

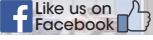
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## Eastland Center goes up for auction

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

**HARPER WOODS** — The largest source of tax revenue in Harper Woods is set for the auction block.

City administrators said they were given notice just before Labor Day that Eastland Center's special servicer, CWC Capital, would be putting the 60-year-old mall up for auction Thursday, Oct. 11. The starting bid is \$500,000.

The city is proposing a

private/public partnership. The proposal is to create a mixed-use, walkable development including 680 residential units, retail, restaurants, a hotel and move the city services to the site. Lowe's and Home Depot would remain.

"Between the school district and all the city assets being co-located over there, you bring a lot of activity with you," Rheker said.

Although Rheker hopes

the eventual purchaser buys into the city's vision, he said "as long as they have a good idea, we'll support it. I'm pretty confident that between the planning commission and the city administration and mayor and council, we are all rational people and everyone likes a good idea."

Opened in 1957 by J.L. Hudson, Eastland has seen a steady decline in tenancy in recent years,

losing a number of major stores including Macy's, Sears and Burlington. In 2016, mall owner New York-based Ashkenazy Acquisition defaulted on its commercial mortgage, putting operations into CWC Capital's hands. Ashkenazy also owned now-shuttered Northland Center.

Catherine O'Malley was the general manager of Eastland in the '80s and moved around to

other area shopping centers throughout her career. She said Eastland was relatively stable when she worked there.

"You had department stores servicing broad communities that would go out to 10- to 15-mile radii," O'Malley said. "They were anchored in from the standpoint of servicing who the customer base was."

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## Councilman defends controversial memes

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Following the Shores City Council meeting Tuesday, Sept. 18, Councilman Matthew Seely said he was unaware of the call for his resignation earlier that day by a political watchdog group.

Seely fell under the ire of Progress Michigan for posting sexually charged political memes on social media.

"This is the first I've heard of it. I think it's pretty bizarre," he said several hours following the release of a statement by Progress Michigan condemning a Sept. 17 Facebook post by Seely ridiculing sexual assault claims made against political figures.

The group — whose tagline is "Defend working families and power progress in Michigan" — demanded Seely's resignation as a Shores elected official, denouncing him "for posting memes joking about sex-

ual assault and objectifying women."

The Sept. 17 meme catapulting the contention depicted a young woman comforting another young woman who is crying with the text: "I'm sorry that bad man touched you inappropriately. Let's wait 30 or 40 years until he runs for office against a Democrat."

Seely said he posted the meme in the wake of the accusation by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford against U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh of sexual assault occurring more than 30 years ago.

A nomination for U.S. Supreme Court is not an elected position, as Seely's post implies, rather a selection made by the president to be approved by Congress.

Seely said he does not regret the post, insisting, "It makes a point (that) going back 40 years for political purposes really doesn't help address the 'Me too' movement or help women with legitimate claims of sexual harassment or abuse."

Seely called Dr. Ford's accusation "a political ploy." He later told Grosse Pointe News, "I was targeted because I ran a Trump campaign office. No one else on city council has that kind of active profile. I'm very politically active in the conservative movement. And as a result, I'm a target."

"We've seen across this state and country that we

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PHOTO COURTESY OF STEWART FINE PORTRAITS

Crowned Grosse Pointe North High School homecoming king and queen at the football game Friday, Sept. 21, were seniors Joseph Ayrault and Tamya Walker. Ayrault plays tight end on North's team. For game results, see page 4C.

## Online school threats

Police investigate posts, ensure student safety

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND WOODS** — Two unrelated incidents involving online threats and a firearm occurred the same weekend. The first came to the attention of Grosse Pointe Public School System administrators Sunday night and involved a group chat seen by approximately 100 people.

A non-specific threatening communication included an image of a person holding a firearm, according to an email sent to Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high school parents and students the morning of Monday, Sept. 24. Police and administrators verified the image posted was not a picture of a current or former Grosse Pointe student and the post was made from a computer based in Florida. The police continue to investigate.

The second incident involved an online interaction between two South students in which a conflict "escalated to

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## Headliner

U.S. Senate candidate John James is guest speaker Thursday, Oct. 4, for the Eastside Republican Club's annual fundraiser to benefit local candidates. See page 3A for more information.

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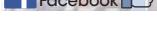
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# City signs long-term contract with Medstar

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Council approved a three and a half year agreement with Medstar to provide its EMS services Monday, Sept. 17.

The agreement is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2018, and costs the city \$23,750 per year. It will expire June 30, 2021.

In August 2017, Beaumont Transportation, which had been providing EMS service eight years to the city at no cost, sent notice it would no longer do so.

The City then signed on to use Medstar in a probationary function. According to Director of Public Safety Stephen Poloni there has not been any issues so far with the level of service.

Under the current system, Medstar uses two ambulances to cover the Woods, Farms and City, with backup called in if

needed from Medstar's regional system.

There is an agreement in the works with all three cities, however it has not been finalized yet. The agreement would split the total service costs three ways, the City's share is \$23,750. City officials also said it hopes to add a fourth city to the agreement in the next year, reducing everyone's costs.

City Manager Peter Dame said the city's auditors require an agreement in place authorizing payment for the first six months of Medstar's service, starting in January, before fiscal year 2017-18 books are closed.

Council's approval also authorizes the execution of the the three-party agreement when it is done, as long as it is in a form acceptable to the city attorney and has consistent financial terms.

# Close call for Woods teen

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — A 13-year-old Woods resident pedaled hard to escape an attempted abduction on Roslyn near Marter last week.

According to Woods Public Safety, the boy left a friend's house on Belle Meade in Grosse Pointe Shores approximately 7:50 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 19, to be home by his 8:30 p.m. curfew.

The boy headed home on his bike riding on the sidewalk along Lakeshore, turned west on Hawthorne, then north on Marter. When he turned onto Roslyn, he noticed headlights of a vehicle approaching him. The black Cadillac Escalade stopped as the boy approached. When he rode past the vehicle, a man lunged out of it and attempted to grab the boy's arm. Pedaling hard, the boy escaped



COURTESY GROSSE POINTE WOODS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

The facial composite drawing of the suspect in the attempted abduction on Roslyn Wednesday, Sept. 19.

being knocked off his vehicle door shut and the bike. He looked behind him and saw the man heading east on Roslyn. The boy's mom chasing him. Shortly after, the boy heard a

Woods public safety 9 p.m. Responding officers said the boy was visibly upset when they arrived to the home.

The boy described the suspect as a white male in his late 30s and heavyset with brown hair. The man was wearing an orange baseball cap with black lettering, a blue T-shirt and black shoes.

In a Nixle notification to the community Sept. 20 Woods police reminded parents "to review all appropriate safety precautions with your children and urge them to use caution and common sense in any situation that feels uncomfortable or dangerous to them" and asked that anyone with information about this crime contact them at (313) 343-2410.

At press time, officers were continuing "to follow up on tips," according to Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke.

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have a problem with sexual assault and belittling and attacking the women who bravely come forward to share their story," said Progress Michigan Executive Director Lonnie Scott in a statement. "Seely's actions reinforce a culture that victimizes survivors even further and discourages them from coming forward to hold their assailants accountable. We need public officials who take

that matter seriously, not make jokes about it for political purposes."

Over the past year, Seely posted on social media other politically charged memes with sexual imagery and text, including a post by Seely to the "Michigan Trump Republicans" Facebook page showing a buxom young woman wearing a "Make America Great Again" tank top as a woman sitting nearby sporting a Bernie button on her shirt stares at the tank top.

Seely denied the memes are sexual, calling them "sarcastic commentary," and said his opponents have taken the posts out of the context of discourse on the Facebook group pages.

"I have the right to (post the memes)," Seely said. "I don't think I was doing anything malicious or vindictive. I think that

*I don't think I was doing anything malicious or vindictive. I think that there's humor in them, and I think that they make a point based on the political commentary in that point and time.*

MATTHEW SEELY  
Grosse Pointe Shores City Councilman

there's humor in them, and I think that they make a point based on the political commentary in that point and time. It's too bad we're living in a world now where every-

thing we do, back to when we were in high school, now becomes a political motive."

Citing his right to free speech, Seely said, "They each make political statements and make a point."

"This has nothing to do with free speech. Matt Seely can say anything he likes, but that doesn't mean he can escape scrutiny and accountability," Scott said. "We demand more from political parties and public officials."

The activist group Women's March Michigan also demanded Seely's resignation based on his Facebook posts, requesting its members contact Shores city administration to "let them know that their city councilman's views of sexual assault against women are both archaic and unacceptable."

Seely said in a follow-up interview Sept. 20, Shores city administration received more than 1,000 calls, but, according to Seely, none lived in Grosse Pointe Shores.

As of press time, a Progress Michigan online petition calling for Seely's resignation generated 736 signatures.

Both Shores City Attorney Brian Renaud and Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski said they are not aware of a social media policy in place for Shores elected officials.

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# Concours d'Elegance revs up

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Classic and unique car owners of Grosse Pointe will have one more chance to show off their treasures before winter relegates them to the garage for another six months.

The 11th annual Concours d'Elegance takes place noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore. It is open and free to the public.

The yearly event is put on by the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation and is a community favorite, drawing around 600 to 700 people, said Dan Hughes, foundation trustee.

Hughes started the Concours 11 years ago. He said it's a way to show

off the old and interesting cars hiding in Grosse Pointe garages.

"You'll find an assortment, quite a few as a matter of fact, of people in the Grosse Pointes who all have an old Mustang or T-bird or something left over from their youth or their grandparents' or their parents'," Hughes said. "Something the father or grandfather drives every now and then. ... The whole concept was to invite the people who have these (cars) hidden in their garage, to bring them out, let everybody enjoy the beauty they have. Whether they are restored or not, it doesn't make any difference."

Last year, Hughes said the event pulled in a record number of cars —

close to 120 — and they hope to keep that momentum going.

Starting 11:30 a.m., a parade of vehicles makes their way from Pier Park, down Moross, through The Hill then circles back on Fisher and Lakeshore to the park.

At the park, Hughes said there will be free hotdogs, pop and chips for all visitors. But, he warned if you're banking on getting a hotdog, to go early.

"I recommend going early because it goes pretty quick," he said.

Registering a vehicle in advanced is encouraged, but Hughes said it is not mandatory. Vehicle owners wanting to participate can simply show up Sunday, register at the gate and enjoy the day.

"It's a great family

event, totally free and the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation is proud to support it as one of the ways that we enhance the community," said Jeffrey Huebner, foundation chairman. "Earlier this year we sent a survey to all Farms residents and received a nearly 20 percent response rate — over 700 responses — a large majority of which focused on the Pier Park. Looking ahead, we are going to focus our projects and efforts on improving the Pier Park for all Grosse Pointe Farms residents."

The foundation is a non-profit organization. Since its inception in the mid-1980s, the foundation has raised more than \$2 million for community projects. For more information visit, [grossepoindefarmsfoundation.org](http://grossepoindefarmsfoundation.org).

## John James to headline PAC fundraiser

Rich Shetler, chairman of the Eastside Republican Club political action committee, has announced U.S. Senate candidate John James as guest speaker for the PAC's annual fundraiser to benefit local candidates.

The dinner event begins 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets for the buffet dinner are \$60 per person.

"It's business casual and open to the public, but because space is limited, reservations are a must," Shetler said.

For information, contact Shetler at (313) 882-7407, or learn more about ERC events at [facebook.com/EastsideRepublicanClub](http://facebook.com/EastsideRepublicanClub).

John James, a combat veteran and businessman,

is a West Point graduate who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom where he earned a Combat Action Badge and two Air Medals.

After eight years of service, James returned to Michigan to work in the family business, James Group International. Currently its president, James led the company from \$35 million to \$137 million in revenue, while creating 100 additional jobs in Michigan and around the country.

In addition to a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy, James earned a Master of Supply Chain Management and Information Systems degree from Penn State University and an MBA from the University of Michigan.

## Former officer accused of sexual assault

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — A former City of Grosse Pointe public safety officer is accused of sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl almost 20 years ago.

Ellie Scandirito, now in her mid-30s, says Matthew Pater forced her into multiple sexual encounters when she worked as a receptionist at a Detroit nursing

home in 1999.

Pater, then 35, was employed by the city and worked as security for the nursing home on the side. He currently is a police officer in Harbor Springs.

Scandirito said the assaults took place at the police station, in scout cars and at the nursing home.

Scandirito, inspired by the #MeToo movement, went to the city a year ago and reported the allegations against Pater. She told

WDIV last week she did not report the assaults at the time because she believed they wouldn't be taken seriously. Her mother, however, did contact police in 2000 after seeing sexually explicit emails from Pater to Scandirito. According to WDIV's reporting, Pater returned from a planned vacation and submitted a two-day resignation in early 2000 without an investigation.

He then moved to Harbor

Springs and was hired full time as a police officer in 2002.

After Scandirito filed the report last year, it was immediately referred to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and Michigan State Police for further investigation. According to the prosecutor's office, it is still under review and the MSP investigation ongoing.

Harbor Springs Chief of Police Kyle Knight told WDIV the department is waiting for the results of those investigations.

When confronted in Harbor Springs by WDIV and asked if he had anything he wanted to say, he said, "No."

## The Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 30

◆ Concours d'Elegance, noon to 3 p.m. at Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore.

### MONDAY, OCT. 1

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 4

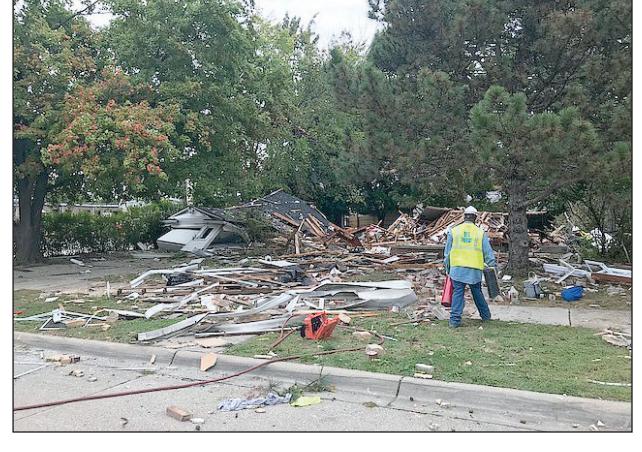
◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting, 9 a.m. in the municipal building, 795 Lakeshore.



## Explosion

Grosse Pointe's four public safety departments responded with equipment and personnel for mutual-aid assistance to Harper Woods officers following a house explosion at 10:31 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21, in the 20800 block of Lennon. Some officers assisted in firefighting; others worked to evacuate people from houses and businesses in the Harper Woods neighborhood near I-94 and Vernier. The explosion injured two appraisers as they entered the house. DTE reported Saturday the house meter measured a higher natural gas spike in the vacant house hours before the explosion.

Left, Harper Woods officer Eddie Tujaka was one of the fire fighters at the scene of Friday's house explosion in the 20800 block of Lennon. Right, Harper Woods K-9 unit Kaiser rests near debris.



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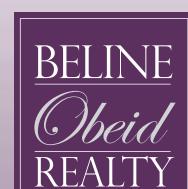
Public Safety Department officials declined to comment due to the ongoing investigation.

"When we deal with schools across states, as close as Warren, as far away as Parkland, Fla., we have to work every single day full time to be able to keep our kids safe and secure," said Superintendent Gary Niehaus. "That's a part of our job we assume when we take the positions that we hold and I was very thankful and very appreciative of the help we've gotten from our Grosse Pointe police departments — the City, the Park, the Woods, the Farms, the Shores and also Harper Woods. They're helping us with our evacuation drills, they're helping us with our threat assessments and they're helping us when we have issues like this. It's nice to be able to come together with them to provide the safe and secure environment we want for all of our kids in the Grosse Pointe public schools that we have."

Public safety officers identified the student Sunday night, paid a visit to the student's home and verified the student did not have access to weapons. The student was immediately separated from South, with disciplinary action pending an internal review and potential criminal charges.

Since local law enforcement was able to make meaningful contact with the perpetrator, it was deemed the situation was not an active threat to the students. Monday proceeded without incident at both high schools. Grosse Pointe Farms

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# Little League coach breaks glass ceiling

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

When Melissa Champine arrived at the field for the first Little League World Series game in Williamsport, Pa., Aug. 17, ESPN sports broadcaster Jessica Mendoza greeted her with a hug. Champine was an assistant coach for the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Major League All-Star team that represented Michigan in the Great Lakes Regional tournament in Indiana and advanced to the World Series as regional champions.

"When we heard there was a girl coach, we were so excited," the former All-American softball player and Olympic gold medalist said to Champine, texting fellow announcer and Olympic gold medalist, soccer player Julie Foudy, to come down to meet the first American female Little League coach in Williamsport history.

Champine also is the first female president of the Woods-Shores Little League organization. She served the final year of her second two-year term as president and plans to re-run in October.

Coaching comes naturally to Champine.

"I've always been around it," she said. "My dad coached all the way through when I was growing up — different ages, high school, college. I always knew I wanted to coach."

Champine also played sports all her life. While she aged out of Little League by the time her family moved to Grosse



Pointe Woods when she was 11, she played softball and basketball, including basketball freshman year at Albion College before she transferred to Michigan State University.

She got her first opportunity to coach for the girls' basketball team at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School. Then a spot opened up on the girls' junior varsity basketball team at Grosse Pointe North High School. Having played for girls' varsity basketball head coach Gary Bennett — "He's been around forever," Champine said — it was a perfect fit.

She coached three years before moving out of state, returning for

another 12 consecutive seasons. Her father, Jim Champine, a retired Harper Woods teacher, is her assistant coach, helping her juggle the time commitment as a single mother. Champine is head of global operations for Aon Assessment Solutions. While she has a home office in the Woods, the job requires travel.

"I know when I'm not going to be around, (my dad) will always be there," she said. "He's there early, he's there late."

Like her father, Champine enjoyed coaching her own children, sons Drew Henderson, a junior at North, and Ryan Henderson, a seventh-grader at Parcells Middle



COURTESY PHOTOS

Above, Melissa Champine with her sons, Drew, left, and Ryan Henderson. Left, Champine met ESPN announcer and Olympic gold medalist Jessica Mendoza.

School, from early on. bottom, one through 13, And like her father, who they can all hit. It was served 25 years on the really competitive."

Also remarkable was the players' ability to handle the media spotlight, attention from young fans and ultimate loss.

"I've always felt if you're going to have issues or things you want to deal with, you'd better volunteer or step up and be part of the solution," she said.

Ryan Henderson was among the 13 players selected from six Little League regular season teams. In Champine's view, the depth of talent in the Woods-Shores league contributed to the All-Star team's overall success. Chemistry was another factor.

"They're just fantastic kids," Champine said. "I love being around the 13 of them. They're fun. They all get along really well. It's hard to find a team that really meshes. ... Three weeks being gone on the road is hard and so that really helped — they were very tight."

The group also is talented, she said. "Top to

6'2" at 12 and you're the biggest kid out there, sometimes by the time you're 17, everybody else is at the same height."

She also encourages them to diversify their sports interests.

"I'm a huge proponent of playing multiple sports," she said. "Even listening to the announcers at Williamsport who talked with the boys, constantly they emphasized: don't just play baseball year-round. Play different sports. You're too young to just pick one and focus on it."

For example, her son Ryan loves playing baseball with his friends, she said, but "basketball is his love" and he looks forward to moving on to basketball season.

While she too looks forward to coaching basketball again this winter, she's happy to crown her Little League coaching days with this once-in-a-lifetime achievement — an experience neither she or the players are likely to forget.

"We were fourth in the country, eighth in the world," she said. "That's pretty darn good."

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However, she said the market changed. Shopping opportunities moved further out into the suburbs, customers were able to travel longer distances, the proliferation of strip centers, a decline in area population and today, the gaining popularity of online shopping, all affected the mall's success.

"It didn't take very long," she said.

O'Malley said retailers are now forced to come up with creative new ideas to use their empty space.

"If the property can be reissued and reused, it's a great location there's no question about that. It's how creative can a potential purchaser or buyer be with it," she said.

For more information on the city's proposal visit, harperwoodscity.org.



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**City of Grosse Pointe****Didn't go far**

A 60-year-old Detroit man was arrested for stealing a bike and possession of crack cocaine 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23.

The man was spotted by neighbors stealing a bicycle from a bike rack on the back of a vehicle in the 700 block of St. Clair.

Another resident said he saw the man ride into his backyard. When confronted, the man dropped the bike and ran toward Mack. The resident followed, but lost him.

Officers found the suspect on Cadieux near Waterloo. He admitted to taking the bike and was found in possession of a crack pipe, Chore Boy and two bags of suspected crack cocaine.

**Returned to the scene**

A 24-year-old Detroit man was arrested for larceny from auto and obstructing police Friday, Sept. 21.

A resident in the 900 block of Lincoln reported his vehicle rummaged and change stolen approximately 6:30 a.m. The victim said he was taking his dog for a walk and when he returned he saw a man, wearing a construction-style vest, in the alley near his residence. The victim said the man asked him how old his dog was then left the area.

Approximately 7:30 a.m. police received a call of a suspicious man in the area wearing the same style vest.

After a short interview with police, the man ran on foot. Officers gave chase but lost the man. A

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perimeter was set up by City, Park and Farms officers. A couple hours later, the man was spotted in Detroit and a Michigan State Police K-9 unit was called in to track the individual.

He was found and apprehended in a shed in the 3900 block of Bluehill. He later admitted to entering the vehicle in the 900 block of Lincoln and taking \$2.

**Bike stolen**

A bicycle was stolen from the front of Panera Bread in The Village 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. The owner locked the 26-inch, black and white Specialized bike in front of the store. When they returned, it was gone.

**Lock your car**

Approximately \$40 in change was stolen from a vehicle in the 700 block of Rivard between 10 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 19, and 8 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. The vehicle was unlocked and no other damage was reported.

**On second thought**

An approximately 20-year-old white male, driving a small red SUV is wanted for failing to stop and identify himself after rear ending a 40-year-old City man.

The victim was stopped on East Jefferson, waiting for traffic to clear to make a left turn onto Dodge Place when he reported being rear ended by the young man.

After a short interview with police, the man ran on foot. Officers gave chase but lost the man. A

The suspect suggested going to the police station on Maumee to make a report. The victim said he followed the red vehicle, similar to a Ford Escape or RAV4, to the police station. However, when they approached the station, the vehicle sped off.

A license plate number was not noted, but the vehicle should have heavy front-end damage.

—Anthony Viola

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

**Grosse Pointe Farms****Waiting for a ride**

A 25-year-old Livonia man was arrested for narcotics possession 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, on Chalfonte at Maison.

Officers found the man laying on the ground looking at his cell phone after receiving a call of an individual sleeping on the corner.

The man said he was waiting for someone to pick him up and officers recognized the man from a road crew working in the area earlier in the day.

Officers requested identification, which the man provided. A LEIN search turned up two misdemeanor warrants and the man was detained.

A search of his property revealed narcotics and drug paraphernalia.

**Wedding bandit**

An 18-year-old Detroit

man is suspected of stealing cash and a debit card 11:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, from a wedding at The War Memorial.

The man, an employee, was seen on security footage in a room only accessible by employees and the wedding party. The camera was not pointed in the direction of the alleged larceny.

He allegedly stole \$200 in cash from wedding cards, went through groomsmen's wallets and took a debit card.

—Anthony Viola

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

**Grosse Pointe Park****Bike stolen**

A black, 10-speed bicycle, locked to a light pole in the 1400 block of Wayburn was stolen between 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, and 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 17.

**Suspended license**

A 45-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license and having several warrants 9:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, on Jefferson and Buckingham. The man was stopped for running a stop sign.

**Got away**

An unknown suspect fled police 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, on Mack and Nottingham.

Officers attempted to stop the suspect for speeding. The suspect fled and the chase was terminated due to dangerous driving. An investigation is ongoing.

**Mower stolen**

A red Troy Bilt lawn mower was stolen from a detached garage in the 1100 block of Maryland between 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, and 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19.

—Anthony Viola

*Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.*

amount of change.

◆ A resident in the 1800 block of Hunt Club reported 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, someone entered his vehicle parked in a nearby business parking lot and stole several items, including sunglasses, a backpack, hunting knife, tablet and water skis.

—Melissa Walsh

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

**Grosse Pointe Shores****Suspension uncovered**

When a 2016 Dodge Challenger with tinted side windows passed a patrolling officer on southbound Lakeshore 10:21 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, the officer initiated a traffic stop near Provencal.

A LEIN check uncovered the 28-year-old Southfield man was driving with a suspended driver's license and without valid insurance. He was arrested.

—Melissa Walsh

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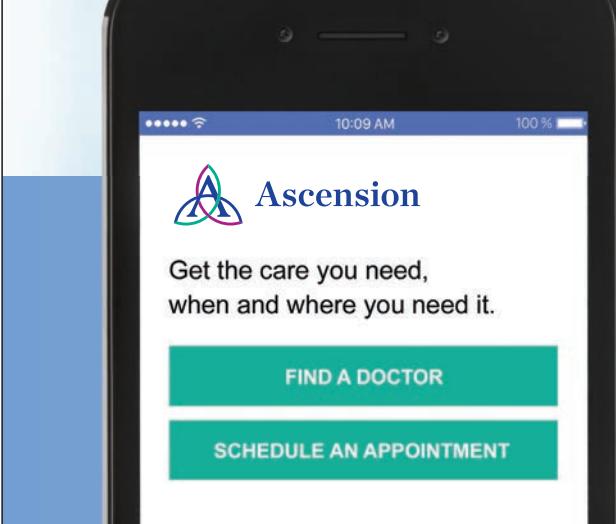
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**OUR VIEW**

# Sen. Kelly remembered

Sen. John F. Kelly, who represented the Michigan Senate 1st District for four consecutive terms (1979-1994), died Sept. 16, in Lake Orion at the young age of 69.

We remember Sen. Kelly as a young firebrand in the state Senate — some said maverick and loose cannon. Regardless, he always voted his conscience, always knowledgeable of the issues and well informed.

Representing the Grosse Pointes in the Detroit Democrat-dominated 1st District, must have been a challenge to the progressive senator, who today would no doubt be called a liberal. Yet he managed to represent all his constituents, often reaching across the aisle, something that would be unheard of today.

Early on, Sen. Kelly worked to replace the Grosse Pointes' five municipal courts with a district court. Those efforts — and future attempts — all fell short, as our cherished five municipal courts still stand today.

Sen. Kelly also was remembered by his annual St. Patrick's Day parties, held at Austin Hall/Mallard Pub on East Warren.

After being term-limited, the senator's political life ended — or nearly so, as he was never far from the wheels of government.

As a professor with the University of Windsor, Oakland University, Wayne State University and the National Defense University, he taught the next generation of leaders how to create a better future, according to his family.

As a youth at Bishop Gallagher High School, having grown up on Detroit's east side, he was far more interested in having fun than making grades. However, defying expectations, he grew up to become a Fulbright scholar and earned a Ph.D. in political science from Wayne State University and his Juris Doctor from Detroit College of Law.

Sen. Kelly developed a strong respect and love of military service. He earned the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves and served as a defense attaché in South Africa, where he worked to improve the daily lives of millions. Recently, he worked to ensure more Africans had access to clean water. He also was a liaison to the Detroit FBI, as a task force officer on a joint federal law enforcement unit dedicated to counter-terrorism research.

Following his political career, Mr. Kelly moved to Grosse Pointe Woods, where he remained active and engaged.

Above all, his heart belonged to family and friends. When asked how he was able to accomplish so much, he often said, "I had an amazing mother." He is predeceased by his wife Toni, daughter Rebecca, and his parents Robert and Margaret Kelly.

Later, in 2013, Mr. Kelly found an adventure partner in Nikki Williams, who survives him, along with his siblings; daughter, Dana Kelly; and many grand- and step-grandchildren.

We will miss you, Sen. Kelly, and the many vigorous — and educational — discussions we had. As his family says, you lived a "wonderfully full life," and we are proud to have lived some of it with you.

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**OUR VIEW**

# Seely posts reflect poorly on Pointes

Grosse Pointe Shores' Councilman Matthew Seely's social media posts trivializing sexual assault allegations made by women — brought to light by the presence of news media at last week's Shores Council meeting — are not the kind of attention we desire in Grosse Pointe.

One post depicts a crying young woman being consoled by a friend, who says, "I'm sorry that bad man touched you inappropriately. Let's wait 30 or 40 years until he runs for office against a Democrat." Another features a young buxom woman wearing a low-cut, skin-tight tank top. Yet another features an elderly woman saying she was groped.

Another post is so suggestive we dare not describe it in a family newspaper.

When confronted, Mr. Seely is unapologetic. He says the posts are mere "sarcastic commentary."

We don't see it that way. We see the posts as adolescent and in poor taste. To characterize sexual assault accusations as trivial or politically motivated is passing judgment on the alleged victims without the facts — and that is politically motivated.

Mr. Seely has the right to post whatever he likes, but we do not have to accept it. We expect better of ourselves and others in Grosse Pointe. Propriety is something Mr. Seely has yet to learn.

## Meet the STAFF

A weekly column featuring the fine people working to bring you the Grosse Pointe News each week.

**Bob St. John****SPORTS EDITOR****◆ Years at GPN:**

25 years, will be 26 end of November.

**◆ Describe your job at the paper:**

I coordinate the sports section with photographers, editorial and page layout on a weekly basis.

**◆ Hobbies, favorite things to do when NOT at work:**

Weightlifting, reading.

**◆ Tell our readers a bit about yourself:**

I have been married for 22 years and have two daughters.

**◆ Favorite thing about working at the Grosse Pointe News:**

Enables me to be involved with my passion since I was a child — sports.



## LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters longer than 250 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the editor may be emailed to editor@grossepoincenews.com.

**Many thanks****To the Editor:**

Heartfelt thanks to all the Grosse Pointe Shores officers and friends who helped find my father and his black Labrador the night of Sunday, Sept. 16.

If he could remember what happened that night, he would thank you with anecdotes of living here from the time he was 14. He would tell you about his paternal grandfather, who was killed in Denver, Colo., in 1908, his name now on a plaque of officers killed in the line of duty. Or the time he and my mother visited his parents at Roslyn one summer afternoon in 1960. As they were walking while their 3-year-old slept, two police officers pulled up alongside them and asked if they were missing a child. They said no, that she was sleeping at Roslyn, at which

point Mary peeked out of their car window, clad only in diapers. Or how he enjoyed being in charge of Parks and Recreation and Police and Fire when he was on the Grosse Pointe Shores council. And how Officer Gary Mitchell would say, "If you've seen one Beck, you've seen them all," six towheads popping up all over the place.

Thank you all for being so kind and understanding and helpful beyond measure.

It is said it takes a village to raise a child; it's also true that it takes a village to bring them home.

KRISTIN BECK POGUE  
Grosse Pointe

**No due diligence****To the Editor:**

According to Grosse Pointe City Council, it has

taken 20 years of searching for a suitable location for the DPW building. That fact begs the question of why, in the November 2017 council meeting, did the council members unanimously vote for a moratorium to find another site? Couldn't due diligence be accomplished in 20 years? Or is it because Mayor Boettcher campaigned against moving the DPW?

BETTY J. SMITH  
City of Grosse Pointe

**Shameful****To the Editor:**

Both in the meme he shared on Facebook and the comments he made after he was ousted for doing so, Grosse Pointe Shores Councilman Matthew Seely demonstrated the kind of casual disregard for sexual violence and the survivors of sexual violence that enables rape culture, fosters misogyny and should have no place in our community.

According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, or RAINN, one in six American women are survivors of attempted or completed rape. When Councilman Seely is making the sick, political jokes like the one he posted on Facebook, he isn't just dis-

paraging brave women (like Dr. Christine Blasey Ford) who have subjected themselves to untold levels of hate to demand accountability from the powerful men who've violated them, he's also making light of the pain and trauma experienced by survivors of sexual violence.

All Grosse Pointers — survivors, the friends and families who support them and community members who are committed to working to end rape culture — deserve much better from the elected leaders who serve our communities.

While Councilman Seely clearly has no interest in apologizing to the survivors he's disrespected or the broader community he's embarrassed, I urge Grosse Pointe Shores council members to publicly oppose Councilman Seely's misogynistic enabling comments; consider voting to censure him for the disrespect he's demonstrated and pain he's caused survivors and take concrete action to make the Shores a leader in the Pointes and the region in the fight against sexual violence.

NEIL SROKA  
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I SAY By Bob St. John

# Can upset win spark Lions?



**T**his is not a misprint: Detroit 26, New England 10.

This was the score from the Lions' huge upset win over the vaunted Patriots in front of a nationally televised audience at Ford Field.

The Lions came into the game a touchdown underdog and 0-2 after looking horrible in losses

to the New York Jets and San Francisco 49ers.

Head coach Matt Patricia beat the team he spent more than a decade with as a defensive coach. He was all smiles after the game and his players presented their head coach with the game ball after the sweet win.

The Lions dominated the game in every facet. The defense held the high-powered Patriots and future Hall of Fame quarterback Tom Brady to 207 total yards. Brady was 14 of 26 for only 133 yards with one touchdown and one interception. His

quarterback rating was a pathetic 38.1.

The defense also sacked him twice and limited All-Pro tight end Rob Gronkowski to only four receptions for 51 yards.

On offense, Matthew Stafford was 27 of 36 for 262 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. He has a quarterback rating of 68.5. He made the big throws to convert on third down on several occasions.

It was these conversations that kept the Patriots offense on the sidelines.

The story of the game

was running back Kerryon Johnson, who rushed for 101 yards on 16 carries and caught two passes for nine yards. He was the first Lions running back to rush for 100 yards in several years.

The rookie from Auburn combined with veteran LeGarrette Blount to control the line of scrimmage and rush for nearly 150 total yards.

The offensive line played their best game of the season and place-kicker Matt Prater was perfect on the night, kicking four field goals

and two extra points.

This is the effort Lions fans were hoping for to start the season. The losses to the lowly Jets and less than stellar 49ers left fans frustrated and angered. All looked lost just two games into the 16-game schedule.

The week leading up to the Sunday night game was filled with lots of angry fans on local sports talk radio. The Lions looked to be in a no-win situation against New England, which came off a lopsided loss to Jacksonville the week before.

There was no way the Lions would pull off the upset. Lo and behold, they did. Can they keep the mojo on the road against the Dallas Cowboys this Sunday?

The Lions need to win this game against the 1-2 Cowboys. Dallas has one bright spot, running back Ezekiel Elliott. Everything else about the Cowboys is bad. This is a game the Lions should win and boy a win would go a long way to establishing a winning attitude.

Should I make a prediction? Detroit 27, Dallas 24.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1943

75 years ago this week

#### HIGH SCHOOL EXCEED BOND SALE

**MARK:** Grosse Pointe High School Students smashed their own record of \$223,800 attained in the bond drive last spring when total sales of the Third National War Bond Drive reached \$322,100.

#### CONSIDERATE POLICEMAN RECEIVE CHECK:

A letter was read before the Park commissioners from a resident expressing his appreciation of the kindness and consideration the Park police showed his brother at the time of his serious automobile accident.

The letter writer included a \$30 check. The check was donated to the department's flower fund.

### 1968

50 years ago this week

#### MAJOR SHIFT IN PATTERN OF EDUCATION:

With the begin-

ning of classes this month, the Grosse Pointe Public School System underwent a major shift in its organizational pattern. Grosse Pointe North High School opened and ninth graders began attending the high schools. The three junior high buildings now contain grades six through eight and most elementary schools house grades K-five.

Where the most significant change has taken place is in grades six through 8, where a new concept in education in Grosse Pointe has been introduced, the middle school.

**WOODS STREET LIGHTING PROJECT NEARS END:** The Woods' six-year, \$1.25 million street lighting program throughout the city is nearing completion as the Detroit Edison company is putting the finishing touches to dual-globe poles in the islands along Mack.

The only area that will not have the new lighting is Vernier Road, east of Mack, at least for the present.

**Obituaries:** Merlin A. Cudlip, Arvida T. Lundgren, Homer Roberts Marson, Mae

Hudson Clark, Dr. John W. MacKenzie, Wilson W. Mills, Dr. John H. Buell, Paul A. Eissa, Corinne Sandberg, William C. Klasges, Theodore Hartman, Frederick A. Rossi

### 1993

25 years ago this week

#### SHORES SURVEY FAVORS RAZING VERNIER SCHOOL:

Almost two-thirds of Shores residents responding to a survey suggested the 77-year-old Vernier school building be demolished.

The village council, which will make the ultimate decision concerning the building's fate, has talked with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society which wants to save the building for its own use.

The building has

largely been unused for almost 40 years.

#### WOODS CONSIDERS NEW SOCCER SITE AT GHESQUIERE:

Grosse Pointe Woods has selected four possible sites for soccer fields at Ghesquiere Park after months of kicking the matter around.

Last June, the Grosse Pointe Soccer Association asked the Woods city council to consider building a soccer field at Lake Front Park. After weighing the idea, Woods officials said Ghesquiere Park would be a better place for a soccer field.

**Obituaries:** James T. Farley, Robert C. Becker, Minerva C. Kunerth, Sheila Gerard Kenyon, Martin E. Welch, Louis A. DeHayes Jr.

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT GETS \$500,000 GIFT:

South's new athletic complex now has a new name.

At the September monthly meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education, President Brendan Walsh proclaimed the addition to be named "the John and Marlene Boll Athletic Center" in recognition of their gift of \$500,000 to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.

#### FIRE DAMAGES VERNIER HOME:

A fire virtually destroyed a recently sold vacant historic house on Vernier Road.

The fire was reported by a Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety officer on routine patrol. He saw the smoke and flames tearing through the roof of the cedar wood structure.

The home at 528 Vernier stood out for its ultra-modern design, which belied its beginnings as a farmhouse that dated back to the early 1900s.

**Obituaries:** Stuart W. Argo Sr., J. William Berns, Martha Bartlett Gorenflo, John Donald McLeod, Gertrude L. Sattelmeier, Richard Theuerkorn, Margaret Michels Meehan, Robert Wayne Smith

—Karen Fontanive

### 2008

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# Parents react to potential school closure

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

A hashtag popped up on social media over the past week — #MyBarnesStory. It was largely a reaction to a Sept. 19 "Not This Bond" post on the Residents for Responsible Spending Facebook page.

Included among criticisms of the proposed \$111 million bond proposal on the Nov. 6 ballot was a suggestion to close the administration building at 389 St. Clair in the City of Grosse Pointe and the Barnes Early Childhood Center on Morningside in Grosse Pointe Woods — home of the district's special education services and tuition-based infant, toddler, preschool and pre-kindergarten programs.

"Low hanging fruit? One possible scenario: The ongoing cost of heating, cooling, repairing and cleaning the 389 St. Clair offices and Barnes Early

Childhood Center could better be spent on actual students in neighborhood schools, with functions of these two buildings transferred to underutilized spaces in other buildings. Same services, smaller footprint."

Several parents whose children benefited from Barnes services reacted to the implication their children were not "actual students." A page administrator thanked commenters "for taking the time to point out the poor choice of words" and amended the post.

Andrea Daniell was one of the parents who spoke out about her Barnes story on social media. Her son, Brooks, has an allergy disease called eosinophilic esophagitis. With the disease comes a host of secondary conditions, including severe sleep apnea. For the first two years of his life, Brooks stopped breathing at night. He wasn't grow-

ing or developing to his fullest potential, according to Daniell.

After his first birthday, Daniell contacted the state of Michigan's Early On 0-3 program and they put her in contact with Helen Landuyt, a school psychologist at Barnes.

...they see him as an expense, not as a kid...

ANDREA DANIELL  
Grosse Pointe Park resident

Last November, Brooks had a vocabulary of approximately 20 words

and a handful of signs. Not even a year later he can — and will, according to his mother — "talk your ear off about anything."

As affronted as Daniell is at the idea "people in

and their collaboration, and my sideline efforts.

"Yes, I am a big fan of them keeping their building. Make no mistake about it," she continued. "That's the position I'm championing for right now. But in the future, if it's prudent to close it, I'll get on that wagon too."

Daniell said she will support a well-thought-out, age-appropriate location "where all of what goes on at Barnes can go on. Together and in place. Not in the back of an already in use library or in the filled-in middle school pool."

Last school year, Plante Moran Cresa prepared property assessments for Barnes and 389 St. Clair and presented them to the Board of Education at the regular meeting March 12.

According to the report, projected critical needs for 389 St. Clair are \$1.1 million and \$3.6 million for Barnes. Annual operating costs, based on a three-year average, are \$70,000

for the administration building and \$140,000 for Barnes.

Also at the March 12 meeting, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jon Dean presented plans to relocate classrooms, offices and services should Barnes close. The report included a list of facilities and their current use; potential new locations for services and programs currently housed at Barnes; the implications of those location changes; and estimated costs.

Closing those two buildings does not come close to solving the financial problem," said Board Treasurer Judy Gafa. "The savings would be approximately \$210,000 a year. And 'actual students' attend Barnes where there are centralized services for early interventions. Plus it will cost money to refurbish and update new space for the kids and services that would be displaced."

# Award-winning scientist earns scholarship to Israel

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

A motivating force for Tony Pan — or Minxing Pan, as he is known in China — to attend University Liggett School was the Academic Research Program, an opportunity for students to build research skills and create a research project based upon their own interests and curiosity.

Pan transferred from his hometown in Wuxi, China, west of Shanghai, his sophomore year. In March, as a senior, he entered his academic research project into the Science and Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit, winning grand prize and the opportunity to represent Detroit in May at the Intel



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Tony Pan at work in a research lab at the Weizmann Institute in Israel.

International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh, where he faced steep competition while sharing his research with people from all over the world.

The grand prize, known as the Weizmann Institute of Science Award for 2018, also garnered him a full scholarship to participate this summer in multidisciplinary research in Rehovot, Israel, at the Weizmann Institute's annual Dr. Bessie F. Lawrence International Summer Science Institute, one of the world's leading scientific research institutions.

The goal of Pan's project — "LightScribe Graphene Supercapacitors: Making scalable inexpensive high power and energy density graphene supercapacitors with the LightScribe method" — was to use graphene supercapacitors to facilitate the implemen-

tation of renewable energy resources in collecting energy, energy storage and efficient use of energy.

According to his research abstract, "Most energy storage devices today face similar problems: slow charging time, low power and energy density, safety and cost."

Pan's aim was to improve charging time and improve performance using graphene supercapacitors.

"I'm always passionate about developing an alternative energy storage to help with the implementation of renewable energy sources because that can help with climate change," he said.

As Detroit's grand-prize winner, Pan joined 18 teens from around the United States and 54 young scientists from around the world to attend the Institute, conducting research with world-renowned scientists in fields ranging from health and medicine to alternative energy and space exploration.

Pan and his fellow participants spent the first three weeks in the campus labs. The work combined exploration of problems in biology, chemistry, physics and mathematical and computer science, with instruction in the use of

sophisticated lab equipment such as electron microscopes, advanced computers, a high-energy particle accelerator and lasers. He also attended lectures by senior Weizmann Institute scientists, departmental talks and tours of campus facilities.

After three weeks on campus, the group moved to a different scientific focus — a field school in the Judean Desert and the Negev. Expert guides from the Sde-Boer field school led hikes to acquaint students with the unique ecological, geographical, geological and archaeological characteristics of the area.

As someone interested in computer science and engineering, Pan said he never imagined conducting biomedical imaging research. However, multidisciplinary research at the Weizmann Institute enabled him to use computer science techniques to improve optical imaging for surgeons.

"In just 12 days, our research team applied machine learning models and sinusoidal functions to improve the visualization of hidden blood vessels for real-time laser speckle imaging," Pan wrote in a report documenting the experience. "We created

computer programs to generate montages of enhanced medical images that can help medical professionals differentiate blood vessels more accurately and efficiently. Throughout the research process, I was thrilled to apply my computer programming and mathematics skills in the field of biomedical imaging in a way that created an impact that extended far beyond the laboratory."

"This is what I think medical research should be about," Pan told the Grosse Pointe News. "There are no physical borders between different people or even different fields of science; it's all connected. It was very evident through this trip to Israel and this research project."

Pan is a co-author on a paper, "Making the Invisible Visible: Optimizing laser speckle imaging by using machine learning and targeted recoloring," submitted for publication.

Outside of his research, Pan enjoyed trips and excursions during his first visit to Israel, including insights into Israel and the Middle East through tours of the Holocaust Museum, Jerusalem, Haifa, Eilat, the Judean and Negev Desert and the Dead Sea. Other highlights included geo-political discussions inside Kibbutz Almog in the West Bank; bargaining with both Jewish and Arabic merchants in markets in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv; conversations with the Druze, Baha'i and Bedouins about their religions and way of life; and lectures on desert architecture, water management and desalination at the driest place on earth.

"From those experiences, I learned so much about the diversity of Israel and the complexity of the Middle Eastern conflicts," Pan wrote. "Meanwhile, I saw how technology and scientific research eased tension in the region and improved people's lives."

Pan graduated from ULS in June and is attending the University of Michigan College of Engineering, where he plans to double major in computer science and aerospace engineering.

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# Brownell student battles for Ninja warrior championship

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Who will take home the title of American Ninja Warrior Junior? The answer will be revealed at the conclusion of 20 episodes of a new show from Universal Kids inspired by NBC's "American Ninja Warrior."

Appearing in NBCUniversal Cable Entertainment's network for kids, "American Ninja Warrior Junior" — premiering 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 — is Brownell Middle School sixth-grader Al Allotta. The 11-year-old auditioned last March and was selected out of approximately 10,000 applicants to compete among 64 kids in his age group.

Allotta and his parents, Ed and Ellen, flew out to Los Angeles in July for the taping of the show, where a total of 192 competitors faced off on the same head-to-head courses in three age brackets: 9- and 10-year-olds, 11- and 12-year-olds and 13- and 14-year-olds.

According to a news release, courses feature iconic Ninja Warrior obstacles including Sonic Swing, Tic Tac, Spin Cycle and the Warped Wall. Participants in each age bracket were mentored by



Above, Al Allotta with his parents, Ed and Ellen, on the set of American Ninja Warrior Junior, which premieres 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Right, while competing on the show, Al Allotta had the opportunity to meet his idol, Najee Richardson, a top American Ninja Warrior.

All-Star Ninja Mentors. Three final winners—one per age bracket—will be crowned the first ever American Ninja Warrior Junior champions.

Allotta is instructed by the network not to share specifics about the courses — nor can he reveal how he fared in the competition. He still is waiting to hear when

the episodes featuring his age group will air. He plans to watch with friends and family members at a viewing party.

Competing on "American Ninja Warrior" had been a dream of Allotta's since he began watching the main show when he was 7. His interest in Ninja warriors — and propen-



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sity for "climbing trees, climbing the walls in our house," according to his father — prompted Ed Allotta to sign his son up at the Edge Training Center in Commerce Township. The gym offers youth Ninja warrior classes with a focus on strength, agility and conditioning.

While the adult show originated in Japan, it has been airing in the United States 10 years. After news of the spin-off show broke, the Allottas found out about a casting call through the gym. Al Allotta submitted an online application, including demonstration videos. Having twice qualified for National Ninja League finals based on qualifiers at the Edge

Training Center, he hoped to stand out as a contender.

The anxiously awaited news arrived last spring. When the phone rang, "My dad was like, it's not them," Allotta said. After hearing he had been selected, Allotta said he handed the phone to his dad "and then I started running around the house screaming."

Although instructed to keep his participation secret until all competitors were notified, Allotta immediately began personal training with his coaches twice a week to prepare for the competition in July.

The first day on the set consisted of practice, interviews, photos shoots and demonstrations, Allotta

said. Each competitor had the opportunity to practice on the obstacle course and do a test run. The next two days were competitions. A highlight was meeting mentor and personal hero, Najee Richardson, a top American Ninja Warrior.

Whatever the results of the competition, Ed Allotta is happy his son found his passion and hopes to continue to nurture it in competitions, including National Ninja League finals.

In school, Al Allotta's favorite classes are social studies with Walter Charuba and narrative English language arts with Darleen Lovelace.

Outside of school and the gym, "his current obsession is roller coasters," said his father.

Al Allotta said he has been on 94 roller coasters and visited 17 amusement parks. Favorite roller coasters include Wicked Twister at Cedar Point in Ohio, Revenge of the Mummy at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla., and Hollywood — "the Orlando one is better; it's more interactive and it's longer" — the Incredible Hulk at Universal Orlando Resort and the Backlot Sunk Coaster at Kings Dominion and Kings Island.

The scariest? Any launch coaster "because you don't know when it's going to shoot you out somewhere," Al Allotta said.

While fear was not a factor for Allotta when tackling the obstacle courses in "American Ninja Warrior Junior," he admitted he was nervous. There was "a lot of pressure" he said.

## Teacher of THE WEEK

### Rebecca Murawski

**School:** Grosse Pointe North High School

**Years at North:** 19 (6 years special education; 12 years biology)

**Grade/Subject:** Learning resource center

**Nominated by:** Kate Murray, principal

**Principal's quote:**

"Rebecca is a dedicated and dynamic teacher who works with students with special needs. She is an influential teacher leader who helps her colleagues understand the whole child. She has been instrumental in the design and implementation of our Culture Club, which impacts every single Norseman. We are lucky to have her."

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

One of my colleagues always says teaching is the toughest job you'll ever love. And it's so true. I love the challenge of creating experiences for students that are meaningful and compelling, of not knowing what each day will bring and the opportunity teaching offers to create a space in which students feel inspired to learn, grow and find community.

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



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and belonging; all tough subjects but all very much present in our daily lives. Her work is truly universal.

#### Favorite quote:

I carry a book of quotes with me so I can write down those that most inspire me. One that I often come back to is, "Comparison is the thief of joy," by Theodore Roosevelt.

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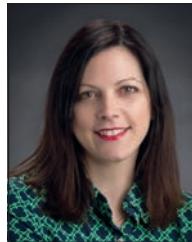
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## Roostertail celebrates 60 years

*Couples wed at venue invited to posh party*

By Jody McVeigh  
*Editor*

Since 1958, the Roostertail has hosted some of Detroit's most memorable parties.

A celebration of its 60th anniversary was no exception.

In honor of the venue's milestone, owner Tom Schoenith put out a call to every couple who celebrated their nuptials at the Roostertail. He and his wife, Diane, hosted an anniversary event Sept. 7, welcoming 200 married couples.

"It was really interesting," Schoenith said. "All you hear about on TV is divorce and parents fighting. To see a whole room of people who were married at the Roostertail was really interesting."

Schoenith, a City of

Grosse Pointe resident, said it's hard to tell how many couples have chosen the venue over six decades, but the Roostertail website says the venue handles more than 70 weddings each year.

Schoenith said he had a great time speaking with guests, who were treated to food, drinks and entertainment.

"For an event like this where we pick up the tab, we played around with fall drinks — apple and rum, champagne, we had a martini bar and a Moscow Mule bar," he said. "We fooled around with drinks we've never done before."

Food stations and a sweets table also were on the menu.

The Schoeniths ran a little late to the event, as

they had their own private party in the venue's club room. Sept. 7 also happened to be their 50th wedding anniversary and they started the evening celebrating with family and friends.

"Six people who were at our wedding were in the room," Schoenith said. "And our kids and close friends. Everyone got up to tell a story. It was great."

When Schoenith joined the Roostertail's party, he said things were in full swing.

"It was fascinating talking to the guests," he said. "Usually when a person goes into a room, they have something in common with somebody. These people had absolutely nothing in common but one thing — they had their wedding receptions

there.

"One couple brought the bar bill from their wedding — \$7.50," he continued. "That's something you remember. One couple got married a week before and put off their honeymoon to come. It was exciting to do. It ended with fireworks. It was a beautiful night, a real treat."

Despite 60 years of weddings and parties, Schoenith experienced a first during the Sept. 7 gathering. He set the story up in these words: "The downstairs room has a hydraulic dance floor we put in in '61. It comes up to table height. It's where all the entertainment appeared. ... Diane and I had our wedding reception upstairs. We had 1,000 people and needed the space. So we had never danced on our dance floor."

"That night (Sept. 7), they put our song on ('Can't Take My Eyes Off You,' by Frankie Valli) and we danced. There was fog around the floor and fireworks. ... We'd never done that before. I looked at Diane and I looked around — everybody's got their phones out (taking video). I said, 'I hope we don't fall off the stage.'

"I've washed dishes, I've set tables, I've done everything in this place," he continued. "That's the one thing I've never done there. It took 50 years."

The evening was



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Diane and Tom Schoenith

intended as a Guinness World Record attempt to get the most couples married at the same venue under the same ownership. While Schoenith said the category was created for the event, he's still negotiating with the Guinness people.

"It's been tricky," he said, noting each party has a different idea of proof needed. "We took photos ... we have proof people were married there, but we're still working on it."

Schoenith said he isn't done trying and plans to host another gathering with the same invitees.

"We've received a lot of nice, handwritten thank-you notes and nice emails. People really enjoyed it," he said. "We're excited to get together again."

Years ago, Schoenith's son, John, summed up restaurant ownership in six words: "Your job is to make memories."

And though Schoenith, 75, admits it's exhausting, he has no plans to slow down.

"I work seven days a week," he said. "It's tiring. I don't stay all night anymore, but I'm still there."

He reflected on a time gone by, when Les Gruber ran the London Chophouse and, "real people ran and owned restaurants, not corporations," he said. "I always thought it was the responsibility of the owner to be there. The food tastes better when the owner's there. It makes a difference. I like to show up."

And every night he does, people thank him.



Couples hit the dance floor.



From left, Adrian Kuhn, William Kuhn, Tevis Carter, Bonnie Lynch and James Carter



Grosse Pointe Farms residents Bob and Theresa Gorski



Grosse Pointers, from left, Bruce Hubbard, Bonnie Lynch, Bill Zoufal and Mary Ford



A sweets table was available for celebrating couples.

### Roostertail 60th fun facts

Per Nashelle Hill, special event coordinator

- ◆ Wedding date same day as the event: Diana & Kevin Garnatz and Theresa & Robert Gorski
- ◆ Wedding date on or closest to the Roostertail's anniversary date, June 12: Lisa & Robert Stanable
- ◆ Most grandchildren (eight total): Gail & Joseph Scallen
- ◆ Married the longest (50 years): Patti & James Buhalis
- ◆ Most children (eight): Ola & Brian Shumpert and Sherri Davis-Hannan & Don Hannan
- ◆ Visited the most countries together (40 total): Pam & Bill Treut
- ◆ Own the most pets (22 fish): Blair & Clarence Jilek
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## Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library Board of Trustees meets 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at Central Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

## Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Karen Smith, community outreach manager for Seedlings Braille Books for Children, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

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## GPA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts the following classes at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms:

- ◆ "Encaustic & Stencils Workshop with Candace Law," 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29.

- ◆ "Painting the Masters in Pastel with Dan Methric," 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 4 to 25.

- ◆ "Acrylics with Al Sonnenberg," 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 9 to 30.

- ◆ "Painting Loosely, a workshop with Rachel Reynolds Z," 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

- ◆ "Impressionistic Landscapes with Vianna Szabo," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 10 and 11.

- ◆ "Bokashi (shading) workshop with Nobuko Yamasaki," 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 5 to 7.

## Blood drive

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

- ◆ 1:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

## NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

## Family Center

The Family Center hosts a meet-and-greet gathering for school, mental health and other professionals 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 2, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 447-1374.

## SOC

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

- ◆ Author and traveler Nancy Solak presents slides from her three trips to China, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2.

- ◆ Memoir Writing Class, with Nancy Solak, 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 3 to 24. Cost is \$20 and space is limited.

- ◆ "Elder Law — Essential Legal Planning," with Katy Graham of Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5.

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◆ AARP Driver Safety Program with facilitator Rosa Hunter, 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 16 and 18. Cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members.

Registration is required for all of these classes. Call (313) 882-9600.

## Grosse Pointe Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Anne Brasie, executive director Clinton River Watershed Council, speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit [grossepinterotary.org](http://grossepinterotary.org).

## Lake House

The Lake House, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, offers the following programs:

- ◆ "A Matter of Balance," 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 3 to Nov. 21, at The Lake House, for seniors who want to learn more about preventing falls.

- ◆ Oktoberfest, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, at Mike's on the Water, 24600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$20; proceeds benefit The Lake House.

- ◆ Feather bowling, 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit. Tickets are \$20; proceeds benefit The Lake House.

- ◆ Drum Circle 2 to 3 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. Instruments are provided, but participants may bring their own percussion instruments as well.

- ◆ Gentle mat yoga 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays and chair yoga noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays. No experience is needed and all ages are welcome.

- ◆ Knitting for beginner and intermediate levels 1 to 3 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month. Reservations are requested.

- ◆ Newly Diagnosed Cancer Support meets 6 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month. Anyone within the first year of diagnosis is welcome.

For more information about these activities, call (586) 777-7761.

## PFLAG

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee,

City of Grosse Pointe. For information, email [pflaggp@gmail.com](mailto:pflaggp@gmail.com).

## MCR

Michigan Community Resources, which works to advance the missions of Michigan nonprofit organizations through pro bono and low-cost legal and other professional services, organizational development and trusted guidance, hosts a Homecoming and Community Reunion 7 to 11 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at The Eastern, 3434 Russell, Ste. 501, Detroit.

The event includes food trucks, live entertainment and a community bonfire. Tickets are \$175 each or \$300 for two. Call (313) 949-6837 and visit [mi-community.org](http://mi-community.org).

## LWV

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe co-sponsors with the League of Women Voters of Wayne County and the Michigan Democracy Institute Consortium a two-part program about statewide ballot proposals and the candidates running for Wayne County Circuit Court. The forum begins 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at Berry Auditorium, Building L, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

The League hosts a Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education candidate forum 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Seven candidates are vying for three open seats.

## Toastmasters

North-eastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

## Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$13. Call (313) 881-5931.

Ashley Holmer, a Grosse Pointe native, as well as members of the Mount Hood climbing team based in Grosse Pointe. Cost is \$20. For tickets, visit [bit.ly/2NKathg](http://bit.ly/2NKathg).

## Veterans

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club Inc. meets 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Marieke Allen, past chair of the Veterans Garden Committee, speaks about Holland. Admission is free and guests are welcome. Call John Bates at (313) 881-4125 or Tom Jantz at (586) 772-6703.

## Moross Greenway

Moross Greenway volunteers meet for the sixth annual Fall Community Clean-Up 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit. In addition to trash pick-up, volunteers will plant bulbs, transplant perennials and prepare the beds for winter. For information, visit [morossgreenway.org](http://morossgreenway.org).

## Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets noon Wednesday, Oct. 17, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. After lunch, presenter Sherry McInerney of Posterity Framing & Printing speaks about "Art Preservation & Restoration." Guests are welcome. For reservations, call Helen Roberts at (586) 944-0299 by Saturday, Oct. 13. Guest price is \$14. For more information, call Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081.

## Senior Ladies

Groups of ladies are invited to join the Grosse Pointe Senior Ladies Club for lunch and card games 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$13. Call (313) 881-5931.

## Overeaters Anonymous

An Overeaters Anonymous group meets 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Bethel Lutheran Church, 26400 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores. Use the rear door to get to the basement classroom. Newcomers are welcome at OA, a 12-step recovery program for people who have problems with food.

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# Faircourt Dental raising funds for Malawi mission trip

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Mary Sue Stonisch DDS, and the Faircourt Dental Smile Team are organizing a mission trip to Malawi this December to provide dental care to residents of one of the poorest countries in the world.

With a population of 17.2 million, Malawi is largely an agricultural country in which more than half the population lives below the poverty line, according to rippleafrica.org.

Stonisch and her team plan to visit at Christmas, not only to provide dental services, but to share the Gospel and bear gifts, thanks to the generosity of the community.

Through outreach efforts, Stonisch hopes to raise \$10,000 to purchase maize, one of the most

important food sources in Africa, along with additional farming supplies needed for a successful harvest. The program will require farmers to use a no-till method of planting that is popular in more progressive countries in Africa and allows for better sustainability of food resources.

"We're asking the community to help us," Stonisch said.

While the team has been raising funds since January, more help is needed. The first in a series of fundraisers, a free movie night, takes place 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the event, featuring the Clint Eastwood-directed movie, "Invictus."

All proceeds from

movie night go toward farming supplies. Tax-deductible donations also will be accepted at the event.

Additionally, sponsorship opportunities are available at three levels:

- ◆ Bronze — \$1,500 provides 20 farmers with seeds and the no-till farming method, feeding approximately 200 people.

- ◆ Silver — \$2,500 provides 33 farmers with seeds and the no-till farming method, feeding approximately 330 people.

- ◆ Gold — \$5,000 provides 66 farmers with seeds and the no-till farming method, feeding approximately 660 people.

Several major sponsors already have joined the effort, including Gretchen Valade, Grace Community Church, Beline Obeid

Realty and Pointe Dairy.

"People can make a tax-deductible donation to Grace or just come in and make a donation at the office," Stonisch said. "We've already raised enough to cover travel expenses and we'll pay for our own food and lodging, so all the money raised goes directly to the mission."

Known as the Warm Heart of Africa, Malawi holds a special place in Stonisch's heart. She's been a supporter of Chikondi Village 15 years, she said. This time, she's bringing with her Faircourt's clinical director, Missy Poynter, and her daughter, as well as hygienist Theresa Teltow and her daughter.

Stonisch's husband and three children also will go on the mission.

"Part of our mission statement is to be a



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**Dr. Mary Sue Stonisch and the Faircourt Dental Smile Team are raising funds for a mission trip to Malawi**

leader in our profession," said Stonisch, who's been in practice 30 years. "All my team helps me do that."

"It's a privilege to have a team consider going and giving up their holiday with family," she continued. "When you choose to serve, you'll be amazed by the gifts you can give others. When God gives you gifts, the best thing to do is give back. We're blessed at Faircourt. The community supports us and we

want to give back."

Tax-deductible donations, payable to Grace Community Church, with "Attention: Dental Mission" on the memo line, may be mailed to:

- ◆ Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross Rd., Detroit, MI 48236; or

- ◆ Faircourt Dental Smile Studio, 20040 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Donors also may call Faircourt for additional information at (313) 882-2000.

## Longtime Pointer, attorney discusses LGBT employment discrimination at PFLAG

By Debra Kaszubski  
Special Writer

Daniel Gwinn, a Troy-based attorney and long-time Grosse Pointe resident, will discuss the issues LGBTQ people face in the workplace during PFLAG of Grosse Pointe meeting 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

"We plan to discuss the development and possible solutions to a legal paradox that now exists for LGBTQ people: The Supreme Court recognized same-sex couples have a right to marry, but courts are split on whether LGBT

people are protected from discrimination in the workplace under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," Gwinn said. "As one court states, 'One can be married on Sunday and then fired for that very act on Monday.'"

Michigan's civil rights statue does not protect LGBTQ people from workplace discrimination, however, Gwinn said. LGBTQ people may still have some limited protection based on legal precedent established in court decisions.

PFLAG is the nation's largest support, education and advocacy organization for LGBTQ individuals, family mem-

bers and friends, according to its website. The group meets frequently in Grosse Pointe and is followed by small group support conversations that give attendees an opportunity to share their authentic experience with identifying or having a loved one who identifies at LGBTQ.

Although Gwinn regularly prints articles involving law and civil rights, he was recently published on legal issues regarding the LGBTQ community and Title VII in Michigan Family Law Journal, Laches, a publication of the Oakland County Bar Association and in The Oakland Press. Among other key

points, the articles discuss how the word "sex" has been interpreted by courts since the enactment of Title VII, first with respect to women and, from there, with respect to LGBTQ citizens.

He said anyone interested in the history of civil rights would find value in his presentation.

"The meeting may be of particular interest to the parents of LGBTQ high school and college-age adult children as they guide them through safe and smart career decisions," he said. "The discussion should also be of interest to the LGBTQ people who are

about to enter the workforce, or who have already started working, and to their families and friends."

Gwinn, 60, has lived in Grosse Pointe since 1999. In his free time, he enjoys practicing and teaching yoga at Just Breathe Grosse Pointe on The Hill, and he's a certified yoga teacher. He enjoys reading, gardening, weightlifting, living near Lake St. Clair and being surrounded by the natural beauty of Grosse Pointe, he said.

He also enjoys attracting hummingbirds.

He publishes the weekly "Ask the Lawyer" blog on his website,



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gwinngal.com, and on his Facebook page. For information about PFLAG Grosse Pointe, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

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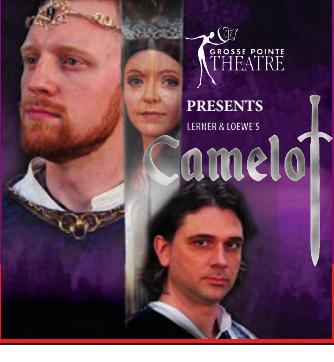
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## 4B | FEATURES

**ASK THE EXPERTS** By Jeff and Debra Jay

# Bringing parents, family into the recovery circle

**Q** My 21-year-old son is in treatment for the second time. He first went to treatment the summer after his freshman year of college. At that time, he was smoking pot daily. Now he's addicted to opiates — pills when he can get them, but more often than not heroin.

His father and I own a successful business, we live in an upper middle class community and we have always been involved parents. But this has brought us to our knees. When I asked my son's counselor in treatment what I can do, she said, "Just be his mom." I was infuriated. What does she think I've been his entire life? My son is shooting heroin and could die. Yet this counselor just told me to stay

out of it. I'd like to hear your advice.

**A** You are right; there is a great deal you can do. The addiction field has mostly kept family and addict apart, other than a few days in a family program or short education programs. There has been no long-term family inclusion in the recovery process. Treatment centers simply have not known what to do with families.

After working with families more than two decades, we've been frustrated by the exclusion of families, too. So we spent several years developing something that brought family members and their addicted loved ones together in a meaningful way, building a cooperative relationship that promotes lasting sobriety.

It's called Structured Family Recovery. There are a couple simple, proactive steps you can take to learn about it. You can go to the Grosse Pointe Public Library and check out the book "It Takes a Family," by Debra Jay (Hazelden Publishing 2014) or purchase it from a bookseller. You also can visit lovefirst.net and watch videos, listen to short podcasts and read an excerpt from the book. With Structured Family Recovery, you will learn what it takes to become a recovery family and exactly what you, as a mom, can do.

*Jeff and Debra Jay of Grosse Pointe Farms have helped families overcome addiction more than 30 years. Their best-selling book, "Love First," is a standard in the field of recovery. Visit lovefirst.net.*

## GPPL supports American Library Association Banned Books Week

Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 to bring awareness to the importance of the freedom to read, highlighting the value of free and open access to information. This year's Banned

Book Week is Sept. 23 to 29.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts displays at each of its three branches to celebrate free expression and the importance of intel-

tual freedom.

"We support the national celebration of Banned Books Week to bring awareness to the issue," said Jessica Keyser, library director. "Books have been and

## Historical Society welcomes teens to board of trustees

By Kay Burt-Willson

*Guest Writer*

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society serves all five of the Grosse Pointes. In addition, the society strives to serve all age groups of our community. They present comedic plays based on actual history of Grosse

Pointe to seniors in nursing care facilities. Now they are including the youth in our community. GPHS is delighted to announce two of its newest trustees, Connor Barthel and Mary Weiermiller. These two University Liggett School seniors applied for and were voted upon to serve as full trustees, with

American History from the Daughters of the American Revolution. His most recent award was the Michigan 2018 Gilder Lehman Teacher of the Year. The society will now have access to the best teacher's assistance with the production of future educational programs. There are many upcoming community events the Grosse Pointe Historical Society is planning that will now incorporate youthful ideas as well as the traditional approaches which cherish the past.

The Historical Society also welcomed Adam Hellebuyck to the position of educational advisor. Mr. Hellebuyck teaches American History at University Liggett. He has received many prestigious awards for his creative teaching style. He took the first place National Award as Outstanding Teacher of

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT



Adam Hellebuyck, educational advisor to the board; Connor Barthel, student board member; Mary Weiermiller, student board member; Pat O'Brien, President, Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

continue to be banned. Part of the celebration is

the fact that, in a majority of cases, the books have remained available."

Some of the top 10 most challenged books in 2017 included:

◆ "The Kite Runner," written by Khaled Hosseini. This critically acclaimed, multi-generational novel was challenged and banned because it includes sexual violence and was thought to "lead to terrorism" and "promote Islam."

◆ "To Kill a Mockingbird," written by Harper Lee. This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, considered an American

classic, was challenged and banned because of violence and its use of the N-word.

◆ "George," written by Alex Gino. Written for elementary-age children, this Lambda Literary Award winner was challenged and banned because it includes a transgender child.

For a complete list of the Top Ten Most Challenged Books in 2017, visit the American Library Association website at ala.org.

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# ANNIVERSARIES

## Gast

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods residents Peter and Pat Gast of Grosse Pointe Woods celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 31, 2018.

Pete and Pat celebrated their anniversary on the beach in Captiva Island, Fla., with immediate family, including daughter, Kristen; son-in-law, Steve Alix; son, Peter; daughter-in-law, Becky, and four grandchildren.

Pete and Pat met at Cascade Country Club in

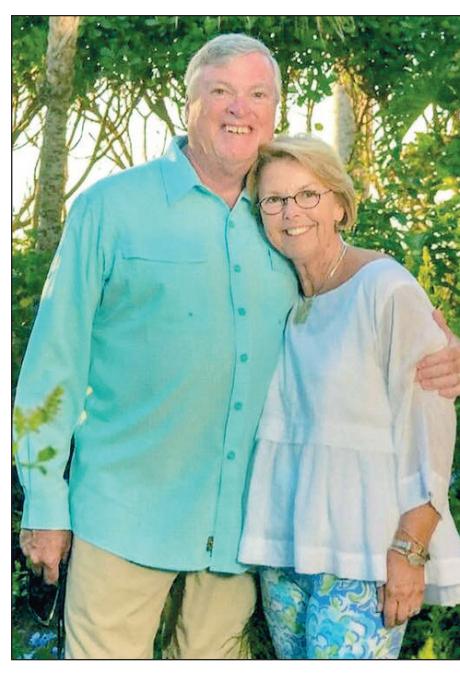
Grand Rapids on Peter's 21st birthday. He was headed out to celebrate at another party when he spotted Pat walking in and quickly changed his plans. They began dating shortly afterward and married Aug. 31, 1968, at Cascade Country Club.

Their two children, Kristen and Peter, graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School. Pete and Pat enjoyed volunteering at North during their children's time there.

Pat loved it so much she became the school's

activities director from 1995 to 2016. She organized pep assemblies, ran the student union and planned every graduation ceremony. Her greatest joy was helping any student who came her way. Peter was busy being president of the family business, PB.Gast and Sons, but never missed a game, homecoming or field trip with the kids.

Pete and Pat say the secret to 50 years of wedded bliss is traveling, marrying your best friend and celebrating life.



Above, Pete and Pat Gast circa 2018.

At right, Pat and Pete Gast at their wedding Aug. 31, 1968.

# ENGAGEMENTS

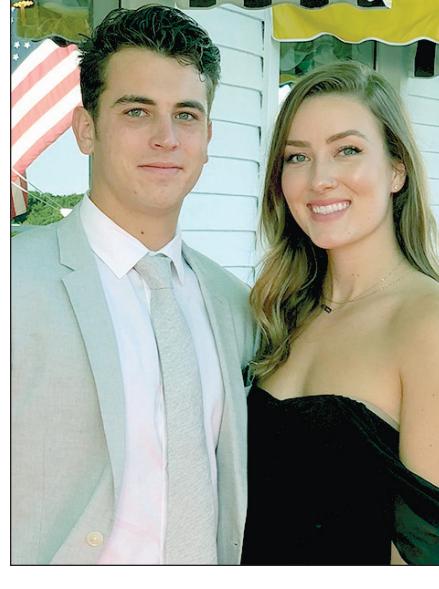
## Summerville-Russell

Sue and Howard Summerville of St. Clair Shores announce the engagement of their daughter, Katlyn Grace Summerville to Brett William Russell, son of Lisa and Gordon Russell Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods.

A February 2019 wedding is planned. Ms. Summerville is a seamstress at Jules Joyner Designs and a nanny for a Grosse Pointe family.

Mr. Russell is manager of Russell Landscaping Inc.

Brett Russell and Katlyn Summerville



# WEDDINGS

## Szandzik-Czerniawski

Elizabeth Hannah Czerniawski and David Louis Szandzik were married Friday, June 8, 2018, at St. Florian Catholic Church in Hamtramck. The Rev. James Power, the bride's cousin, officiated. A reception at the Detroit Athletic Club followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ben Czerniawski of Grosse Pointe Woods. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Szandzik, also of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The bride wore a white lace mermaid-style wedding dress with a semi-cathedral train. She carried a bouquet of white roses with baby's breath and eucalyptus.

The bride's sister, Jennifer Czerniawski, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride's friends, Shannon Smith and Olivia Dallaire, the bride's cousin, Alissa Patrick and the bride's sisters-in-law, Alandra Szandzik and Tyler Flanagan.

Attendants wore full-length chiffon dresses in a palette of champagne and mauve. They carried bouquets similar to the bride's with white roses, baby's breath and eucalyptus.

Flower girls were the groom's cousins, Ava and Evelyn Tringali. Eric Szandzik, the groom's twin brother, and Mark Szandzik, the groom's brother, served as best men. Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Ben Czerniawski, and the groom's friends, Joe Tringali, Michael DiReze, Sam Palazzolo, Charlie Thibault, Michael Dallaire, Sam Arker and Trevor Lozon.

Tommy Tringali, the groom's cousin, was ringbearer. The bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Michigan State University. The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree in human biology from Michigan State and a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from University of Detroit Mercy. He currently is a resident in oral surgery at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

The couple honeymooned in the Hawaiian Islands and reside in Galveston.



Elizabeth and David Szandzik

## Submitting Beautiful Beginnings announcements

*Beautiful Beginnings notices are published the last Thursday of each month. Engagement, wedding, births and wedding anniversaries forms, as well as the cost and process for submitting information, can be found on our website, grossepointrnews.com under the Forms tab.*

# 'Get Your Pink On' is Oct. 4

The Village presents "Get Your Pink On — Girls' Night Out," to highlight women's health, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4.

The event is sponsored by Ascension St. John Hospital.

During "Get Your Pink On," guests are offered shopping specials, refreshments, prize drawings and the chance to meet with women's health experts from Ascension St. John Hospital in Village businesses.

Women are encouraged to bring their sisters, daughters, girlfriends and mothers for a night of shopping and information about women's health issues.

Participating stores are open until 8 p.m. and have special offers and pink-inspired refreshments for those who join in the activities.

Guests are encouraged to check in at Merrill Lynch, 17000 Kercheval, for refreshments and to receive a Pink Passport, which details locations of the health experts and participating merchants.

Guests may then visit stores throughout the evening to get their passports punched.

During an afterglow 8 to 9 p.m. at The Whiskey Six, 646 St. Clair, guests may enter their completed passports in a drawing to win a gift basket from Village merchants.

Participating Ascension health experts include:

- ◆ Cheryl Wesen, breast cancer
- ◆ Allison Jay, cancer genetics
- ◆ Deanna Mollicone, dietitian, nutrition
- ◆ Mary Yenchick, gynecology, integrative medicine
- ◆ Cindy Shields and Marianne Garascia, Wilson Center: Senior Resources for Independent Living
- ◆ Nancy Mesiha, cardiologist

Visitors also may tie a pink ribbon on "The Tribute Tree" at St. Clair and Kercheval in memory or honor of someone they know who has suffered from illness.

Merchant specials for "Get Your Pink On — Girls' Night Out" include a gift with purchase, percentage-off sales and special items on sale that night.

Updates on offers and more information will be posted on The Village's Facebook page, [facebook.com/thevillagegrossepointr](http://facebook.com/thevillagegrossepointr) and [thevillagegp.com](http://thevillagegp.com).

## League of Women Voters to host school board candidate forum

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe hosts a candidate forum for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education candidates 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The following candidates have confirmed their participation in this event: Christian Fenton, Christopher Lee, Wendy Saigh, John Shook, Brian

Summerfield and Margaret Weertz. This forum provides an opportunity for the public to meet the candidates and hear their positions on various issues related to the school district. Audience members also may submit questions to the candidates.

Questions about the event may be directed to Judy Florian, vice president for voter services, at [lwgrossepointr@gmail.com](mailto:lwgrossepointr@gmail.com).

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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.

## Andrew Arabia

Andrew "Handy Andy" Arabia, beloved husband of Judy; loving father of Mary Kassouf (Raji) and Andrea Nazelli (Christopher); proud grandfather of Olivia, Gabriel, Eugenie and Noah; and brother of Rosalba Arabia, passed away Friday, Sept. 14, 2018.

Andrew was born in Cosenza, Italy, and moved to the United States in 1936. He grew up in New York City, attending St. Michael's Elementary and Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School in Brooklyn. He was a graduate of Queens College and New York University, finishing his doctoral studies in economics. Although an engineer at heart, he worked for the General Motors Overseas Operations Group in New York and then moved to Detroit in 1975.

Andrew was a lifelong learner and continued exercising his mind outside of his professional career. He was an avid reader, World War II history expert and kept a running list of new vocabulary terms and topics to research in his shirt pocket. He was a patient teacher who shared his skills and time with everyone. He also enjoyed tinkering in his basement workshop, handcrafting furniture, shelving, stools and Barbie furniture for his daughters.

Andrew provided in many ways for his parents and family and was a figure of stability, consistency and wisdom. He was always present, helping family bond, even in his silence or quiet ways.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Kathy Ballew

Kathy Ballew, 68, passed away peacefully Monday, Sept. 17, 2018, at Ascension St. John Hospital, Detroit, surrounded by friends and family.

Born May 17, 1950, to William (Witter) and Jeanne Ballew, Kathy graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1968 and attended Eastern Michigan University majoring in education. She taught in the Detroit Public Schools.

Kathy loved cooking, being with her family, telling jokes, having lunch with friends at Gilbert's, her cats, Jack and Boo, and her nieces and nephews.

Kathy is survived by her brothers, Mike (Barb), Pat (Marge) and Rick and sister, Kelly.

She was predeceased by her parents, brother Tom, and sister Molly.

Cremation has taken place. A funeral Mass is 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

296 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

## Diane Beaupre

*Correction: The obituary for Diane Beaupre published in the Sept. 20, 2018, issue of the Grosse Pointe News mistakenly listed her sister, Mary Yavor, as having predeceased Diane. Mary is a surviving sibling. We regret the error. Following is the correct obituary for Ms. Beaupre.*

Diane Beaupre, 77, died peacefully Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, surrounded by family.

Born in Grosse Pointe to Helen and Marvin Beaupre, Diane spent much of her youth in sight of Lake St. Clair, as she loved being on or near the water. As a family, the Beaupres spent summers at their cottage in Stoney Point, Ontario, and many days at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier.

After graduating from St. Paul High School, Diane began a career in aviation. From Delta, to a corporate flight attendant with GM, Chrysler, Guardian Industries and Michigan sports teams, Diane loved her job, especially working with the Pistons, Tigers and Red Wings.

She was an avid fan and enjoyed supporting these athletes. Her work with these clubs spanned more than 30 years and she was a part of several championship seasons.

She also was an active member of the Nomads Travel Club for many years which took her around the world.

Since 1987, Diane lived in Plymouth. She was a volunteer driver for the Meals on Wheels and a fixture as a Salvation Army holiday bell ringer. Diane also volunteered at the Plymouth Village Theatre, enjoyed any boating excursion, especially Detroit's river cruise options, the library film club, The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Irish Ladies group and donating her time at the Freedom Center at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Diane took great pride in her grandchildren and loved spending time with them whenever possible. She traveled many miles to attend birthdays, Halloween parties, sporting events and graduations.

Diane is survived by her children, Tracy Tutag, Tim Tutag and Elizabeth Tremarco (Phil); grandchildren, Justin Tutag, Makenna Tutag, Nicholas Tremarco and Mason Tremarco and siblings, Marilyn Severn (the late Neil), Bonnie Roy (Mike), Marvin Beaupre (Lynne), John Beaupre and Mary Yavor (the late Chet).

A memorial Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alliance for the Great Lakes at [donate.greatlakes.org](http://donate.greatlakes.org) or Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries at [drmm.org](http://drmm.org).

Share a memory at [ahpeters.com](http://ahpeters.com).

## Irene C. Colovos

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Irene C. Colovos, 92, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018.

Irene was known for her Greek cooking and love of gardening. She volunteered at St. John Hospital more than 10 years. She also was an excellent knitter and taught many people. Yia Yia will be dearly missed.

Irene is survived by her children, Kate Gabriel (Gerald), Diane Fournier, Chris (Marlene) and Bill (Julie); grandchildren, Carrie Gabriel, Amie, William Gabriel, Michael Fournier (Lisa), James (Kali), Christina and Stephen and many beloved great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, George.

A funeral service was Sept. 24 at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Detroit.

Donations may be made to the UMH Camp Michitanki Transplant Fund. Checks may be made payable to University of Michigan and mailed to Michigan Medicine Office of Development, 1000 Oakbrook Dr., Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 or at [victors.us/irene\\_colovos](http://victors.us/irene_colovos).

Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

## Marian June Fleming

Marian June Fleming, 96, of Harbor Beach, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018.

Marian was born in Detroit, to Harold and Blanche Edson. She married Jack Fleming in 1942. Over the years, Jack and Marian lived together in several locations including Grosse Pointe, Harbor Beach, Beaver Creek, Colo., and Newport Beach, Calif.

She leaves as her legacy her three children: John Fleming (Carol), Lance Fleming (Mary) and Mary Ann Kerr (David). She also leaves to cherish her memory 10 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

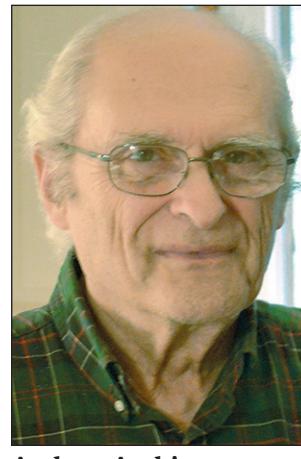
She was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, Jack Fleming; brother, Edward Edson and sister, Jean Boland.

Marian dedicated her life to raising her children. Her family fondly remembers Nana as a loving and supportive mother and grandmother. She lived her life as an example of putting God and family first.

She also was an accomplished accountant/bookkeeper and an excellent chef. She set the bar on how to host family and friends gatherings. She was a longtime member of Knox Presbyterian Church in Harrison Township. While Marian was able to travel the world with her husband, Jack, her favorite place to be was the family summer home in Harbor Beach.

A memorial service was held Sept. 22 in Harbor Beach.

Donations may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 405 State St., Harbor Beach, MI 48441.



Andrew Arabia



Kathy Ballew



Diane Beaupre



Irene C. Colovos



Marian June Fleming



Sara Malcomson Ralph

Share a memory at [ramseyfh.com](http://ramseyfh.com).

## Sara Malcomson Ralph

A memorial service for Grosse Pointe resident Sara Malcomson Ralph will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Sara, 91, died July 18, 2018.

Sara was born in Detroit and happily lived most of her life in the Detroit area. She was a resident of Grosse Pointe since 1963. A devoted wife, loving mother and dedicated homemaker, Sara was also a caring neighbor.

Sara was a proud graduate of Grosse Pointe High School's Class of 1945 and faithfully helped organize her class's periodic reunions. She enjoyed her classmates and much appreciated their friendships over the years.

Sara was a supporter of Grosse Pointe Theatre, a longtime member of Christ Church Grosse Pointe and a participating member of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. For many years she also enjoyed and participated in gatherings at Indian Village Tennis Club.

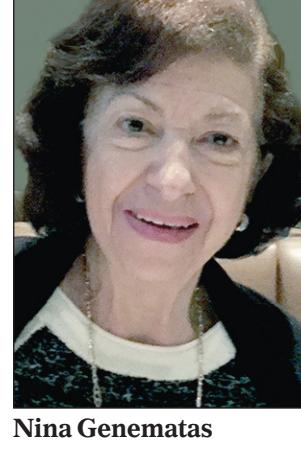
Sara was married twice: to Nathan VanOsdol and Richard Ralph. Both men were graduates of Grosse Pointe High School and both men predeceased her.

Sara is survived by her daughters, Natalie VanOsdol (the late Mark Etra), Julie Lynch (Denny) and Amy VanOsdol; sons, Scott and Todd Ralph; grandchildren, Alicia Moore (Chuck), Leah Griffith (John), Jordan Etra (Danielle Mainas), Sara Kroll (Kris), Megan Abbamonte (Brett), Derek Ralph (Ivette), Max Schultz, Chris Ralph (fiancé Alex Breaux), Noah Ralph and Pilar Ralph; and great-grandchildren Audrey Moore (fiancé James Winiarski), Matthew Moore, James, Liam, Aiden and John Jr. Griffith, Ellie Abbamonte and Alexandra Kroll.

Sara also is survived by her brother, George W. Malcomson and sister, Connie Malcomson Deardorff.

Sara also was predeceased by her son, Richard A. Ralph; daughter, Kathy Schultz (Bob) and sister, Jane Stroh.

Sara requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her memory to National Multiple Sclerosis Society.



Nina Genematas



Joanne L. Graham

Michigan Chapter at [nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/MIG](http://nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/MIG); Special Olympics Michigan at [somi.org](http://somi.org) or Lighthouse Food Bank lighthouse-foodbank.org.

## Nina Genematas

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Nina Genematas, nee Spear, 92, of Harrisburg, Pa., died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018, at Arden Courts of Susquehanna in Harrisburg.

She was born April 16, 1926, in Detroit to Peter and Angeline (nee Gianaris) Spear. Throughout her life, Nina was active in the Greek Orthodox church. She volunteered with Meals on Wheels in Grosse Pointe and also was a member of the Friends of the Poor Organization.

She and her husband, William, loved to travel, and did so throughout their lives. She also gave her time to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Detroit Women's Economic Club. Family was always first in Nina's life, but her greatest joy came from watching her grandchildren grow and become the adults they are today.

Nina is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mariann G. and Dr. Brett B. Ernst, of Harrisburg; grandchildren, William Nicholas Genematas II (Kate Lyn) of Jacksonville, Fla., Sarah Andrene Genematas of Chicago, Alexandra Marie Ernst (Jeremy Zalben) of New York City and Victoria Noel Ernst of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Nina was predeceased by her husband, William Nicholas Genematas, and their son, Nicholas William Genematas II.

Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

Visitation begins 9:30 a.m. at the church. Burial immediately follows the service at Woodlawn Cemetery, 19975 Woodward, Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Nina's name may be made to the Nicholas W. Genematas II Foundation, 4075 Linglestown Road, PMB 307, Harrisburg, PA 17112.

Share a memory at [parthemore.com](http://parthemore.com).

## Joanne L. Graham

Joanne L. Graham passed away Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018, at age 88.

She was born Aug. 1, 1930, in Detroit, to Harry and Bertha (nee Czeschinsky) Myers.

Joanne was a lifelong member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. She was an active member and served in various capacities at the church.

Joanne enjoyed crafting. Her works included painting — she taught decorative painting —, quilting and cross stitching. She belonged to the "Pieces Be with You" quilting group at church.

Joanne also was a member of the Grosse Pointe Women's Club and the Brighton Gardening Club. She enjoyed playing bridge and traveling. She was well liked by those who knew her and will be remembered for her kind and generous nature. Her greatest joy was spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joanne was predeceased by her husband, James, in 2003. She is survived by her daughter, Kerry Edick (Michael); son, Kent Graham (Michele); adored grandchildren, Emily Tyler (George) and Nate and Gillian Graham and great-grandchildren, Henry and Evelyn.

A funeral service was Sept. 24 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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# CHURCH EVENTS

## First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts Oktoberfest 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13. Call (313) 884-5040.

## St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, invites the community to experience Alpha, a beginning series in Christianity that involves dinner, an engaging video and discussion on the big questions of life: Is there more to life than this? Why am I here? How can I have faith? It begins 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, in the Canfield Center of St. Paul School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd. In addition, the church offers other

opportunities for men, women, children and young adults. For information, call (313) 885-8855 or email agraves@st paulonthelake.org.

## St. Paul Evangelical

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of Bible and book studies. Newcomers are welcome.

◆ The Rev. Justin Dittrich leads Bible study 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Harms Fireside Room.

◆ Prayer Vigils for Peace takes place 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, starting with a short video followed by discussion.

◆ The Naomi Circle Women's Group meets in the Bethany Room for Bible study and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. the

third Tuesday of each month.

◆ The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Group meets the first Thursday of each month in the Bethany Room.

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.

## St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a St. Michael's Feast Day Celebration Sunday, Sept. 30. After morning worship, festivities begin at noon with a picnic lunch. Activities include a cake walk, gift baskets raffle, lawn games, treats for purchase and live entertainment from The John "Tbone" Paxton Band. Tickets are \$5 and include a hot dog, chips, cookie and a beverage. Visit stmichaelsgpw.org or call (313) 884-4820.

# Women's workshop restores the soul

By Jody McVeigh

*Editor*

Women looking for a means to relax, reflect and restore their souls are invited to the "Soul Oasis and Vision Board Women's Workshop," 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Hosted by psychotherapist, writer and public speaker Megan Gunnell, in partnership with interior designer, writer and house coach Jody Pear, the workshop provides a chance for women to reflect on what they want more of in their lives and bringing that energy into their homes.

"I was inspired to offer this workshop for two reasons," Gunnell said. "1) I hear a lot of clients say how their homes contribute to their stress and 2) when I met Jody

Pear and heard about her work, I thought she was the perfect expert to collaborate with and support positive change with. Our homes are a reflection of who we are and they should feel like soothing, nurturing spaces. House coaching intrigued me because it supports a person's sense of belonging and self-actualization. There's a lot to learn about the flow of energy in our home space and where we put things in our homes and what we keep and what we purge. That all has to do with supporting our personal and professional goals in life."

Gunnell said the workshop was designed to help participants reconnect to their souls in a practical and hands-on way. Pear will teach women how to create a soul oasis by incorporat-

ing elements of feng shui, the bagua map and house coaching techniques to maximize positivity, calm and restoration. Afterward, participants are treated to a healthy lunch catered by Cornwall Bakery, followed by Gunnell leading participants through a creative vision board activity, "where we get to consider what goals we're setting for this season and how we can manifest those goals by setting them into our intention and visualizing them in a tangible way," Gunnell said.

"My workshops and retreats are designed with intention," she continued. "I think carefully about what I create and want everyone attending to always come away feeling not only more knowledgeable about a particular subject, but also uplifted and inspired

# Church hosts Chamber Music at Scarab Club

Chamber Music at the Scarab Club kicks off its 21st season with a concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

The exciting and varied program, performed by local chamber musicians, includes a piano trio by celebrated French composer Gabriel Fauré and a work for piano, flute, violin and cello by contemporary American composer Michael Gandolfi.

Each piece will be introduced by one of the

musicians. A reception follows the concert.

Tickets are \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance and \$10 for students.

For tickets and information, call (248) 921-3193, email chambermusic@scarabclub.org or visit scarabclub.org/chambermusic.



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Pianist Mary Siciliano performs as part of a trio during the concert.

Velda Kelly, John McLaughlin Williams and Romona Merritt, along with Nadine Deleury, perform "Kleine Abendmusik" during the show.



COURTESY PHOTO

Megan Gunnell

wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle, journal and pen.

Gunnell suggested those interested register early as space is limited.

To register or for more information, visit bit.ly/2OEXQ1.

"I believe when women come together to build each other up and support one another, power-

ful change is possible," Gunnell said. "I love creating space for women to feel inspired, supported and empowered. It's a privilege to 'set a table' and invite people in. I feel grateful for the opportunity to do the work that I do and I'm really looking forward to collaborating with Jody on this workshop."

# WORSHIP SERVICES

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# Classic tale of 'Whodunnit?' unfolds during murder-mystery dinner at The War Memorial

The War Memorial presents its inaugural live dinner theater event, "Crime and Pun-Ishment: An Evening of Murder and Mystery," 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, in its ballroom.

The War Memorial invites one and all to enjoy a killer evening of comedy, entertainment and gourmet food, with each member of the audience becoming a detective for the night. Professional, costumed actors lead the show, but everyone in the room plays a part in this interactive evening. By gathering information and trading clues with friends, guests work together to solve the mystery before the party ends — all while enjoying a three-course meal curated by War Memorial Executive Chef Natalia Tarnavsky.

Guests are encouraged — in the spirit of the evening — to dress in their favorite 1920s attire. Feather boas, flapper dresses, suits and hats are encouraged.

For those wishing to make the evening even more memorable, a VIP reception takes place 5:30 p.m. in the Alger House prior to the performance. The reception includes signature cocktails, a full bar and passed hors d'oeuvres, including oyster Rockefeller beignets, boursin-stuffed mushroom caps and deviled eggs.

The plot for the evening is described as follows: Things take a turn for the gutter at Mafia Don Lou Zar's juice joint when someone is put on ice. The crowd is chock full of potential suspects. Jealous, jilted lovers, a rival mafioso and a pair of undercover feds make an appearance at this speakeasy and not a single person is muttering a word.

"The War Memorial team is channeling our inner Bonnie and Clyde to make this evening memorable and fun," said Brooks Hoste, War Memorial vice president of community engagement and

programming. "This event is the first of its kind here and we are eager to offer our guests not only a world-class culinary experience, but an interactive, entertaining and unforgettable performance."

The dinner menu includes cream of celery soup, chicken Oscar and warm pineapple torte. Vegetarian and gluten-free options are available upon request, though requests must be made one week before the event.

"The War Memorial is constantly offering incredible entertainment and culinary events to the community. To have this event as one of my first opportunities to craft, build and execute a War Memorial menu is an honor," Tarnavsky said. "What chef wouldn't want to plan a menu for a murder-mystery party? I hope our guests leave the evening feeling like they dined at an actual speakeasy."



The 1920s is the theme of The War Memorial's live dinner theater event.

Tickets for the dinner and show are \$60, while VIP tickets, which include the pre-party reception are \$90. Guests also are able to purchase discounted tables of eight for the evening. A full cash bar is available during the performance. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org) or call (313) 881-7511.

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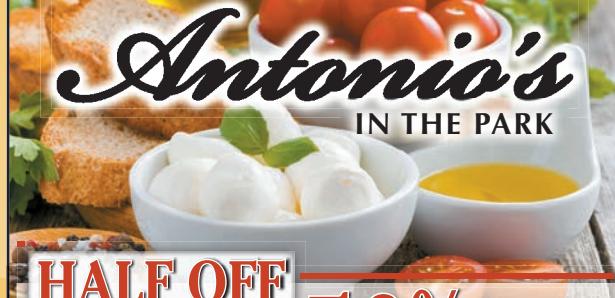
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## Soccer

NORTH, SOUTH &amp; LIGGETT

# Blue Devils put fork in Norsemen

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

The scene was set at Grosse Pointe South last week.

Bagpipes playing Amazing Grace in honor of those who lost their lives protecting the United States ended the tribute to the country's Armed Forces before the first of two regular season soccer battles.

The stands were packed, student sections were well-represented and fans could cut the tension with a knife.

It was also the teacher coaching against the former student as South head coach Francisco Cilano went up against North coach Brad VandeVorde, who played for Cilano for several years while playing travel soccer in the Pointes.

The first meeting went to the teacher as the Blue Devils defeated the Norsemen 3-1.

"It was a tough start with the emotions running so high, but once we settled down we played some great soccer," Cilano said. "We made some adjustments



PHOTOS BY PAUL KANIA

South's Jacob Adams, No. 3, and his teammates celebrate after the Blue Devils' third goal.

at the half, which opened the field a little more and were able to generate a lot of shots on goal. It was a good effort, and I'm proud of the boys."

VandeVorde watched his Norsemen strike first when freshman James Streberger scored at the 27-minute mark of the opening half.

In the second half, the

After that, the Blue Devils dominated the game as sophomore Rene Robert tied the game with a goal seven minutes later, and they took the lead for good with a tally from senior Matthew Moran at the 6-minute mark of the first half.

Blue Devils' offense had

several chances to add to

the lead, but those shots

were either saved, went

wide or high.

The Norsemen had a golden chance to tie the game midway through the second half, but a shot right in front of an open net sailed high.

Senior Jacob Adams

scored an insurance goal

with 11 minutes remaining

in the game.

With the win, South

improved to 4-2 in the

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Division and 6-3-1 over-

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Against Cristo Rey,

Stewart Smith had a hat

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Manneh had two goals.

Doug Wood, Nolan

Ondersma and Jake

Carron also scored a

goal.

Netting assists were

Matthew Summers, Alec

Azar, Adam Serratos and

Ondersma.

Against Garbiel

Richard, they had scor-

ing chances, but couldn't

score an equalizer.



North's James Streberger, center, scored the Norsemen's lone goal against South.

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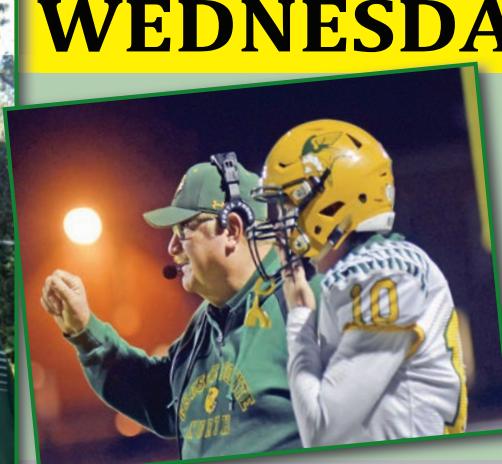
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**Sailing****GROSSE POINTE SOUTH****Nationals**

The Grosse Pointe South women's varsity sailing team placed second at the Women's Midwest High School Sailing Championship at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Harbor the weekend of Sept. 15. The team qualified and will be traveling to San Diego Yacht Club the weekend of Oct. 19 for the Women's High School Sailing Nationals. Pictured from left are Carly Orhan, Christiana Schiebner, Anna Carron, Emma Turner and Audrey Whitaker. The ladies earned 80 points to nab the runner-up spot behind the Orono Spartans, which had 52 points. A special thanks goes to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation for their support. The GPYNEF provided the team with a grant to pay for half of their travel expenses to head to the west coast for the nationals.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GRETCHEN CARRON

**Swimming****GROSSE POINTE SOUTH****Blue Devils cruise to win**By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

The Grosse Pointe South girls swimming and diving team won its Macomb Area Conference Red Division opener last week, beating Chippewa Valley 116-51.

Head coach John Fodell watched his squad get off to a quick start when the 200-yard medley relay team of Elizabeth Klepp, Jacquelyn Wang, Olivia Yoo and Hadley Gordon won with a time of 1:58.79, and Clarice Fisher was first in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:12.91.

In fact, the Blue Devils

swept the 200-IM with Yoo and Klepp taking the next two spots with times of 2:14.13 and 2:23.74.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Hayden Barry and Elizabeth Ottaway placed second and third with times of 2:06.13 and 2:11.47.

Bates, Hannah Blanzay and Phoebe Bedsworth placed first, third and fourth in the 50-yard freestyle, posting times of 26.62, 26.80 and 26.96.

Caroline Rogers and Ada Marotzke took second and third in diving, earning 152.78 and 134.55 points, and Fisher came back to win the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 57.75.

Also in the 100-butter-

fly, Renee Liu and Barry helped the Blue Devils sweep the event, taking second and third with times of 58.78 and 1:05.00.

The Blue Devils earned seven points in the 100-yard freestyle with Bates taking second, followed by Bedsworth finishing fourth and Gordon fifth with times of 57.22, 1:00.61 and 1:00.89.

Yoo, Audrey Smihal and Emma Burke finished first, second and third in the 500-yard freestyle with times of 5:23.59, 5:57.98 and 6:08.85.

The Blue Devils increased the lead by taking first and second in the 200-yard freestyle

relay. Liu, Bates, Fisher and Blanzay won with a time of 1:44.99 and Barry, Gordon, Bedsworth and Diana Johnson took second at 1:50.93.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Liu, Klepp and Adrienne Byarski swept it, turning in times of 59.72, 1:03.94 and 1:06.14, and in the 100-yard breaststroke, Wang, Lindsey Caldwell and Mia Kinkade placed second, third and fourth with times of 1:16.75, 1:19.61 and 1:24.41.

In the final event of the evening, Fisher, Liu, Bates and Yoo won the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:46.38.

South is 2-0 overall.

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**Field hockey****GROSSE POINTE SOUTH****Blue Devils crush WB**By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Bojarczyk, Ally Bearman, Helena Grobel and Lily Dingeman.

The Grosse Pointe South girls field hockey team made quick work of West Bloomfield last week, winning 9-0.

The Blue Devils dominated the game from the opening whistle.

Head coach Margi Whittingham and the Blue Devils were led by Lindsay Froelich, who had a hat trick. They were her first three goals of the season.

Other goal scorers were Kylie Stackpoole, Elizabeth Byarski, Megs

Drawing assists were Byarski and Bojarczyk. It was Grobel's and Dingeman's first varsity goals.

Last weekend, South improved to 4-3-1 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 standings with a 5-0 win over Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Maria Haddad led the way with two goals.

Scoring one goal were Caitlin Rionda, Sofia Remelius, her first varsity goal, and Stackpoole.

**GROSSE POINTE NORTH****Playing well**By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

behind Murphy's hat trick.

Other goal scorers were sophomore Erin Murphy with two, Weitecha with two, senior Erina Nazarko with one and junior Ruth Fradeneck with one.

The Norsemen also beat Pinckney 7-0 as Erin Murphy had three goals, followed by Clare Murphy with two, Weitecha with one and Nazarko with one.

Saigh had 16 saves to post another shutout in net.

The previous Monday North beat Pinckney 7-0. Goals: Erin Murphy scored 3, Clare Murphy 2, Weitecha and Navarko one each. Saigh made 16 saves.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 6-1 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 standings.

**UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL****Knights on right path**By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Head coach Jayant Trewan and assistant coaches Amanda Amine and Naomi Yoshida watched their University Liggett School girls field hockey team stand toe-to-toe with one of the top squads in Division 1, Birmingham Marian.

The host Knights fell behind 3-0, but rallied to make it a game in a 3-2 defeat.

"We have strong outside players to give the middle players some help, so it makes us a tougher offense to handle," senior Kate Birgbauer said.

Birgbauer had a couple of chances to score down the stretch, but she couldn't get the equalizer.

Junior Maisie Melican scored both goals for the Knights, while senior Mimi Wujek played well in net after the Mustangs' fast start.

"It felt great to contribute to the team," Melican

said. "I know we have more players who can score goals, which makes us a deeper team."

"It's a tough loss, but to know we played a good game against a good team like Marian means a lot to us," Wujek said.

In the second half, the Knights dominated possession and shots on goal. They set up shot opportunities on every possession in the final 30 minutes.

ULS had a busy week, playing three games against Division 2 teams.

First, they blanked Dearborn Edsel Ford 8-0 as Wujek and senior Lily Xu shared time in net. Birgbauer had four goals.

Next was a road contest against Ann Arbor Greenhills, which was a 2-0 victory, and the Knights finished the busy week with an 8-1 home win over Clarkston.

ULS improved to 5-1 in the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 standings, but fell to 6-2 overall.

## Tennis

NORTH, SOUTH &amp; LIGGETT

# South cruises with solid effort

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys tennis team tied for third in last weekend's annual Liggett Invitational.

The Blue Devils and Birmingham Seaholm each had 16 points, while Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Greenhills tied for the title with 18 points.

Grosse Pointe North and ULS finished seventh and eighth, respectively, with seven and four points. The other teams competing were Utica Eisenhower and Utica, which finished fifth and sixth with nine and eight points.

"It was a great day of tennis with a lot of hard fought, close matches," ULS head coach Mark Sobieralski said. "The

high level of tennis at this tournament was outstanding. I think each of the eight schools competing had solid results, and it's this type of tennis that will help all of us prepare for the state regionals in a few weeks."

Leading the way for South and head coach John Willard was senior Sean Miller, who won the No. 1 singles flight with a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Oliver Fuchs of Pioneer.

The Blue Devils' other singles players, senior Michael Willard, sophomore Jacob Harris and freshman Alex Prather, each finished 2-1 on the day to give the team nine points in the four singles flights.

Seniors Mickey Kuchta and Turner Sine won two matches at No. 1 doubles, as did the No. 3 doubles squad of junior Kenny

Prather and sophomore Jackson Marchal.

Freshman Blake Discher and sophomore Will White finished 2-1 on the day, and the No. 2 doubles squad of seniors John Lynch and Sam Packer earned a victory.

Head coach John Van Alst and his Norsemen were led by the No. 2 doubles team of juniors Adam Naimo and Charlie Ramsdell, which finished 2-1.

The doubles teams led the Norsemen in victories, earning five in the four flights.

The No. 1 doubles squad of seniors Joe Haney and Chris Mourad won a match, as did the No. 3 duo of juniors Jonathan Smith and Jonathan Hartley and No. 4 squad of freshman Mitchell Mills and sophomore Ben Zolia.



PHOTOS BY JOHN MCTAGGART

**Grosse Pointe South's Sam Packer hits a forehand during one of his three matches at No. 2 doubles.**

Senior Hunter Williams and sophomore Luke Deskin each won one match at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, while senior Simon Olk and freshman Simon Stallings finished 0-3 at No. 3 and No. 4 singles.

For the host Knights, junior Alex Deimel and freshman Bennett French each won one match at No. 3 and No. 4 singles. Junior Max Wiegel finished 0-3 at No. 2 singles and they did not field a No. 1 singles player as sophomore Will Cooksey was not available to participate.

Winning one match in doubles were the No. 2 and No. 4 squads of sophomore Ryan Warezak and freshman Jacob Tomlinson and freshmen Jack Estes and Bode Neumeister.

The No. 1 doubles team of freshmen Brendan Connors and Anthony Fuga finished 0-3, as did the No. 3 doubles squad of freshmen Jose Villegas and Rocco Scarfone.

ULS had its Catholic League match with U-D Jesuit postponed due to rain, while South wrapped up an undefeated regular season in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division with sophomore Matt Mourad and junior Zach Rockwell 6-2, 6-0.

South finished 4-0 in the MAC Red Division, while North was 1-3.

The three teams are a few weeks away from the state regional tournaments.

Each host and the top two squads in each regional make the state finals.

A team can also earn a spot in the finals by earning 10 points or 18 points. This total depends on the number of teams competing in

Eisenhower 8-0," Willard said.

Against Eisenhower, the Blue Devils cruised to easy straight set victories in all eight matches.

In the win over the Norsemen, Miller beat Williams 6-2, 6-0 at No. 1 singles and Willard defeated Deskin 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

Harris beat Olk 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 singles and wrapping up the singles victories was Alex Prather, 6-1, 6-0, over Stallings.

At No. 1 doubles, Kuchta and Sine defeated Haney and Mourad 6-2, 6-1 and it was Packer and Lynch beating Ramsdell and Naimo 6-0, 6-2 at No. 2 doubles.

Kenny Prather and Marchal beat Smith and Hartley 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 doubles and the No. 4 doubles squad of White and Discher defeated Mills and Zolia 6-0, 6-0.

North and South also played a No. 5 doubles match with juniors Patrick Hopper and Miles Jamieson beating sophomore Matt Mourad and junior Zach Rockwell 6-2, 6-0.

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each regional.

ULS competes in its Division 4 regional Wednesday, Oct. 10, with Almont, Armada, Imlay City, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Sandusky, West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy and Yale in attendance.

South plays its Division 1 regional Thursday, Oct. 11, with Chippewa Valley, Dearborn Fordson, Detroit Cass Tech, Utica Ford, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Troy Athens, Troy and Warren Mott competing.

North has its Division 2 regional Friday, Oct. 12, with Fraser, L'Anse Creuse, Port Huron, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Sterling Heights, Warren Woods-Tower, Warren Cousino and Warren De La Salle competing.

## Addition

The names of Tracy Shenkus Jakary and her doubles partner Patty Ingrao Paradee were missing from the list of team names of the girls who played on the Grosse Pointe South girls tennis teams which won 11 consecutive Class A state titles.

The article was published Sept. 13. They played on the Varsity tennis team from 1982 to 1985 as the No. 4 doubles team winning almost all of their matches.

Shenkus Jakary also played and won the EML doubles medal playing with Jill Huntington, as Patty Ingrao Paradee, her regular partner, was injured.



**Grosse Pointe North's Jonathan Smith, playing No. 3 doubles, returns a shot during one of his three matches.**



**University Liggett School's Rocco Scarfone nets a return during a match at No. 3 doubles.**

## Cross country

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Girls second; boys fourth

The University Liggett School girls and boys cross country teams placed second and fourth, respectively, in last week's second Catholic League jambo-ree meet held in Royal Oak.

The girls were led by Maggie Dunn, who was sixth with a time of 21:56.9.

Emilia Bronk and Sadie Ancona each finished in the top 10, placing eighth and ninth with times of 22:16.0 and 22:20.2.

For the boys, Ashton Pongratz led the Knights

with a third-place time of 17:26.2 and James Dailey was 22nd with a time of 19:21.2.



### THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FOUNDATION

Please take notice that the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation shall hold its Annual Meeting of the Members on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting shall be held in the City Council Chamber, in the rear wing of the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Building:

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## Football

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Blue Devils blank PH

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Tim Brandon was worried about his Grosse Pointe South football squad heading north to battle host Port Huron last weekend.

The Big Reds always play well on their home turf and in front of a large, noisy crowd.

The Blue Devils silenced the crowd with a hard fought 28-0 victory to improve to 5-0 overall.

At the halfway mark of the season, the Blue Devils have a division title and state playoff berth in their sights.

The Blue Devils grabbed a 7-0 lead when senior quarterback Ryan Downey hit junior wide receiver A.J. Benson for a 48-yard touchdown pass and junior Ben



Grosse Pointe South quarterback Ryan Downey, No. 2, and the offense has scored 174 points in five games this fall.

Gabrielson kicked the extra point.

It was 14-0 after Downey connected with senior Brady McCarron with a 5-yard TD pass.

Gabrielson added the PAT.

It was still a 14-0 game after three quarters, but the Blue Devils put a huge TD on the board early in the final quarter when Downey and Benson connected for a 49-yard scoring pass.

Gabrielson kicked his third PAT and it was 21-0 with 11:03 left.

Downey threw his fourth touchdown pass of the game with 1:51 left, hitting senior wide receiver Patrick Dougherty for a 6-yard strike.

Gabrielson kicked his fourth PAT and that concluded the scoring.

The Blue Devils out-gained the Big Reds 284-216.

Downey completed 10 of 12 passes for 162 yards with four touchdowns and one interception.

Senior Conor McKenna rushed for 78 yards on 17

carries and senior full-back Collin McQueen gained 64 yards on his six carries.

Benson caught three passes for 116 yards on two scores.

Defensively, the Blue Devils shut out their third opponent this season and junior linebacker James Doerer had an interception.

Next for South is its annual homecoming game at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, against Anchor Bay.

The Tars are 2-3.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Norsemen fall to Huskies

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North celebrated homecoming last weekend, but the home football fans went home unhappy after the Norsemen lost 48-3 to Port Huron Northern.

"We are still trying to find our identity," head coach Joe Drouin said. "We will continue to work hard."

Drouin changed things up a bit during the week. He had his players select a teacher at North who inspired them, helped them or made school fun, and write a letter of gratitude to that teacher and present them with their road jersey.

The teachers wore the jerseys to the pep assembly and then again to the game. The players ran onto the field through a tunnel composed of the teachers clad in their jerseys.

Once the game began, it went downhill in a hurry as the Huskies led 13-0 after the first quarter and 34-3 at the half.

The highlight of the game for the Norsemen was sophomore Mike Zontini drilling a 40-yard field goal through the swirling winds.

It was a rough day offensively for the Norsemen, who finished with less than 100 yards of total offense.

Grosse Pointe North fell to 1-4 overall and hosts Romeo at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, in its next game.



North quarterback Brendan Cwiklinski runs through a hole during the first half of the Norsemen's homecoming game against Port Huron Northern.

## Volleyball

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Blue Devils beat Titans

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vice point from Conlan to win 25-23.

At the end of game two, it was Brecht's two kills that sent the home team to the 25-22 win and a 2-0 lead.

It was all Titans in game three, but Kreyger got her girls to regroup and they were all business in a tough game four.

Seniors Cynthia Hogan and Gretchen Brockway were locked in defensively and on the offensive end it was Brecht, Conlan, junior Elizabeth Hall and DiVita hammering away at the points.

With the Blue Devils ahead 24-20 and the Titans serving, Kreyger's front line of DiVita, Brecht and Brockway was ready. It didn't take long as DiVita's kill put the game in the win column, as well as the division victory.

DiVita and Brecht led the hitting, but Zrimec, Hall and Conlan chipped in with several kills. Brockway and Hogan led in assists, while the back row of Hogan, Conlan and Hall led the way in digs.

Earlier in the week, South won a quad, beating St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, Armada and Almont to improve to 19-4 overall.

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combined for another dozen kills.

At the net, the Norsemen finished with a dozen blocks, and in the back row Zacharias was the leader. At one point near the end of the second game, Zacharias was vertical with the ground getting a hand on a spike attempt to keep the play alive.

Shaw and Liagre also had key digs, and the serving of Zaki and Schaden helped the Norsemen take a 2-1 lead in games.

They couldn't hold on as the Vikings won games four and five.

The Norsemen are still without leading hitter, senior Regan Sliwinski, who is nursing an injured ankle.

Two days later, North hosted Anchor Bay and lost 25-22, 25-14, 25-14 to fall to 0-4 in the MAC Red Division and 8-15 overall.

North and South get a second chance to square off against each other.

This time the stakes are much higher as they meet in the state playoffs.

North hosts the district semifinal match at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30.

The winner moves to the district championship match at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, and the loser ends its season.

South won the first match between the city rivals in a three-game sweep.

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Knights fall to Everest

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