first-place Utica 1-1 and lost 2-0 to Fraser. The game against the Chieftains was a battle for the top spot in the Macomb Area Conference White Division. With one week left in the regular season, Utica is 7-2-1 to 22 points and North is second at 6-1-2 for 20 points. The tie left the teams in the same position in the division. The Norsemen have one more division game than Utica, so if they win they will jump the Chieftains and claim the division title. The Norsemen’s game against Fraser was non-league. The Ramblers are in the MAC Red Division.

Golf

RIVALS

South edges North

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Grosse Pointe South swept its regular season series with city rival Grosse Pointe North last week, winning 184-199. North’s Meghan Gallagher was the medalist with 43. Other Norsemen were sophomore Bianca Clark with 47, followed by Sammy Karwowicz with 50 and Sofia Mihaylova with 57.

In other action last week, North played a MAC crossover match with Macomb Area Conference White Division Lakeview at St. Clair Shores Golf Club, winning 191-224. Gallagher led the way with 38, followed by Clark with 47, Karwowicz with 53, Mihaylova with 53 and Alyssa Micks with 57 in her varsity debut. “Each one of the girls are improving every

week, as we continued to keep working on all phases of their games, including trouble shots and course strategy,” North head coach Peter Kingsley said. “We started the year shooting team scores in the 220s and now are in the 190s and trending lower. Hopefully this keeps up going to the state tourney.” North is 0-5 in the MAC Red Division and South is 4-2.

Volleyball

LIGGETT

Knights in first

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

The University Liggett girls’ volleyball team was pushed to the limit last week in its home match against Academy of the Sacred Heart. After four grueling games, the Knights prevailed 15-10 in the decisive fifth game to take the match. “It was a hard-fought victory for us,” head coach Derek Arena said. “Sacred Heart has a few very nice players and they really pushed us tonight.” Liggett won games one and three, 25-12 and

25-22, and lost games two and four 21-25 and 23-25. Allison Cobb led the way with 18 service points and 10 digs, while Teagan Cornell was her steady all-around self, netting 17 service points, six aces and four kills. Delaney Bandos finished with 10 service points, 14 digs and five kills, and Ava Cipriano had 16 assists and five kills. Olivia Ponte chipped in with seven kills. Two nights later, Liggett defeated Clarkston Everest Collegiate Academy 25-20, 25-22, 25-17 to

improve to 4-0 in the Catholic League Intersectional 1 Division and 18-5-1 overall. For the Knights, Cornell had 17 digs and 17 service points and Bandos had 18 digs and nine service points. They are the steady defensive duo securing the back row. Tegan Jones had eight kills and 22 digs, while Ponte added six kills. Other leading contributors were Bella Cubba, seven kills and six blocks; Cipriano, six service points and 18 assists; and Izzy Tomlinson, five kills and one block.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Five-set division loss

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Grosse Pointe South girls’ volleyball team endured a roller coaster ride during its league match with visiting L’Anse Creuse North last week. The Blue Devils lost the first two games 26-24 and 25-18, but rallied to win the next two 25-22 and 25-20 to force a decisive game five. Then they came out flat and fell behind 13-4. However, behind senior Chandlar Duff, the Blue

Devils rallied to cut the deficit to 13-9 and had the home fans cheering them on. The Crusaders earned a sideout to get point No. 14, but the Blue Devils won the ensuing point. They couldn’t keep the momentum going in their direction and fell short in game five, 15-10. Too many missed serves and a less-than-consistent serve receive is what head coach Krysta Kreyger pointed to as being a major reason for the loss. The Blue Devils coun-

tered with Duff and fellow senior Lauren Toenjes, and juniors Gretchen Brockway, Cabriella Peruski, Charlotte Brecht and Cynthia Hogan, stepping up their overall play. They began to assert themselves at the net as each chipped in with a kill or block to even things up at two games apiece. Duff finished with 16 kills, followed by Brecht with nine as South is 3-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.



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### DOWN

- Honk
- " — have to do"
- Houston acronym
- David's weapon
- Flourish
- Scul tool
- Central

- subject
- Strong and regal
- Tuna type
- Primary
- Entreaty
- Tide type
- Mimic
- E.T.'s craft
- Gullet
- Ship in a Gilbert & Sullivan work
- Cushion
- Spy org.
- Yon maiden
- Picked up where you left

- off
- Seamstress' aid
- Insult (Sl.)
- Pirate's refrain
- Command to Fido
- Duck down
- Grate
- Needle case
- Portrayal
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