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### THURSDAY, SEPT. 2

Grosse Pointe North High's football team plays Utica Ford at 7 p.m. at Utica.
Grosse Pointe South High School's plays Port Huron Northern at Port Huron.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 3

♦ Grannie Nannies meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. Members share innovative, inexpensive and memorymaking opportunities for grandparents and their grandchildren.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 4

The Grosse Pointe Shores weather siren test is at 1 p.m.
The Grosse Pointe West Park Farmers Market is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Kercheval between Nottingham and Wayburn.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 6

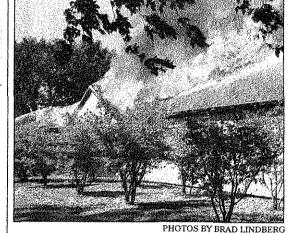
Labor Day

♦Grosse Pointe News office is closed.

All federal, state, county and municipal offices are closed.
Trash pick-up is delayed one day.

Grosse Pointe Shores pool is open.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 7



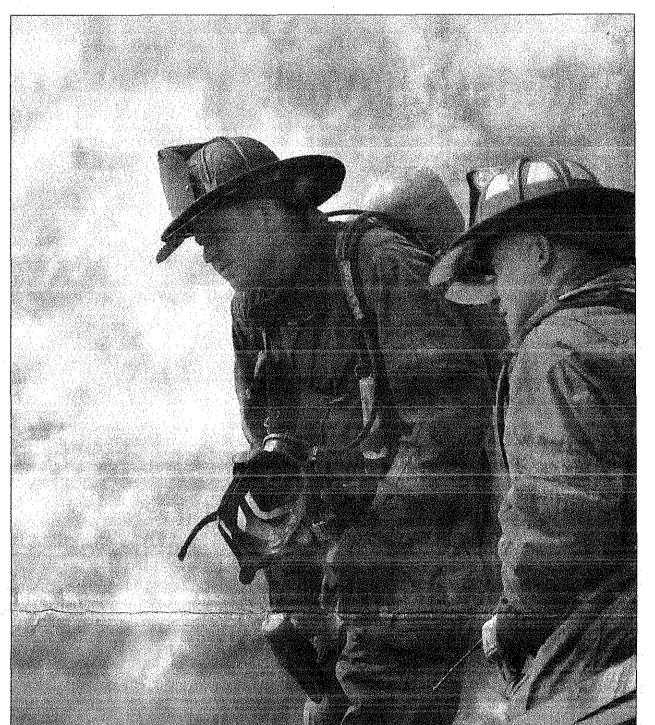
A ready supply of combustible material gave the fire a head start.

# CCD buildings destroyed

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — The battle to save a pair of burning storage buildings at the Country Club of Detroit last Friday afternoon was lost before it began.

"There's nothing I could do if I had 100 guys down here," said incident commander Lt. Jack Patterson of the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department, pacing around the fire zone and directing the attack. Fire doubles in size every 18 seconds, Patterson said. At the club, the fire's unfettered beginnings in the main storage building combined with an easy



• Grosse Pointe public schools copen.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours begins at 5:30 p.m. and is hosted by HAP and Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

First Tuesday book discussion group meets from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe
 Public Library, Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe
 Farms. The group discusses
 "The Lost City of Z" by David Grann. For more information, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 209.
 Alice Laitner plays the piano for a sing-a-long at 11:45 a.m. at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

◆ The book discussion group meets at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack. The book to be discussed is "The Thin Man."

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Detroit Senior Firefighter Christopher Shinneman of Grosse Pointe Woods, left, and fellow Engine 52 member, Sgt. Brian Crowder, above the breezeway when flames erupt through the roof of the old brick barn Friday, Aug. 27, at the Country Club of Detroit. Six jurisdictions responded to the four-alarm fire, which destroyed two of the club's storage buildings. The clubhouse building wasn't involved.

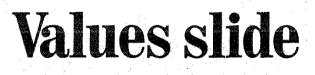


Officers wear full protective gear against the intense heat of the flames.

# Full of energy

Grosse Pointe North's varsity football team members crash through a banner before kickoff of their 2010 season-opener against visiting L'Anse Creuse. Were the home fans celebrating after the game? For results, see page 1C.





By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe municipal officials are counting on cost-cutting and community pride to lessen local effects of economic doldrums and sliding property tax revenues.

"We've done a lot of things to help reduce our ex-

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Intense heat partially melted emergency

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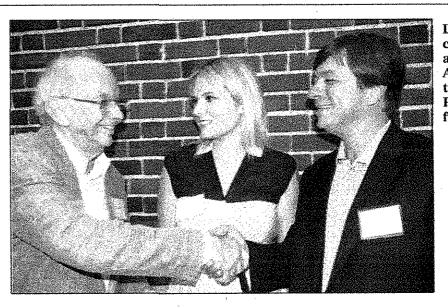
News for coverage of the investigation and

right-side of the Farms aerial truck.

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Dick Rizzin, left, chats with Kristina and Joseph Acheson, hosts of the Grosse Pointe **Park Foundation** fundraiser.



# **Foundation work**

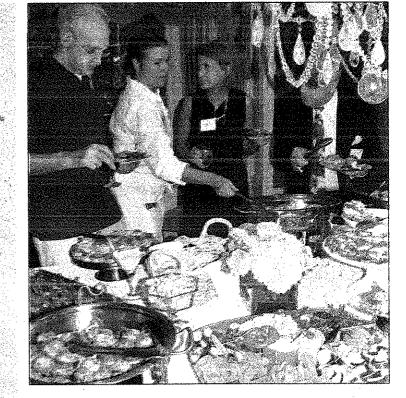
Kristina and Joseph Acheson on Whittier Road opened their house to the 25th annual Grosse Pointe Park Foundation cocktail buffet reception.

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Chef Annie Rouleau-Scheriff talks with Peggy and Michael Klein about the food she prepared for the event.





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From left, Grosse Pointe Park Foundation president Dale Ehresman and trustees Shirley Kennedy and Barbara Detwiler, event co-chairwomen. "It was so wonderful to see all those people in attendance," Kennedy said, of the nearly 200 participants. "It was so nice to see so many support the work of the foundation."

# **Residents fight** zoning amendment

By Kathy Ryan Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS ---

The language in a proposed zoning change is fairly benign, but the reaction to it has plenty of spice.

More than 100 people attended a public hearing on Aug. 24 in Grosse Pointe Woods for a proposed amendment to the city's zoning regulations that would specifically allow a continuing care retirement community to be built within designated a Community Facilities District. Current regulations allow only those districts.

According to Gene Tutag, di-

rector of the Woods' Building Department, when the zoning regulations were written, these types of developments did not exist, and now accommodation was being proposed to allow for such a development in a CFD area.

The proposed change in zoning regulations has prompted developer interest in the 14-acre parcel of land at 900 Cook Road, the former Children's Home of Detroit. Preliminary plans call for a senior housing facility that would include condominiums, apartments, an assisted living facility and a nursing home. Some schools, churches or parks in of those buildings would be

See ZONING, page 3A

# NEWS

# **Parolee faces five felonies**

#### By Kathy Ryan Staff Writer

Vincenzo Devon Perry was arraigned last week in Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court on five felony counts, stemming from a July 18 carjacking.

Perry, 31, of Detroit, is charged with carjacking, a felony punishable by life in prison; possession of firearms by a felon, a felony punishable by five years in prison or a \$5,000 fine; unlawfully driving away an automobile, a fiveyear felony; felonious assault, punishable by four years in prison or a \$2,000 fine; and a felony firearm charge, punishable by two years in prison.

Perry pleaded not guilty to all five charges and asked for a court appointed attorney. Judge Ted Metry set a

\$500,000 cash bond and sched-

Wednesday, Sept. 8.

Perry is being held on a \$1 million bond in the Macomb County jail after being charged by Roseville police with several felony counts, including armed robbery and home invasion. He was arraigned in Macomb County on July 22 on charges of armed robbery, two counts of home invasion in the second degree, fleeing and eluding police and theft of a motor vehicle.

He is also a suspect in an armed robbery on Sunday, July 18, in Clinton Township.

Perry was released from prison July 13 and on parole. He served nine years for his part in an armed robbery in Livonia.

The Grosse Pointe Woods charges are the result of an armed carjacking that took place at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 18.

uled a pretrial hearing for According to the police report, broke into a nearby apartment a woman had just left the Men's Wearhouse store, got into her car parked on Mack and opened the windows to allow the vehicle to cool off. At that point, a male "dove through her passenger side window and pushed a black, semi-automatic pistol to her right temple and shouted, 'Get outta the car now.'

> The victim, a City of Grosse Pointe resident in her late 30s. told police her assailant pushed her out of the car onto Mack, where she fell to the ground.

> She got up, ran back into the store and an employee called police.

> Perry was arrested in Roseville July 21 following an attempted carjacking there. Reports said Perry fled the scene in a stolen truck, abandoned the truck on I-696,

where he changed clothes. stole a loaded shotgun and a mountain bike, which he rode to his mother's house in Detroit.

He was arrested without incident when he returned to the same apartment to retrieve his clothes.

From the time of the carjacking on Mack, Woods police had a suspicion they were looking for someone who had recently been released from prison, according to Detective Sgt. Andrew Pazuchowski. When Perry was arrested, Woods police were in the process of securing a list of recently released prisoners from the Michigan State Police.

"When we found out that Perry had only been out of prison for five days, we were not surprised," Pazuchowski said

# **Block Party set**

Grosse Pointe's Greatest Messengers and Block Party is 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. The celebration on Kercheval in the Village district of downtown City of Grosse Pointe features:

- ♦ Art on the Block;
- A Taste of Grosse Pointe;
- ♦ Kids on the Block;
- ♦ a Pooch Parade;

Dance Party with the Sun posted on the website.

 continuous entertainment from the Block Party Stage.

People interested in volunteering for the event can contact volunteer coordinator, Charlene Blondy, at (313) 884-8105.

For more block party information, call (313) 886-7474 or visit thevillagegp.com/events.

A complete schedule of the ♦ a free Saturday Night weekend's activities is being

# **Banished from park**

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** -A man making waves in the marina at Pier Park has been beached, according to Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court court records.

"We've had multiple contacts with this person in the past," said Farms Detective Mike McCarthy. The latest episode early Saturday, Aug. 28, prompted police to cite the man for disorderly conduct. A judge banished him from the park.

The 38-year-old Farms man is to have "no contact with any Pier Park employee; not to return to Pier Park.

on (his) boat, (he) must have a police escort," according to a ruling Saturday, Aug. 28, by Farms Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora.

Earlier that morning, at 1:27 a.m., the park's night watchman asked a public safety officer to make the boater stop playing loud music.

(I) have advised (him) regarding park policy several times," said Officer Vincent Finn. "(I) have issued (him) a citation in the past for the noise ordinance."

At 2:11 a.m., the guard called police again. He reported the boater harassing him, threatening, "You'll get yours."

Four officers found the man hiding by a pine tree and took

# CCD: **Fire had plenty of fuel**

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supply of combustible material to generate fastspreading swirls of orange and yellow variegated flames.

Low water pressure from the Highland Park main, which provides raw water from Lake St. Clair to irrigate the club's golf course and grounds, hampered efforts to knock down flames.

Weak pressure also prevented use of the Farms aerial truck to dive-bomb the fire from above.

"That building was gone when we got here," Patterson said. "I immediately ordered an exterior attack."

The tactic is known as surround and drown.

Flames mushroomed up to 50 feet in the air when portions of the roof collapsed and let in swooshes of oxygen to stoke combustion.

Al Fincham, chief of Grosse Pointe Woods public

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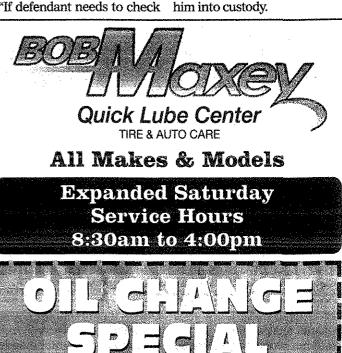
Low water pressure and plenty of fuel made the CCD fire tough to knock down

# Judge clips Detroit teen's wings

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

Farms Lt. Detective Richard raignment in Wayne County Rosati thinks the opportunity Circuit Court for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8.

"He was told not to be a minute late in court this morning (for the 8 a.m. prelim). He was here at 7:30 a.m. It sounds like he's taking it seriously."



#### GROSSE POINTE FARMS -

Police, a prosecutor and judge are trying to corral an accused teenage lawbreaker into a lawful lifestyle.

They've allowed the 17-yearold Detroit resident a low bond for attempted burglary so he can avoid waiting in jail for his next court date.

Instead, he's to go home, obey his mother and return to school.

The teen's court-appointed attorney agreed: "Get yourself in school," he said. "Listen to your mother."

being presented Demario Davonta Williams might be sinking in.

"From what I gather, he hasn't given his mother any trouble with house rules or curfew," Rosati said. "If there were, we were going to revoke his bond and bring him back in."

Williams waived his preliminary hearing Wednesday, Aug. 25, in Farms court on felony charges for attempted burglary of a video store on Mack.

maintained Williams' easy bond and scheduled his ar- said.

"Conditions of his bond were to stay away from the business and enroll in high school," Rumora told Williams.

"It's a condition of your bond to follow all rules of the household."

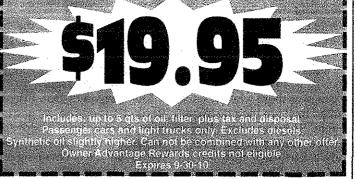
Gary Bresnehan, a Wayne County prosecuting attorney and resident of the City of Grosse Pointe, didn't object. Williams' curfew runs 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

"His mother said he's been in Judge Matthew Rumora the house or on the porch every day by 8 p.m." Rosati

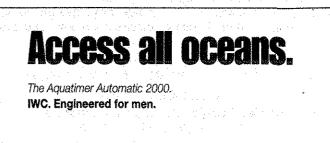
Farms officers arrested him at 2:30 a.m. Aug. 18, for trying to break into the Lame Gamer.

"I had a good, long talk with him and his mom," Rosati said. "She really let him have it, which showed me she took this seriously and that she was going to do what ever she had to do to comply.

"She said he's not a bad kid. but he's somewhat hard to handle. I want to make sure he is going to change."



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# **Residents voice opposition to senior housing project**

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three stories in height.

**ZONING:** 

Mike Fuller, chairman of the planning commission, reminded residents that the public hearing was not to discuss the proposed development but only to provide input on the zoning amendment. That advice didn't deter the majority of residents who spoke out specifically against the proposed development.

"How will a three-story building blend in with a twostory subdivision?" asked Pat Meathe, a Wedgewood resident whose home backs up to the CHD property. "It all comes down to three stories." Meathe also presented a petition, signed by 17 residents, that requested the planning commission and the city council turn down the proposed amendment.

Brys resident Tom Sullivan was concerned about privacy and voiced strong objections to the project.

"I live by Sunrise and I have zero backyard privacy," he told the commission. "You can't plant trees because of power

sight lines." Several Cook Road residents

also voiced their objections.

"The main entrance to this project is right across from my driveway," said Ray Chown. "I am so against this. You can't believe the traffic this will bring."

"It has been said that the buildings will be three stories,' said John Sheoris, who lives at the corner of Cook Road and Crescent Lane, "but we need to talk about the traffic. There could be as many as 300 residents and 100 people supporting the facility. Everybody will be affected by the traffic. This will also set a precedent for other Grosse Pointe communities."

The proposed amendment would help the city establish guidelines for any development on that property, including property heights and setbacks.

It was the concern about the setback that brought several neighbors whose houses are adjacent to the property to the microphone.

"I think it s a great use for the property," said Lee Ann Smith, a developer bought the CHD lines. You have no privacy un- a Wedgewood resident, "but I property and put in a subdiviless you pull down the shades. am concerned about both the sion, it could accommodate

of us feel that it is appropriate. We're here to fight. We have had the open space in back of us for years. You have to consider how this project will affect the neighbors."

Once the public hearing was closed, several planning commission members addressed the concerns of residents.

"I've listened to your concerns and they are valid," said Doug commissioner Hamborsky, "but there is language in the ordinance that addresses your concerns. There will be public hearings every step of the way. The approval of this amendment is not the end. It won't be something just suddenly popping up on Cook Road."

Hamborsky also addressed the question of density and setbacks if the property is developed by asking how close a next door neighbor is to anyone now, and explaining that the setbacks set forth for any development would be much greater than what is regulation on any given city block now. He also explained the density question by pointing out that if

Consideration must be given to height and the setback. None nearly 60 homes, depending on the lot size.

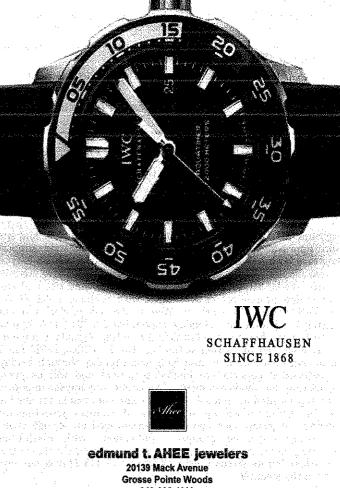
> **Commissioner Carroll Evola** addressed traffic concerns by acknowledging that traffic on Cook Road, especially during school arrival and dismissal times, is already heavy.

"I can see Monteith School from my house, and I don't like the traffic," she said, "But I don't think a development on Cook Road will account for an overly excessive amount of traffic."

There were at least three speakers who spoke in favor of the project, citing the need for senior housing in the Grosse Pointes, and asking why Grosse Pointe residents should be forced to leave their home town for such places as Henry Ford Village or Fox Run.

In the end, the vote by the Planning Commission was unanimous to recommend to the City Council that it adopt the amendment to allow a continuing care retirement community as a special land use subject to specific lot and building regulations.

A reading of the amendment will be done by the council and additional public hearings will be planned. No date has been set as yet for the first reading.



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# NEWS

**POINTER OF INTEREST** 

**Elaine Doldame** established Best Friends Books Foundation in honor of her late daughter who was a teacher at Defer Elementary School.

# Sharing books friend to friend

### By Ann L. Fouty Features Editor

A silver lining? How could there be a silver lining when a cherished daughter has died, a revered sister gone, a beloved wife and mother of three is no longer at home and a best friend is wanting?

A piece of the puzzle is missing, a critical piece of the puzzle, said Elaine Dold, of Grosse Pointe Park, about the death of her daughter, Tracie Lynn Dold Volpe. She died suddenly after tucking her three children into bed three years ago.

Volpe, a third-grade Defer Elementary School teacher, died July 26, 2007, in her Grosse Pointe Woods house.

"Her heart just stopped," Dold said. "Tracie was 34 when she died. We had 34 good years of memories.'

One of those memories is Volpe's love of reading.

To help fill the void and honor her daughter's memory, love for books and ability to make friends, Dold set up the Best Friends Book Foundation whose board members include Volpe's three sisters and close friends.

"She loved, loved reading," Dold said. "She loved the feel and touch of the books. We would walk around the block and she would be reading and bump into things. She asked if she could ride her bike and read. I said, 'No."

Another cherished moment is hearing stories of how her daughter was a good friend to so many.

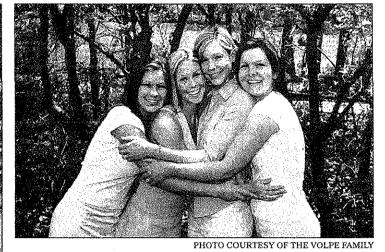
"She was everybody's best friend," Dold said. "The stories I got after she passed away was how she repeatedly stepped in."

For example, Dold related, a friend said she wouldn't get her college degree due to a failing math grade. Volpe volunteered to tutor her. The friend passed the class and earned her degree

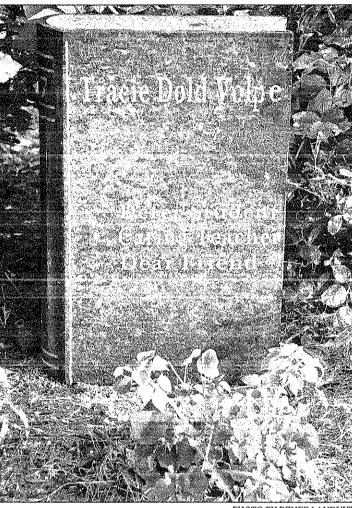


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Once a member of the Grosse Pointe Herb Society, Elaine Dold helps take care of her three grandchildren, Kendall, Abigail and Peter, while her son-in-law, Jamie, works as a sales consultant. Dold's daughter died in 2007. In her backyard, Elaine Dold has created "Tracie's Garden" which includes a chair painted pink, Tracie's favorite color.



The Dold sisters - Lisa, Allison, Robyn and Tracie.



garden. Children raised money to purchase the gray statue and

"She was there when friends wanted to share their life experiences. She was a good listener. She remembered everybody's birthday. She would send a card. She was good with relatives and grandparents. She was the oldest of four and they all looked up to her," Dold said. "She was best friends with everyone."

Those acts of kindness inspired Dold to name the organization, "Best Friends."

"Six months after Tracie's

death it just came to me because Tracie loved books and author-signed books. One day it hit me, she was everybody's

best friend," Dold said. The mission of Best Friends Book Foundation is getting new books into children's hands; to those who don't have the advantage of obtaining and reading books. She does this by donating new books to two Detroit-based organizations.

Dold chose Alternative for Girls and Epiphany Education Center to be recipients of new books covering the spectrum of reading levels. Selections range from picture books to those for a mother and daugh-

ter book club at Alternative for Girls.

"I knew those two would be good to start with. It (Alternative for Girls) was an organization that didn't have money to buy books. New books were important to me," she said.

Dold chose Alternative for Girls because she and Volpe had been volunteers.

The organization serves homeless and high-risk girls and young women, provides shelter, educational support, vocational guidance, mentoring and counseling.

Prior to Volpe's death, Dold, a member of the Grosse Pointe Herb Society, met Barbara Haves who was embedded in Detroit and the Detroit Garden Center. She taught the girls at the center how to plant seeds. Dold joined in, volunteering her time to help through gardening crafts and plantings.

### She saw first-hand the need Agranite book-shaped monument is in Defer Elementary's for books and a library.

Epiphany was established by four women of the Adrian Dominicans and three IHMs of Monroe in December 2006. Dold learned of the need for books through her friend. Pat Tapper, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The after-school program offers tutoring to elementary and middle school students.

To date, more than 100 books have been donated, including those from local authors Gloria Whelan and Devin Scillian.

"Its focus is creating a memory that is very positive," Dold said of the foundation. "I'm doing something. Tracie wouldn't have wanted us to grieve forever. It (the foundation) takes on a life of its own. It has moved in the best direction with the best people with very little effort."

The best is how Dold describes the board of Best nated to the 501 (c) (3) funds Friends.

Jane Nugent, Volpe's team teacher at Defer, is president of House, Big Heart in Ann Arbor.

the organization. Volpe's sisters also sit on the board; Lisa Dold, Allison Bell and Robyn Gillow, as does her sister-inlaw, Carvn Volpe.

Tracie Volpe's father keeps it clean.

Other board members are Nicole Cole, Cheryl Lapensee, Shelly Maison and Laura Ziemiecki. The former three were friends and colleagues of Volpe.

Consultants are Glenna Kay, psychotherapist MaryJo Belongea, Linda Piasecki and Timothy Griffin.

Dold stressed each member volunteers time to mission Best Friends — to present new books to children with the help and guidance of agencies and organizations creating support, resources and opportunities for children. All money dothe purchase of books.

This year's fundraiser is Big

Runners collect pledges and race through the University of Michigan tunnel Oct. 3 in a 5K, 10K or 1 mile fun run/walk. It starts on the north side of The Big House, goes through the U of M campus and ends by running through the tunnel and onto the field, finishing on the 50-yard line.

Best Friends has received a request to set up a library in Detroit's Children's Hospital for young patients in the oncology wing from Volpe's former nanny, a nurse at the hospital.

From this perspective, Best Friends may provide a silver lining to children who find a friend in a book and comfort to families with a chapter missing from their own picture book.

For more information, visit bestfriendsbooks.org. or e-mail Dold at elainedold@bestfriendsbooks.org.

### City of Grosse Hointe Farms, Michigan SPECIAL NOTICE Holiday Rubbish Schedule for Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 2010.

There will be no residential or commercial rubbish collection on Monday September 6, 2010

All residential rubbish routes will be <u>one day late</u>. Examples: Monday's Routes will be collected on Tuesday; - Tuesday's routes on Wednesday, Etc. Friday's residential rubbish routes will be collected on Saturday, September 11, 2010.

Tuesday and Friday's commercial routes will be collected on schedule.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods will hold a public hearing under the provisions of Michigan Compiled Laws, Sections 125.3101 through 125.3702 as amended, to consider the application of Haley Law Firm PLC, on behalf of AT&T Mobility, 8065 Grand River, Brighton, MI 48114, which is requesting Special Land Use and site plan approval to install a 100' stealth unipole-style support structure with antennas to be concealed inside the pole on City of Grosse Pointe Woods property at 1200 Parkway Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Pursuant to special land use and site plan review procedures in accordance with Sections 50-32, 50-34, and 50-620 of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Code of 2007, a public hearing is scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. Agenda documents are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313 343 2440 seven days prior to the meeting.

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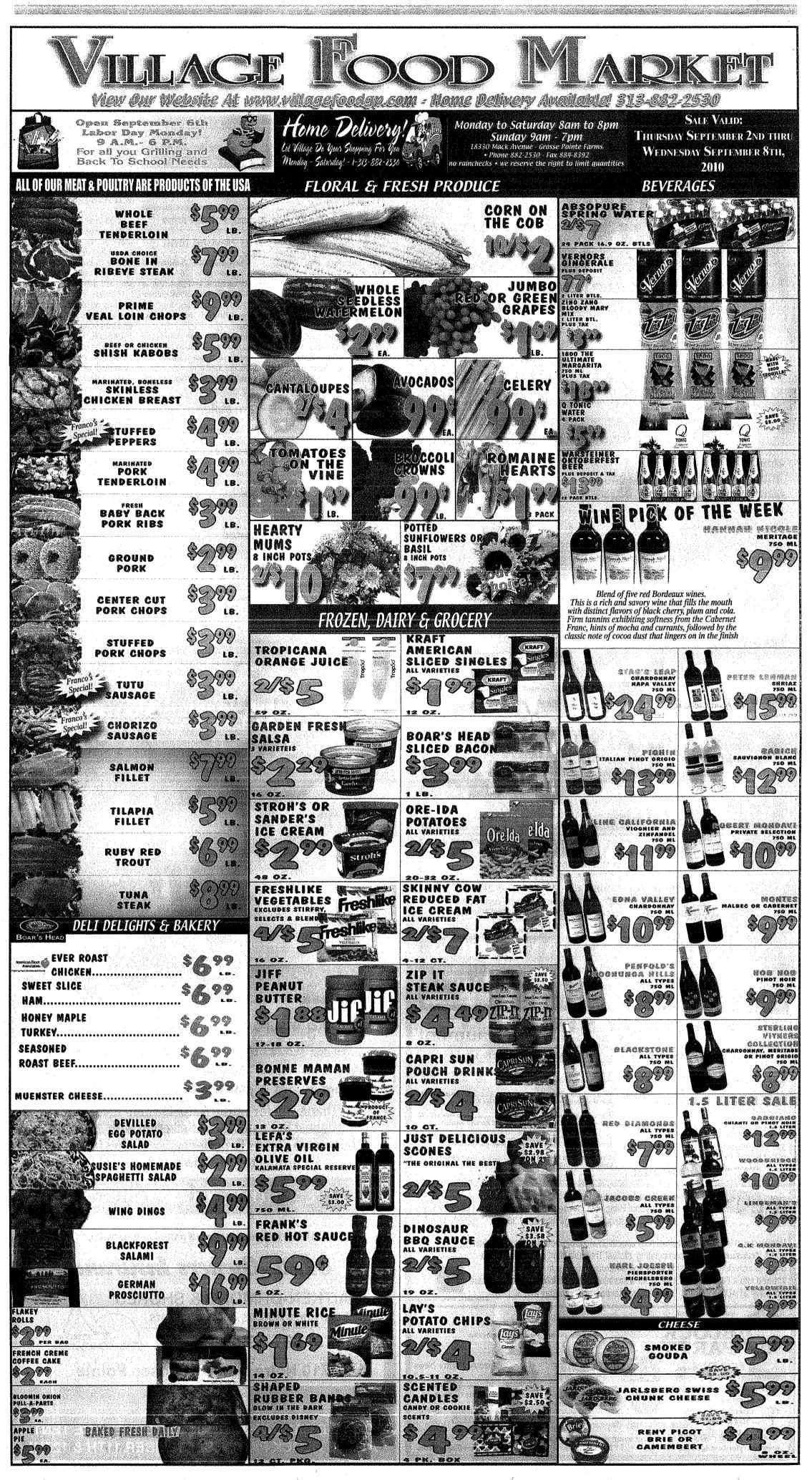
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# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

# **City of Grosse Pointe**

### **Trouble texting**

A single-vehicle crash at 3:25 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, shows why state lawmakers recently banned sending text messages while operating a motor vehi-

A reportedly drunken, 20vear-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman admitted she "wasn't paying attention" and ran into a light pole at Fisher and Maumee while typing, police

"(She) said she didn't know what happened, but was on the phone texting an exboyfriend," said the investigating officer. "(She) stated she was just driving along and ended up crashing into the pole."

Officers also said her blood alcohol level measured .15 percent and she had a baggie of suspected marijuana in her

# Bike taken

A \$450, red, 20-inch men's Mira Icon bicycle was stolen within 20 minutes of being parked unlocked shortly after 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, in the 17100 block of Kercheval in

# Watch stolen

An employee of Hannah Bear Boutique in the 17000 block of Kercheval in the Village suspects four blond girls, all approximately 13 years old, stole a Freestyle Crystal watch at about 12:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26.

"The four subjects were looking at shoes in the area where the watch was located." a store employee reportedly told police.

The \$102 watch has an ad-

justable white band. -Brad Lindberg

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

**Grosse Pointe Farms** 

# Way beyond limit

A 48-year-old Southfield man registered a .264 percent blood alcohol level during a drunken driving investigation at 9:17 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, on eastbound Mack near Moross.

The level is more than three times the state's allowable limit to operate a motor vehicle. Officers said it was the man's

second arrest for drunken driving.

# Haro stolen

A neon green Haro bicycle was stolen while parked unlocked between 5:30 and 7:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, near the Grosse Pointe South High School baseball diamond.

The bike belongs to a 14year-old Grosse Pointe Park male.

# Punted

An 18-year-old Farms male talked himself out of attending football games at Grosse Pointe South High School.

The teen reportedly disobeyed a public safety officer's instructions to leave the area following a game Thursday, Aug. 26.

"He has a history with Farms police," said Detective Mike McCarthy. "He's an ex-student, was interfering with police and being disorderly."

The teen also lipped off to McCarthy, according to the officer's account.

"(The school's athletic director said) he would like me to advise (the suspect) on trespassing and not to attend any future football games at South," McCarthy said.

# **Knows his rights**

A 53-year-old male drunken driving suspect from Houston asserted his right not to take a Breathalyzer test following his failure to pass a series of field sobriety tests during a traffic stop at 1 a.m. Friday, Aug. 27.

Officers countered by obtaining a search warrant for the man's blood to be drawn and measured for alcohol.

Refusal to 👘 take Breathalyzer also resulted in automatic suspension of the man's driver's license.

He'd been pulled over for speeding a rented 2010 Toyota Camry 48 mph on eastbound Mack near Calvin, a 35-mph zone.

## Drunken driver

An obscured license plate on a 1992 Ford pickup truck resulted in the driver being arrested for drunken driving at 12:28 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, on westbound Mack near Severn.

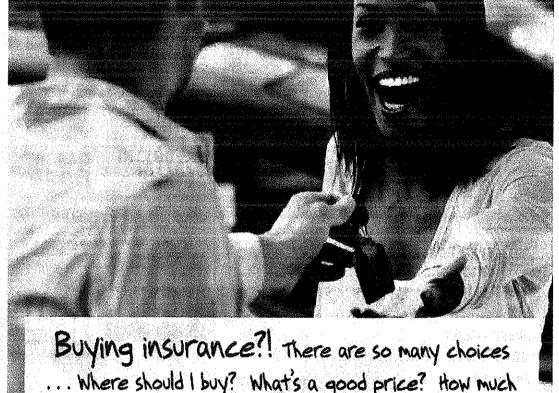
The 55-year-old male driver from Grosse Pointe Park registered a .14 percent blood alcohol level, according to the arresting officer.

# **Mutual aid**

Public safety officers from the Grosse Pointes helped Harper Woods police catch the second of two home invasion suspects at 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22.

One of five Farms patrolmen chased the 20-year-old male suspect from Detroit, who gave up when stunned by a Park of-

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# SAFETY: All the crime fit to print

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ficer's Taser.

"(The suspect) refused commands to stop," said Farms Officer Frank Zielinski, chasing the man on foot with Park Officer Ryan Willmer in the 20200 block of Roscommon. "(The suspect) was attempting to climb (a) rear fence when Willmer administered his Taser."

Officers ordered the man to the ground.

"He initially refused, but complied after a second burst of the Taser," Zielinski said.

The suspect had been reported peeking in windows of a house in the 20200 block of Washtenaw. He is believed to be one of two men police tried to catch 1 1/2 hours earlier breaking into a house in the 20300 block of Washtenaw.

pect at about 12:45 p.m.

### Hit-and-run

driving suspect from St. Clair Shores reportedly steered his girlfriend's car like a pinball last week in the area of Mack and Touraine.

Officers indicated the man and his 32-year-old female companion from the Farms ditched her damaged black 2010 Chevrolet Malibu on Webster near Touraine at 6:40 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22.

The man's wreck-filled run Defer break-in in the 480 block of Touraine included hitting a parked car and barely missing a woman and toddler on the sidewalk, according to police.

A male witness with a cell phone alerted police and tailed the couple as they walked from the scene toward Kerby.

male suspect turned to him and threatened to hurt him if he continued to follow," said Officer Geoff McQueen, one of five officers involved.

The couple soon split and headed in different directions. He headed onto Kerby Field. She walked south toward Chalfonte.

McQueen detained her. During questioning, the man called her cell phone a couple of times. The second time, McQueen answered and told him to give up.

Another Farms officer caught the man in a Mack alley near Stanhope in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The man reportedly registered a .125 percent blood alcohol level. Officers arrested him for drunken driving. They let the woman go. Police pieced together the

man's erratic driving: • On eastbound Mack, he

drove over the curb, flattening the car's two front tires and damaging the rims.

 He hit a tree in front of a Officers caught the first sus- building at 18544 Mack, then Attempted B&E turned onto Touraine.

 He nearly hit a stop sign, the woman and child.

He hit a parked Honda A 33-year-old male drunken Accord parked in front of a house in the 480 block of Touraine.

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

#### **GROSSE POINTE PARK**

An alarm alerted police to a break-in at Defer Elementary School on Kercheval at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29. Finding evidence of forced entry, additional units were deployed. A search of the building and grounds resulted in four juve-

"(The witness) stated the niles, Detroit residents ranging in age from 11 to 14, being arrested, and property recovered.

### Trick not a treat

A 9-year-old boy was approached by a young teenager at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24 at the Defer playground who asked to borrow his bike to show him a trick. The teenager then rode off on the 20-inch orange BMX bike.

# Larceny from vehicles

A small leather wallet was taken late in the afternoon of Monday, Aug. 23, from the glove box of a car parked on Maryland. The car was unlocked and the windows were open.

Satellite device was taken about 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, after two males threw a brick through a window of a car

Park police have a suspect in an attempted break in of a building on Mack at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23. Officers found a screen cut on a window and another window broken.

### **House fires**

A resident extinguished a fire in an electrical outlet in the bedroom of a house on Maryland at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24.

A Harcourt homeowner was using a torch at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, to remove paint from the roof soffit, which caught the attic on fire. The fire was quickly extinguished, but there was fire damage to the attic and water damage to the second floor of the house.

-By Kathy Ryan

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these or any crimes, call Grosse Pointe Park police at (313) 822-7400.

# **Grosse Pointe Shores**

### **Road damage**

A 53-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man reported the tires and wheels of his 2008 Audi were damaged while driving Wednesday, Aug. 25, in the construction zone of Lakeshore near Vernier.

— Brad Lindberg If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Shores Lane found a large stuffed public safety department at (313) 881-5500.

### **Grosse Pointe Woods**

# **Two-ply treatment**

A Roslyn resident complained to police that sometime Friday, Aug. 27, someone cov-

If you have information on ered the trees, bushes and the street surrounding her house with toilet paper. She also suspects the next door neighbor, who denied any involvement to police. The resident asked police that if such an incident occurred again, could she use her gun to protect her property or to possibly make a citizen's arrest. The police advised the homeowner to not use a gun or make an arrest, but to call police instead.

# Wait, there's a monkey

Police responding to a call about a gun shot at 11:25 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, on Coventry monkey had been blown up with a pop bottle bomb. Damage was contained to the monkey. A witness said a black SUV was seen leaving the area just before the explosion.

### Salon theft

Video cameras caught a pa- these or any other crimes, call in the early morning hours of tron in the act of stealing money at a salon on Mack about (313) 343-2400.

12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27. The receptionist at the salon noticed money was missing from her purse and a check of surveillance tapes revealed a salon patron taking the money as well as several make up samples.

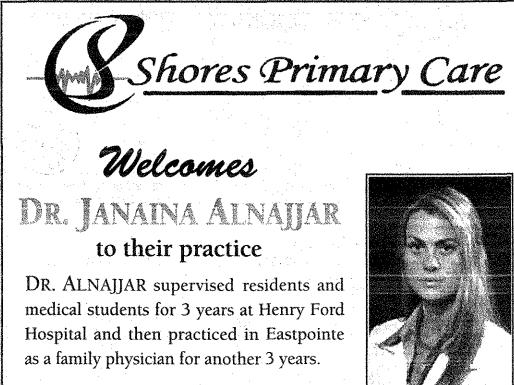
### Kenmore home invasion

Between 1 and 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, someone entered a house on Kemnore through an unlocked side door. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

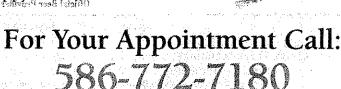
The homeowner reported to police he saw two suspicious males walking down the street smoking suspected marijuana and a neighbor reported seeing the same suspects in the area that afternoon. Another neighbor saw a gray Chevrolet parked in front of the house during the 1 to 3 p.m. time periođ:

-By Kathy Ryan If you have information on Grosse Pointe Woods police at

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# **GUEST OPINION** By Michael Van Beek

# The unequal funding myth

n addition to demanding "adequate" and "stable" funding, the special interest groups embedded within Michigan's public school system frequently call for funding that is "equitable."

They overlook the fact, however, greatly reducing funding disparities was one of the goals — and accomplishments — of the 1994 Proposal A school finance reform. While achieving perfect equality is a

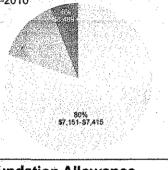
greater challenge than most imagine, today the spending differences between schools is smaller than ever before.

Before Proposal A, 80 percent of Michigan school operating funds came from local property taxes. Because both property values and voter-approved millage rates varied widely between districts, the system produced large funding

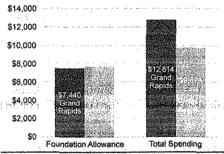
disparities. Proposal A cut and capped millage rates, and made up the foregone revenue with an array of earmarks from state income taxes, sales taxes, a 6-mill state education property tax and others.

These sources provide an annual infusion of some \$11 billion in state money that is distributed to public school districts according to a "foundation allowance" formula, which establishes a minimum amount of dollars per student

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### Foundation Allowance Revenue and Total Current Spending 2007-2008



that each district gets to spend. This minimum represented a substantial increase over the revenues of the state's poorest districts at the time, and over what those revenues most likely



# LETTERS

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# Schools among best

#### To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Public School System, and Grosse Pointe North High School in particular, continue to work extremely hard to ensure the best possible experience and greatest achievement ceiling possible for all students.

The Aug. 26 Grosse Pointe News letters to the editor, "Grosse Pointe Schools;" and schools section of the paper, "Schools fall onto average turf." made reference to a new ranking the Michigan Department of Education calls the state's "Top to Bottom" ranking. Several pieces of information are critical: This new ranking relies heavily on. year-to-year achievement change, and is not a pure measure of achievement.

freshman-only first day transition program, school-wide practice ACT testing for juniors, a mentoring program that gave every junior in last year's testing class an adult mentor and many other classroom and building specific interventions.

All of this has been taken on while also emphasizing access to our most rigorous courses for more and more students. This year North had a record number of students taking college level Advanced Placement tests, with 667 tests administered and a building wide 10 percent pass rate on tests that actually earn students college credit without them paying college tuition! Across the nation, achievement gap issues are presenting real challenges to schools. At North, 20 percent of last year's juniors — subject group for state achievement testing came to the Grosse Pointe Public School System in the ninth grade or later. As a result, many of these students did not receive the same preparation in elementary and middle school as students who came through the Grosse Pointe Public Schools. We are a public high school, and unlike the schools referenced in the letter to the editor, do not have an entrance exam - we take every student who comes in our doors and we do the best we can for each individual. Our belief is that all students can achieve, but some of these students come with a built-in achievement gap and we are working diligently and creatively to "catch them up." We will continue to analyze all data we can and use it to inform instructional and curricular decisions. By virtually any measure, Grosse Pointe North is an exceptional high school — among the best in not just the state, but the nation, and everyone here is committed to maintaining our standard of excellence, and continuing our work to close achievement gaps. For more information about North, school measurements and North's educational plans, visit

gy of teaching a room full of students to cooking a gourmet meal, perhaps you might realize the complexity in what you are asking.

To prepare a gourmet meal for a gourmand, the chef, which we will liken to a teacher, must first know the tastes of the gourmand. In the case of schooling, the gourmand's tastes change from desiring graduates being able to perform on standardized tests to producing work-ready, morally fit, healthy, and life-long learning graduates, who can either step into college or into an entry level occupation and be successful.

The chef wonders whether his client desires Caribbean or Mediterranean cuisine. The chef may be well-schooled in French pastry preparation but be met with a gourmand who demands English bread pudding. The chef could simply consult a recipe for the pudding, but if the teacher were to consult such a recipe, she might find a generic one that states now to prepare a recipe for pudding and a separate recipe for bread. The recipes to which she has access may call for ingredients that our teacher cannot acquire. The chef has access to ingredients that are fresh, high quality, and flavorful, but the teacher has limited resources, both in the classroom and possibly in her students. She has no option but to work with the boys and girls who enter her door each day with the resources that our district has provided. She strives to move each student forward in his skills and knowledge. It matters not that our students arrive without a good night's sleep, proper nutrition and the emotional security of being a child in a stable, loving family. You may be expecting a teacher to make a gourmet meal with less than the finest available ingredients. The chef can fire cooks who don't show up for work on time or miss a day's work without good reason. The teacher cannot. As teachers, we know our parents send us their children at their best, and all parents hope for the best for their children's education. In an ideal world, those hopes would be sufficient to ensure academic success. In reality, the students who attend our schools, sometimes come from broken families, do not speak English and/or live in poverty, which likely has exposed them to potentially toxic environments and possibly psychologically traumatic experiences. When academic research considers all of the factors that impact a child's likelihood for academic success, those factors that most significantly impact learning are those over which the school and the teacher have absolutely no control. While you indict the districts' leadership for holding teachers accountable, who can the teachers hold accountable?

tors at a loss for levers to pull that will exert forces to assist them in maintaining discipline, attention and promote learning.

We have lost much of our power as educators to exercise our authority to demand conditions conducive to learning in our own classrooms.

We have lost the power to determine the content that we teach, the order in which we teach it and the depth to which we cover it.

We are expected to take students, who enter our classrooms from vastly different experiences in life, with vastly different ability levels, to a common end.

The press and public forums are full of anti-teacher rhetoric, as if we are all a bunch of lazy, self-serving and greedy dummies, who don't know how to do our jobs.

Rush Limbaugh and other Tea Party members depict us as pigs at the trough, rather than the gourmands this analogy depicts as our tax-payers.

The attitudes from many of our legislators are punitive and patronizing. Our students' parents are more demanding than forgiving, and are the first to report our transgressions to our administrators, who, recognizing the political climate and the transience of their popularity with parents, wield their power to subjugate us.

would be today were we still under the old system.

The new system, however, did not absolutely level revenue among districts, and arguably never intended to. Its distribution formula is based in part on districts' pre-Proposal A funding levels, so that the most richly funded schools were not forced to come down. In other words, disparities would be reduced not by pulling down the well-funded districts, but by bringing up those below them.

In simple terms, the Proposal A distribution formula factors in revenue from (capped) local millages levied on non-residential property, supplementing this with varying levels of state tax revenue. Therefore, funding disparities still exist. For instance, the per-pupil foundation allowance in the Bloomfield Hills district is more than \$12,000, while the effective minimum amount for some districts is about \$7,100. This particular eyebrow-raising \$5,000 disparity is abnormal and is the most extreme case; under the previous system, the gap between highest and lowest was more than \$7,500.

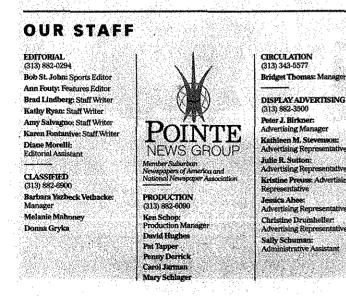
The vast majority of schools now are funded at levels that fall in a fairly narrow range. The House Fiscal Agency reports that in the 2009-2010 school year, 80 percent of all districts — including charter public schools — receive between \$7,100 and \$7,400 per student through the foundation allowance formula; 94 percent fall between \$7,100 and \$8,500.

Only 5.5 percent of districts exceed \$8,300 in per-student spending under the formula. And such as Bloomfield Hills, the other big spenders generally get less state money, relying on local property taxes to maintain their comparatively high revenues.

The foundation allowance is only one school revenue source, however, and money from other sources further reduces disparities. For example, the foundation allowance for Grand Rapids schools is around \$300 less per student than the neighboring district of East Grand Rapids, but the Grand Rapids district receives much larger amounts of federal and state "categorical funding" that is allocated in large part on the basis of having a greater number of students from low-income households. In 2007-2008 (the latest data available), Grand Rapids schools spent \$3,000 more per pupil on operations than its wealthier neighbor — a disparity would-be "levelers" unlikely want to reverse.

Michigan policymakers and voters wisely decided in 1994 the proper goal in a system of government-run public schools is not

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• On June 23, the state ranked North in the 90th percentile of all schools in the state.

• North's achievement scores remain well above state averages.

• The state of Michigan gave North a letter grade of "A" on our state report card.

• North made "Adequate Yearly Progress" under the Federal No Child Left Behind guidelines.

• Newsweek magazine ranked North among its "Top 1,600 High Schools in the United States," 1,160, placing North in the top 4 percent in the nation.

Every measure tells us something about our school, and we look carefully at the data that goes into each of these varied methods of assessing progress. The rankings referred to in

the recent letter and article are based largely on year-to-year "achievement change." North, and most state high schools, has an achievement gap between our highest and lowest achieving students.

Grosse Pointe North has been a leader in the district and the state in innovative and comprehensive programming for struggling learners, including: Support and assist courses to keep struggling learners at grade level, freshman and sophomore academic team teaching approaches for our most struggling general education learners, collaborative cotaught classes to mainstream special education students at grade level, subject specific tutorial hours, before and after school tutorials and peer mentoring, school wide literacy initiatives, a freshman "step-up" summer academy to assist students in transitioning from News. middle school to high school,

northprincipal.blogspot.com TIM BEARDEN Principal

Grosse Pointe North High

School G.P. public schools

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter writer of, "Grosse Pointe Schools," published in the Aug, 26 Grosse Pointe News. If we were to make an analo-

Assuming that you are an adult, since the time you were in school, laws and policies have changed things in schools in ways that leave most educaIn a dispute between a student and a teacher, too many times administrators believe the students' accounts instead of the adults.

Let's assume the district uses all of its resources to employ the best teachers, just as the chef attempts to employ the best cooks. In education today, the patrons expect the best cooks, but only want to pay wages for burger flippers. The district just replaced about 15 percent of its teachers, mostly with inexperienced rookies, who demand cheaper wages than do the more experienced teachers. Those incoming teachers will need to be trained and assimilated into their respective buildings.

As complex as our profession is, it is transparent, in that all of our citizens have been to school and watched us do our jobs. Or so they think. As a student, you only have the perspective of seeing what it is that the teacher is doing when you are in the room as a child.

If you have ever experienced revisiting a former house as an adult, you might remember the rooms in it seem much smaller than they did as a child. Remembering the experience of school is similar; the more distant you are from your schooling, the smaller your learning is in your eyes.

Were cell phones and Facebook, disparities in social class, the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, and published achievement scores part of your schooling experience?

Were your teachers subjected to venomous diatribes by taxpayers refusing to ante up for the cost of a good public educa-

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**OP-ED** 

### I SAY By Kathy Ryan

# Social networking priorities



here was an incident a few weeks ago that involved about 30 minors, so for the sake of protecting the innocent, I'll leave out names and locations.

But suffice it to say, it's not an isolated incident, as evidenced by almost weekly stories from all over the country of adolescent hormones gone viral.

The young people had gathered at a school playground, not to mark back-to-school time or for a friendly game of

#### baseball.

According to the police report, the young people had gathered to watch a fight between two middle school students over what one had posted regarding a girl on a Facebook page.

By the time the last punch was thrown, one young man had lacerations to his mouth, but, according to the police report, it could have been much worse.

At one point, one of the boys was being held down while others kicked him in the head and chest area. Police, fearing a closed head injury, warned the parents of the young man to watch for any changes in behavior or drowsiness and to seek medical attention immediately. The fight would have gone unnoticed if the parents of

that victim had not reported it to police. At that time, the parents expressed a desire to press charges, but, according to police, a few days later none of the parents with children involved expressed interest in pursuing any further legal action. The case is now closed.

However, police have retained a copy of a video that one bystander took of the fight, and have spoken with several young people who were in attendance.

An 18-year-old man, when asked why he stood by and watched, said he "did not think about calling police." Yet we give 18-year-olds the vote?

Worse yet, why do we allow our young children to post on social network sites like Facebook?

What on Earth could be so important in a middle school child's life that they feel compelled to share it with the hundreds of strangers who have befriended them on a social network site?

I know there are certain bragging rights among parents as to how proficient an offspring is with a computer. Certainly schools are pushing computer literacy, with time carved out of school days to learn basically what many have already mastered at home with their own computers. When "Google" rolls off a child's tongue faster than "recess," you know where their priorities lie.

Even without a Facebook page, I'm connected as anyone. I have a Blackberry and two computers. My friends know where to find me.

I also am computer literate enough to know that just about anything that is put out there in cyberspace stays in cyberspace for years and years and years. And what our children need to know is that whatever they are posting now may, no, definitely, will come back to haunt them for the rest of their lives.

And by "lives" I mean both their personal and professional life. Those so-called friends who are posting those hysterically funny pictures of someone in a drunken haze will still have those pictures around when you run for office 25 years from now. Those so-called friends will be around when you apply for college, put out resumes, or seek a promotion. Worse, they'll be there when you make a mistake, anxious to

point out evidence that the person in question has always been a bad seed.

Adults are quickly catching on to the advice of "never put anything in writing." No one can be arrested for what they're thinking, and even a casual conversation with someone can be labeled as "he says, she says."

But when you have words entered into a computer, along with pictures and the comments of 8,394 friends thrown against that cyber "wall," trust me, it will stick. And it will be around to haunt you forever.

A friend of mine's advice is, "Never do anything that you don't want splayed across the front page of The New York Times." Or on your Facebook page 30 years from now when you run for public office.

### **STREETWISE** By Renee Landuyt

# Who would you most like to stand next to in a photo?

If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or email to editor@ grossepointenews.com



'Miley Cyrus because she is a good singer and actress.' RACHEL KOSTRZEWA Grosse Pointe Woods



'David Beckham because I like to play soccer and he's great and maybe he could give me some tips.' JAKE KOSTRZEWA Grosse Pointe Woods



Justin Bieber because he is cute and it would be fun to talk to him.' ALEXIS POULOS Grosse Pointe Woods



'Jesus because it would be an honor to stand next to him. He does amazing work.' ELIZABETH SHEEREN City of Grosse Pointe



'George Washington because it would be interesting to meet him and ask him what it was like when he was president.' SARAH MCCABE **Grosse Pointe Farms** 

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would inform you that you have selected a biased sample from the DPS to compare to a biased sample in the GPPSS. That is not scientifically sound. Secondly, your comparison of per pupil spending of the two districts is inaccurate. In the excerpt from a spread

schools; make donations to the Foundation for Excellence. Educate yourselves about school funding and contact your legislators about supporting funding for education in our schools.

Most who have called one as our reading, writing and hand how special Grosse mailed me about the article have understood our school community is unique, though not wholly unlike our counterparts in the district.

Poupard Elementary School RANAE BEYERLEIN, PH.D. is one of the Grosse Pointe rate comments without step-Grosse Pointe Education Public School System Title I

math scores. We are rooted in our commitment to our children

As I have said many times before, please come and visit our school. You can't make accuping inside. I also invite vou to

Pointe North is

The Grosse Pointe community is lucky to have two top schools, and should be excited to see both schools do well in all areas, not just standardized test scores.

Schools may be ranked on

tion, making them scapegoats of choosing a helping profession during a time of fingerpointing envy?

If you are an adult, I'm inviting you to take a vacation from your occupation and spend one week at Poupard Elementary School with two or three teachers there, in their classrooms with them, from the time they arrive, until the time that they leave. I'm inviting you to take another week to do the same at Grosse Pointe North High School. If you can set aside your politics, your prejudices and be open to the experience, you will find the learning environments our teachers provide for all of our students is hopeful, wholesome, state of the art and promotes good learning opportunities for all students.

You will find the initiatives that were suggested in your letter, are already in place. On the other hand, sadly, you will also find we have lost many of the fine supports that formerly existed in the Grosse Pointe schools, due to funding shortfalls. An example would be the loss of the school nurses to which a Grosse Pointe optician referred to in the same issue as your letter. They no longer exist.

Finally, as a teacher of 32 years experience, 20 of which are serving in the Grosse Pointe schools, and 10 of which were in parochial schools in Detroit, I am compelled to correct some of your points. First, comparing Poupard and North to Cass and Renaissance is like comparing a Waldorf salad made from Empire apples to that of one made from Mandarin oranges or even Pink Lady apples.

Cass and Renaissance high schools are noted as the premiere schools in the Detroit Public School System for good reason: They are magnet schools. Students apply and are admitted based on certain qualifications. If you were a student in my educational administration courses at

sheet I prepared below, you will see DPS receives more revenue per pupil than GPPSS, and spends more of that revenue. The data were retrieved from the Mackinac Center of Public Policy's website, but can also be obtained from the Michigan Department of Education.

This information is per pupil in U.S. dollars for the 2008-09 fiscal school year:

Revenue: Local - DPS, \$2,805; GPPSS, \$4.240. Federal — DPS, \$2,924; GPPSS, \$535. State — DPS, \$8,551; GPPSS, \$8,684. Total DPS, \$14,280; GPPSS, \$13,459.

While a chef prepares a single meal for a group of demanding gourmands, and that meal will take a few hours, a teacher is with his group of students all day, every day for the school year. If he teaches in the elementary, he is responsible for all content areas. If he teaches in secondary schools. he sees at least five sets of 30some students in two or more content areas per day.

What happens outside of that classroom may be enough to disrupt or displace the learning that occurs during the day. In the secondary schools, for example, if a student abuses substances, the lessons learned are moot; the drugs he consumes mashes them as if they were in our chef's garbage disposal. In the elementary schools, it could be a beating at home that psychologically cauterizes those facts.

Instead of looking to the schools as the fatted calves from the tax payers' shortchanged larders, please look elsewhere for your tax relief.

Great public schools are what made this country strong. We must continue to invest in our children's educations in order to ensure a prosperous future for them.

Please do not malign our public schools, but instead join us in our efforts to continue to provide the excellence in education for which our system is Michigan State University, I known. Volunteer in public report this year and last.

Association President

# **Proud of Poupard**

### To the Editor:

Poupard Elementary School works hard every day to ensure a well-balanced and academically sound educational experience for all our students.

We put emphasis on the development of students' social emotional growth as well as providing learning that requires students not only to acquire basic skills, but use inquiry, reasoning and critical thinking skills to be able to reflect on their learning process.

In the Aug. 26 Grosse Pointe News letters to the editor, "Grosse Pointe Schools;" and schools section of the paper, "Schools fall onto average turf," the "Top to Bottom" ranking was discussed. This is such an important piece of information for our community, I feel I must answer some questions about my school, scores need to be seen, and explanations given.

♦ On June 23 the state ranked our school in the 35th percentile. What wasn't reported was in the two years this average was taken, there was a mistake in scoring our MEAP writing. And when we completed the writing test again, the company scoring the MEAP didn't score them in time.

 Poupard's ranking for the last two years is the 69th percentile

 On our MEAP scores last year 92.1 percent of our students passed the math portion and 84.4 percent of our students made adequate progress in the reading portion. That is a combined average of 88.4 percent passing both the math and reading.

 EdYes legislation requires an annual written report showing indicators of school performance. Poupard scored a 100 percent on this. Our combined score on that and MEAP scores was a 92 percent which is how we earned an "A" on our EdYes

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Schools. As such, our students receive additional activities and small group instruction in curriculum objectives on their level. Hands-on activities, manipulative tools and problem solving skills are regularly utilized to help students learn to apply skills.

Poupard not only has an extensive school improvement plan that is completed and implemented each year, we also have a Title I Assistance **Required Components Report** that states what our plan is for any at-risk students in our building. We look at ways to close the gap of students that are economically disadvantaged as our disaggregated data shows.

We offer much supplemental assistance for children who are at-risk of failing to meet the state and district core curriculum areas. Some of these are Earobics, FASTT Math, Brain Gym, FAST Reading, Scholastic Reading Counts, Leveled Library, Lunchtime reading and math enrichment, student/teacher mentoring, summer school, before and after school tutoring, instructional support program, homework club, one-on-one support, small uninterrupted guiding reading support, using the NWEA DesCartes to have individual instructional plans for students. These are just some of our many services.

Our extensive school improvement plan includes not only academic goals based on standards, but how we work with students each day to achieve these goals. We believe there is no reason students cannot learn to achieve. With our at-risk students, we need to present the material in a different way and our plan addresses this.

Poupard Elementary School provides every student with the opportunity to master reading, writing and math to not only reach their goals, but go beyond.

Poupard Elementary staff is proud of our school and its many accomplishments as well

go online and explore our scores and reports in depth.

Please come and take a look at our school improvement plan and meet the staff and students. We welcome you at Poupard just as we welcome every child who lives in our school community.

PENNY STOCKS Principal Poupard Elementary School

### Above average

#### To the Editor:

Having grown up in the Grosse Pointe community, I am keenly aware of the benefits of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

I am forever thankful for the dedicated service of my teachers, coaches and support staff.

In addition to growing up in the community, I have had the extreme privilege to teach in our community. For the past 12 years, I have been a teacher at Grosse Pointe North High School, one of the nation's top high schools.

North was recently ranked in the top 4 percent of all high schools nationally and the 12th best in the state of Michigan, an achievement that the entire community should be proud of.

I am extremely proud, because I know of the many great things going on at Grosse Pointe North. I get to see first-

# **FUNDING:** Lower-funded raised

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"leveling" to achieve perfect funding equality, but instead to ensure that every school district has a reasonable amount of money to educate its students. As mentioned, the system created then did not attempt to tear down the high spenders, but instead raise up lower-funded ones.

standardized test scores, but my students are anything but a number or a piece of data to analyze. My students are on the front lines in an educational world where, unfortunately, numbers mean more than learning.

Grosse Pointe North consistently has one of the top academic programs in the country. In addition, our sports programs are the envy of many in the state.

Not to be outdone, North has one of the premier music programs in the country, and has achieved many more honors than I could possibly list in one letter to the editor.

Of the many things we can celebrate, North's recent state championship at the State Quiz Bowl tournament is testament to the great things going on in our school.

As an advocate for public education, I know how important schools are for communities. Literally, the schools in Grosse Pointe are the community. When I speak to stakeholders in Washington, D.C. or Lansing, it is hard to describe what schools mean in our community.

Our schools are our future. Our schools are our community. Our schools are anything but average.

**DAN QUINN** Grosse Pointe Farms

There is a means to provide equal funding for all students no matter where they live - it's called school vouchers. Interestingly, those who complain the most about "inequitable funding" — such as representatives of school employee unions and school boards - are also the loudest opponents of eliminating inequity by giving parents the choice of where to school their children.

Michael Van Beek is director of education policy at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

# **NEWS**



The City's Lt. Eddie Tujaka, on vacation, mans a water canon atop one of his departments' two pumper trucks.

# CCD: Blaze a challenge for crews

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safety, felt the heat despite wearing protective gear 100 feet from the first and largest building to catch fire.

"It's easily 1,500 degrees," Fincham said.

"We have no idea what started it," said Mark Petzing, club general manager, as flames spread. "Nobody was in the building."

The metal-walled, woodenroofed building - essentially a modern-day pole barn --housed general golf course equipment, maintenance vehicles and supplies, according to Petzing.

"The building had just been remodeled and was in good shape," said Officer Jim McMahon, one of two Farms fire inspectors.

There were no injuries. Club employees and other onlookers watched from adjacent fairways and greens.

The scene was down a dirt road roughly 2,000 feet behind the clubhouse, which was undamaged.

About a half hour into the fight, radiant heat from the larger building ignited a smaller, neighboring two-story, brick structure. The brick building is a former horse barn or blacksmith shop dating to the days of polo matches on a clearing closer to the clubhouse.

Fire first latched onto the old

### All in

Not all responding officers were on duty when the fire broke out.

◆ Lt. Eddie Tujaka, of the City department, had been on vacation at home in the Farms. He heard fire truck sirens, stopped fantasizing about beaches in Aruba and called headquarters.

"I found out what it was and came here," Tujaka said, manning a water canon atop a pumper.

 Sgt. Dan Pullen of Shores public safety had been off duty at home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"I was sitting in a lawn chair in my backyard," Pullen said. He saw a tall column of

black smoke rising nearly straight above the tree line. "I called the station," Pullen

said. "They said come in." Greg Heffner, of the Farms

volunteer reserves and a retired Grosse Pointe South High School science teacher, had been working on a tan at Farms municipal park.

"I saw smoke," Heffner said. "It's part of our job as volunteers to show up when we think we're needed. I came here right away to see if I could help."

Another Farms Reservist, Peter Swenson, put out an ember that thermal currents and what little wind there was carried onto a 10-foot pile of wood chips used for landscaping.

#### Mutual aid

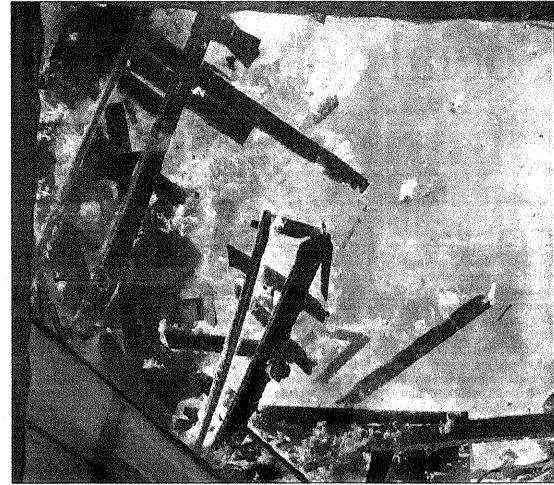
Soon, the Harper Woods truck and crew pulled up.

Everyone converged on an area served by one dirt road. The closest fire hydrant sat within a stone's throw of the

maintenance complex. The next closest hydrant was more than 1,500 feet up the road toward the clubhouse and across a parking lot.

One of the Shores' pumper trucks served, as most trucks did that afternoon, as a go-between or booster unit between a hydrant, another truck and officers manning hoses.

"(We) stretched 800 feet of 4inch hose beginning at the end of (the City's) connection to the hydrant, to (Farms) Ladder 3," said Shores Lt. James Grosse Pointe Shores re- Demeulenaere. "(We) also barn's wooden doors. Smoke sponded at 2:27 p.m. with its stretched 200 feet of 1 1/2-inch by the fire," Fincham said. "We hose for (the Farms's) Ladder 3 to (the City's) Engine 22 for exposure to the north." Within a half hour of the first alarm, a set of upper windows on the side of the old brick barn facing the main building shattered outward. Hot gasses, made visible by distorting the air and making things seen through it appear to undulate, spewed out.



A portion of the main barn roof caves in.

engine and pumper came down the dirt road, sirens and horns sounding, kicking up dust.

The contingent included 12 firefighters, including Senior Firefighter Christopher Shinneman, a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Detroit crews deployed from stations at Warren and Alter, and Lakepointe and Whittier.

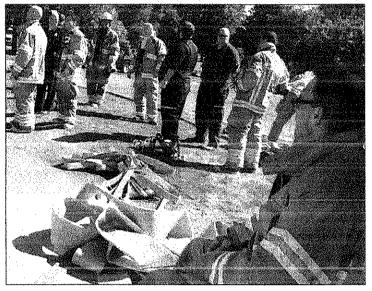
**Detroit Battalion Chief Lewis** Roelans, a City of Grosse Pointe resident, warned his drivers not to park too close to the flames.

"Move far enough back so we don't get crispy," Roelans called out.

By now, 10 fire trucks from six agencies supported the operation.

"That's part of the brotherhood of the fire service." Patterson said. "If we can help each other, we always do."

"Detroit showed up on a special call because of weather conditions - 90-degree-plus heat, with firefighters in turnout gear and extremely high temperatures generated needed as many officers as we could get on the scene in order it." to prevent injuries."



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As the actions winds down, Farms Detective Rick Good rests on the bumper of a fire truck. Good had a long day. At 6:44 a.m., he helped arrest a man suspected of breaking into parked cars.

little pressure to begin with, and all the club's sprinklers were on," Patterson said. "We were able to run one attack line initially.

"We ran our deck gun off of age building was gone, roof tank water. We dumped 750 burned away or fallen in, metal gallons on it. It didn't even dent Water pressure increased when club employees shut off sprinklers. "Every time the water pressure dropped, I saw sprinklers back on again," Patterson said. The two hydrants closest to the utility complex are supplied by the Highland Park pumping station, located in a small building off Lakeshore at Moross, below the larger Farms filtration plant.

Jensen said. "We can't get to Provencal."

### Wrap up

By 3:30 p.m. the large stor-

at 2:17 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, drew firefighters like moths to a flame.

Pointe departments, Harper Woods and Detroit.

"Forget borders; when a fire turns into something this big, everybody goes," said Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director.

Dispatcher Katie Gacobelli was manning the phones when a 911 caller got to the point: "The barn is on fire at the

Farms Patrolman Frank Zielinski, in the department's unmarked Ford Mustang GT, had just wrapped up a traffic investigation on Mack when Gacobelli broadcast the alert.

"I came roaring down," Zielinski said. "Smoke was pouring out of the south end of the building. I drove down to where flames were coming out."

"Fully engulfed. Call a second and third alarm."

sonnel headed out.

truck got on scene, to the time we had water flowing from the deck gun, it was less than one

two pumper trucks, four officers and a dispatcher crosstrained in fire fighting and paramedics. Next rolled a Grosse Pointe Woods tower truck, two officers, a sergeant and Chief Fincham.

### for a cause.

### Four alarms

The four-alarm fire reported

They came from four Grosse

country club."

He radioed headquarters,

The Farms' pumper and aerial trucks, plus all available per-

"From the time our first minute," Patterson said.

streaming from the cupola sig naled that flames had spread to the rafters.

Officers put water on the barn, but flames ate away the roof.

A small, two-story house used years ago by club employees didn't catch fire, although parts were scorched and sections of vinyl siding melted.

Officers saved the house by spraying as much water on it that pressure and more immediate matters allowed.

An adjacent cinder block utility building was undamaged.

Fire inspectors are waiting for the area to cool before entering and starting their search

Harper Woods firefighters were busy with a call in their jurisdiction, so the City of Grosse Pointe's two pumper trucks filled their spot.

Fire trucks carry on-board supplies of 300 to 750 gallons of water.

Tank water is used while hooking up to hydrants and can be depleted in 30 seconds, depending on hose diameter, according to Patterson.

"Windows just blew out from heat radiating from this (larger) barn," Fincham said.

"There's a lot of explosives in there, paint and fertilizer" said Demeulenaere. "We heard explosives go off earlier."

'You have stuff like that at fires all the time," Patterson said. "You'll be in a basement fire and aerosol paint cans will sail by."

Shores officers sprayed more water into the brick barn and on the facade of the house, joined by en enclosed hallway. 'We have to save this house,"

Demeulenaere said.

### Panache

Shortly after 3 p.m., a Detroit Fire Department tower truck,

'Everything's pretty much burned to a crisp," Roelans said within minutes of arriving. He referred to the large building and its contents.

'There's no gas in those vehicles any more," he said. 'There's nothing left."

"I'm worried about this," Patterson said, pointing to two barrels of fuel about 80 feet from the destroyed pole barn and 50 feet from the burning old brick barn.

Crews from Detroit and the Pointe teamed up trying to save the brick barn.

Shinneman and other climbed ladders onto the hallway roof. Detroit's aerial truck. boosted by a Farms truck, shot water from above.

The barn roof soon caved in, leaving the brick walls standing.

### Water pressure

Low water pressure frustrated firefighters.

"Our water supply was hampered by a couple things: very

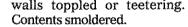
Henry Ford built the Highland Park station generations ago to service a factory.

The club uses Highland Park water, which isn't filtered until arriving in that city, for irrigation.

"I have no control here," said Tom Wendling, of the Farms water department, watching officers fight the fire. "We don't have hydrants here. We only serve the (club's) main building."

Farms Chief Jensen wanted to augment the supply by linking a series of 100-foot hoses to a Farms hydrant on Provencal.

"We don't have enough line,"



Small flames lapped small piles of crumbled and crushed debris.

Harper Woods officers sprayed them with foam.

James Fox, the director of City of Grosse Pointe public safety, said it was one of the biggest fires in his 27-year career.

"I couldn't believe the radiant heat coming out," Fox said. "We had to move our trucks back because it was so hot."

"It was so hot, I had to move our Engine 4 to keep the paint from melting," said Leonard Miller, the cross-trained Shores dispatcher.

On the Farms aerial truck, parked about 60 feet from the main fire, plastic emergency light lenses partially melted from the heat.

At 7:34 p.m., Patterson broadcast over the radio an end to action:

"This is going to smolder all night long," he said.

At 1 p.m. the next day, wisps of gray smoke rose from blackened grass and landscaping.





Above, Farms Lt. Detective Richard Rosati, in red helmet, helps hook a hose to a Detroit Fire Department aerial truck. At left, A geyser of flame rush from the engulfed main building his and best and the although the 化合成结构 有限的复数形式的复数形式的复数形式

NEWS

# **SLIDE:** Municipalities continue adjustments to balance budgets

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penses," said Shane Reeside, manager of Grosse Pointe Farms. "We've reduced the number of full-time employees by roughly 10 percent over the last five years.'

Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan doesn't think the five Grosse Pointes will suffer the ongoing downturn as much as less well-heeled communities in the state.

"Many of the Pointes have a (financial) reserve," said Heenan, mayor going on 28 years.

He also credits homeowners for staving off greater declines in property value.

"The thing I'm most gratified about is the way people have been taking care of their property," he said. "I'm grateful for residents who have stepped up."

### Widespread declines

Concerns about property values come as the Southeast Council Michigan of Governments (SEMCOG) found taxable values of Grosse Pointe real property dropped an average 6.9 percent from 2009 to 2010.

The Pointes' decline was about 22 percent less than Wayne County as a whole. Region wide, Oakland County took the greatest hit: 12.2 percent; Washtenaw County, the least: 4.9 percent.

In the Pointes, declines ranged from 2.9 percent in the Park to 10.9 percent in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Values in the City of Grosse Pointe went down 7.8 percent.

Values in the Farms and the Wayne County portion of Grosse Pointe Shores dropped 7.2 percent. The Shores section in Macomb County went down 5.9 percent.

"Property taxes are the largest revenue source for most communities," said Brian Parthum, senior planning analyst in SEMCOG's data center. "From a local government perspective, their largest revenues source has taken a big hit in the last couple of years. It will

cover until the end of this ment administrator, decade, and our taxable values will be at the point we were before the decline," said Shores Councilman Ted Kedzierski, head of the finance committee. A big worry for cities is the time it takes to rebound from dwindling property tax revenues, given the state limitation on property tax increases.

"The state constitution restricts the growth on taxable value to either the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever figure is lower," Parthum explained.

"As long as assessed values keep falling, taxable values will also fall because they can never be higher than assessed value."

DeeAnn Irby, in her second year as Grosse Pointe Woods controller, said some effects of falling revenue have been mitigated by forward-thinking capital upgrades.

'We've had such an aggressive infrastructure improvement program for years --- taking advantage of grant opportunities and so forth — that it put us in a position where if we forgo those improvements for a couple of years to lighten up on the budget, we were already ahead of the game," Irby said. Farms officials built their current budget on the 7 per-

cent drop in taxable values. Savings came from renegotiated contracts with vendors and spending less on capital projects.

"We're able to do that for a certain duration, but we can't let our infrastructure go," Reeside said. "We're still providing the same level of service.'

In the City of Grosse Pointe, where non-union employees have taken pay and benefit cuts, Manager Peter Dame said budget reductions made two years ago were relatively easy.

"We were able to get by this year primarily through not replacing several full-time employees, making very little capital expenditures, and reducing non-union employee compensation and benefits," Dame said. "We were able to get by with cuts that people will begin to see over time, other than in recreational services, that took the biggest reductions for two years in a row." Now comes the hard part. The City is essentially like the other Pointes in this respect: "The only function of the City that has not yet been significantly touched is public safety, which comprises 58 percent of the general fund," Dame said. "More significant cooperative efforts with the other Grosse Pointes - beyond that which already exist at the most efficient cost."

bids for street repairs,

 cities banding together to buy trees and road salt in bulk

and • the Shores and Woods studying the feasibility of combined public safety dispatch

# Super service

centers.

The rub is matching residents' high expectations of municipal services on declining budgets.

'That's what all city councils are wrestling with: how long can we sustain ourselves?" Irby said.

"Each of the Grosse Pointes feel the same way about their services," said Brian Vick, Shores manager and former assistant manager of the City. "They don't want their level to drop. But, there's a balance. You either have to pay for them, or get more efficient."

Heenan cites the need for efficiency.

"We have been reducing staff," he said. "We used to have 96 employees. Now, we have 80. We have tremendous productivity. Our public safety officers have one person doing three jobs - police, fire and EMS.

Shores officials this year passed a budget based on \$245,000 in cuts that are projected to result in a \$30,600 surplus.

Officials this year rejected a proposed .7-mill property tax increase.

Kedzierski opposed the budget because he wanted four times the cuts than approved.

"We have \$1 million to cut from our \$6 million budget," he said. "I placed on the table \$500,000 of cuts which do not impact public safety, DPW or parks and recreation. Cuts that

would be painful, with two laythree cities soliciting joint offs that were doable without affecting our essential services."

> Another \$500,000 savings would come from intergovernmental cooperation and collective bargaining, Kedzierski said

### Lag time

There's a one-year lag between the determination of taxable values and their effect on property tax income.

"The 2010 tax values dictate what will be available to budget in the spring of 2011 for our a good job this fiscal year," said next budget," Dame said. the Farms' Reeside. "A lot will What concerns me most is depend on the economic cli-

SEMCOG's latest estimates of reductions for future years."

SEMCOG has forecast taxable values in Southeast Michigan dropping an average 10.8 percent in 2010 and 6.7 percent in 2011.

"If they are correct, we are in for two more years of reductions in costs," Dame said. "That would be six years straight of declines in assessed values (and) four straight years of decline in taxable values."

Despite Heenan's optimism, SEMCOG's Parthum foresees cities taking years to recoup lost revenue.

"It's going to be extremely tough for the next few years," Parthum said.

"It's challenging, but we did

mate in the next few years.'

SEMCOG's forecast is more dour than the City's. The City's five-year financial forecast last fall predicted revenues drops of 6 and 2 percent in 2010 and 2011, respectively.

"Given that the City has already experienced four years of declines for a total of more than 42 percent in residential values, I am hoping that the City's declines will not be as high as SEMCOG's projection for the average in the region," Dame said.

A good sign is fewer homes on the market. Dame put the number at 500 compared to more than 700 in the recent past.

"All of these projections ultimately are dependent on how the job market continues to evolve," he said.

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take a long time to recover.

The Farms is in comparatively tall cotton. It realized an extra \$300,000 in savings days before passing this fiscal year's budget, which accompanied a .5-mill, \$375,000 tax increase.

Although the Farms \$12.5 million budget approved in May is \$500,000 lower than last year, municipal officials face a \$1 million shortfall next year.

In the Shores, where a 1-mill tax increase last year triggered an attempted recall of the mayor and four members of the city council, auditors Plante & Moran warned in late 2009 the ing satisfactory service levels city's structural deficit will last 10 years if conditions at the time continued.

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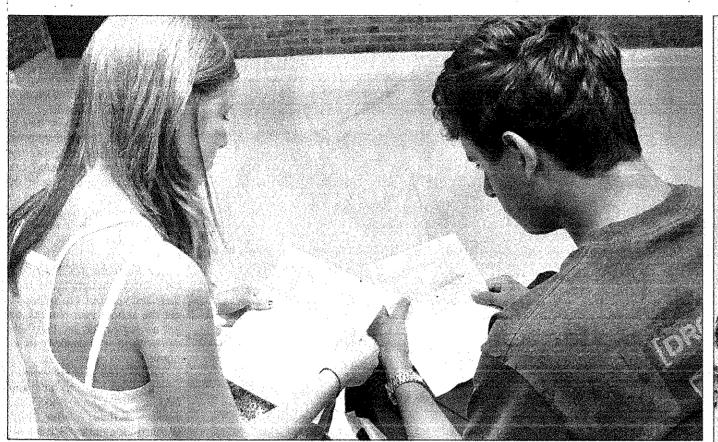
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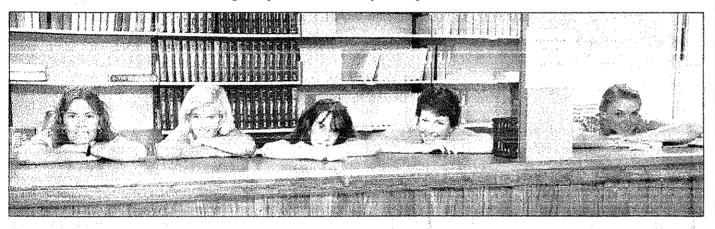
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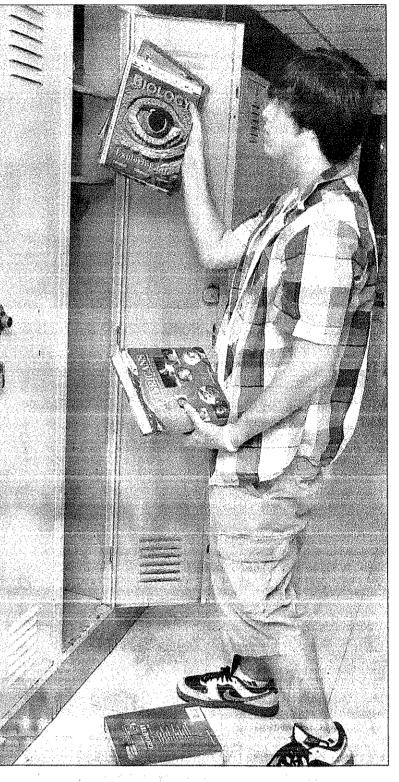
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School registration wraps up this week across the district. Above: Grosse Pointe North High School sophomores Kerry Leannais and Evan Williams look over their schedules. Right: North sophomore James Spencer puts his new books in his locker. Below: North's bookstore helpers, from left, Ann Coates, Val Champine, Diane Furgal, Kathy Kasiborski and Yvonne Garvin, show their exhaustion after toting heavy books for four days to help fulfill students' class schedules.











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# Teachers settle in for another year

By Amy Salvagno Staff Writer

When the first school bells ring Tuesday, the freshest faces in the classroom won't just be those toting a backpack and anxious tummies.

The Grosse Pointe school district has hired 40 new teachers for the 2010-11 school year and called back another 73 of 80 who had been let go from positions within the last two years in the wake of budget cuts.

The job openings kept district officials busier than usual this summer, thanks to the 81 teachers who selected a severance incentive and said goodbye in June, carrying between 10 and 43 years of service with the district.

Assistant Superintendent for Resources Human Tom Harwood said the interview process began in mid-June and wraps up this week.

"It's been mostly exciting and intense," he said.

The primary stakeholders at each school building - principals, teaching and secretarial staff and parents - have been involved.

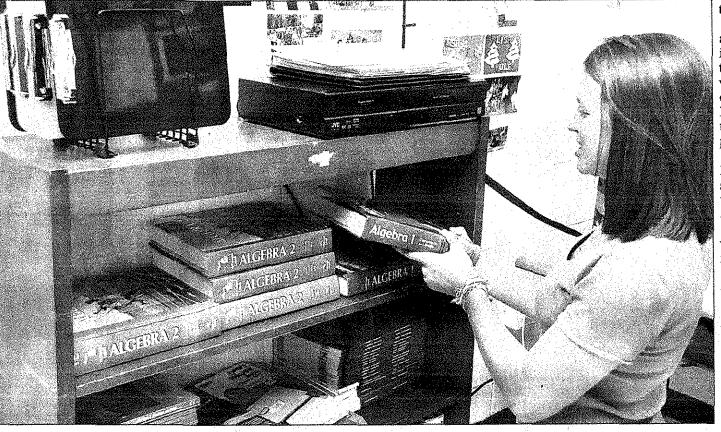
Harwood said on average, eight candidates were interviewed for each vacancy. Some 320 to 400 interviews have been conducted so far.

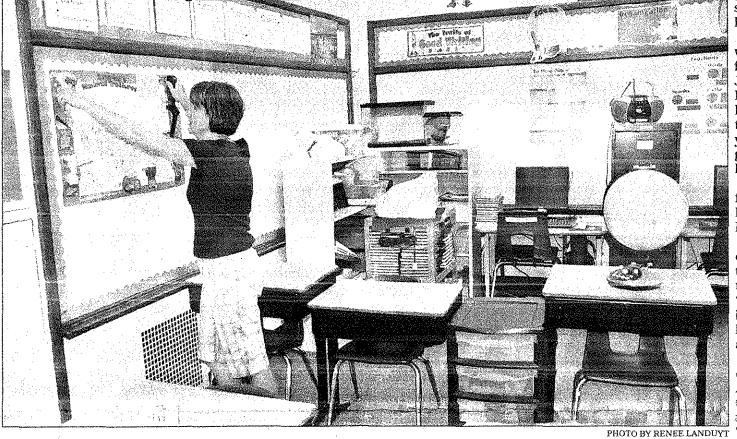
The experiences of those hired range from being just out of college to working eight years in the field.

Harwood said he's looking forward to sharing in the excitement of those newly hired and the skills and enthusiasm they bring to the classroom.

And, he added, parents and students alike will appreciate their energy.

Last week, new teachers took their first steps settling into the community by attending districtwide orientations, and over the past few days have been decorating bulletin boards, organizing lesson plans and settling the but-





terflies in their own stomachs.

"I'm very excited to be part of a district that understands the importance of the fine arts ... and to learn from and collaborate with the other phenomenal educators in the district," said Laura Rauser, an elementary art teacher who spent eight years prior in a Chicago classroom.

Natalie Bruberis, who joins the Monteith Elementary School staff as an all-day kindergarten teacher, has spent three years as a substitute in the district.

"I'm excited to every day be working with children who are in their first year of school and make an impact on them," said Bruberis, who grew up in the Pointes.

Gina Ventimiglia, a fellow Grosse Pointe native, graduated from Michigan State University in May.

"It's a dream job. No one is ever lucky enough to be hired their first year out. I'm anxious to get the school year started and get a year under my belt," she said. "And I'm happy to be home.'

"I'm excited to start working with the kids. You only have your first day of school once," said Jackie Rabaut, who joins Richard Elementary School as a half-day kindergarten teacher after working for two-and a-half years with second-graders, fifthgraders and an extended-day kindergarten class.

Jessica Howlett is gearing up for her first day as a half-day kindergarten teacher at Mason Elementary School.

"I'm thrilled to meet the kiddos," said Howlett, who comes to the district with eight years teaching in Walled Lake schools. "I just love kindergartners. And being from Grosse Pointe, I know how important the schools are.'

"I'm so excited. It feels like a dream come true," said Laura Adams, an elementary art teacher who previously taught middle and high school students. "I wanted to teach elementary students and I finally get to do it. I know what a privilege it is to work here and be part of a community that's so close-knit and values education."

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Top: Grosse Pointe South High School teacher Lisa Kurtz stocks her classroom's bookshelf with Algebra textbooks. Above: Christina Pearson prepares her Maire Elementary School fourth-grade classroom, hanging up a poster of



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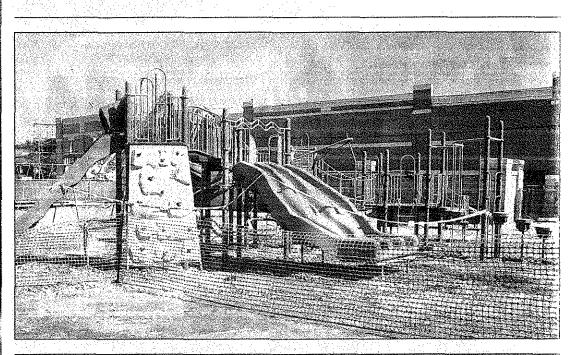
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Work and play A new playground awaits Maire Elementary School students, thanks to the PTO and the volunteer efforts of 70 parents who worked more than four days to install the equipment, which includes a playscape, top, a climbing web and a swing set. Area businesses also contributed to the build: Bruegger's, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Hungry Howie's Pizza in Grosse Pointe Park, Pat O'Brien's Tayern, Farms Fresh Market, Village Food Market and FH Martin Constructors, Above: Some 55 new trees await to be planted around the play area, including spruce, fir, pine and redbud.

# NEWS

**UBITUARIES** 

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.

### Assad Amine

Grosse Pointe resident Assad Amine, 86, passed away Monday, Aug. 16, 2010.

He was born in Tourza, Lebanon, Aug. 5, 1924. After immigrating to Detroit, he began publishing an Arab-American newspaper. Following a brief career in real estate, Mr. Amine and his family moved to the Washington, D.C. area where he embarked on a 25-year career as an American diplomat.

After several short tours-ofduty, he and his family were relocated to the Middle East where Mr. Amine was a critical officer at the U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan during Black September in 1970. Fluent in three languages, he quickly established himself as one of the United States' top Middle East experts. Later posts took him and his family to Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Morocco.

Throughout his career, Mr. Amine received several citations of merit and honor from the U.S. government. His family said his unique combination of insight into the Middle N.Y.; three nieces; two Inc. Eastern culture, innate sense of protocol, natural diplomacy and a sharp intellectual wit and charm endeared him to not only fellow diplomats, but all who met him.

After retiring from active service and moving to Grosse Pointe to be near his children, Mr. Amine continued his career as a consultant to the U.S. government.

Mr. Amine is survived by his wife, Mamie Amine; children, Eva (James Cunningham), Joseph (Patricia) Amine, James (Aundrea) Amine and Anthony (Susan) Amine and 12 grandchildren. Additional loved and loving family members include the Ronald (Rosemary) Bedway and the LaHood-Sarkis (James, Louis,

# University.

Dr. Basinski's professional life involved teaching and research in rheumatoid arthritis and metabolic studies in cortisone for the Children's Fund in Detroit. In 1953, he began working as a clinical chemist in the pathology department of Henry Ford Hospital. His research involved micro methods for determination of lead in blood, and sterilizing blood with new methods and instrumentation. He retired in 1977.

Dr. Basinski served as a captain in the United States Army from 1943 to 1945 after training as a nutrition officer at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C.

His zest for learning extended to explorations in photography, nature studies, gardening, clock-making, sailing, woodworking, reading, travel, theater and history. In the latter field he was a serious student in all aspects of the American Civil War, resulting in an extensive library on the subject and attendance at various Civil War round tables.

Dr. Basinski is survived by his sister, Iris Thor of Vestal, nephews and cousin, Margaret Siracuse of Florida.

His wife of 58 years, the former Cornelia Johnson of Knoxville, Tenn., predeceased him.

He supported numerous organizations. Closest to his heart were his friends and colleagues of his church, community and universities.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230; Office of Gift Records, Emory University, 1762 Clifton Road, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30322-1710; or Henry Ford Hospice Residence. Bortz Health Care of Warren, 11700 East 10 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48089.

A memorial service will be

Autorama, and then worked 24 years at Chrysler Corp., retiring in December 2000 as manager of special events.

In 1984, Mr. Fries and his wife received the Concerned Citizens Award from the Assad Amine Lawyers Wives of Michigan for rescuing a drowning man from Lake St. Clair near the Farms Pier.

Friends and family said this was typical behavior for Mr. Fries. A close friend said, "He was always willing to jump right in to save a life, whether a stranger or a child in need. He never hesitated to lend a helping hand."

At the age of 58, Mr. Fries and his wife adopted her niece, Kaitlyn, after she lost both biological parents. Mr. Fries liked to tell others she was their "miracle child," and that he retired and became a parent for the first time in the same year.

Known for his quick wit and great sense of humor, Mr. Fries enjoyed sailing and tennis. He was a member of the Detroit Yacht Club, the Senior Men's Tennis Club, the Edgewater Tennis Club in Florida and the Antique Outboard Motor Club

Mr. Fries is survived by his wife, Phyllis; daughter, Kaitlyn; his twin sister, Florence (Don) Hoppe; brother, Peter (Marion) Fries; sister-in-law, Evelyn (Peter) Parella and seven nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Sandcastle Grief Program, 1 Ford Place, Suite 4A, Detroit, MI 48202.

# Nancy Pierson Gard

Born Dec. 5, 1929, to





**Nancy Pierson Gard** 

ly follows the service in the church's undercroft.

Donations may be made to the Detroit Zoological Society, 8450 West 10 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067 or at detroitzoo.org.

## William Anthony Muer II

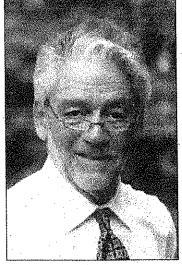
William Anthony Muer II, 43, died suddenly Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010.

He was the son of Helene (Helena) Muer Thurber and the brother of Peter and Patrick Muer. He was predeceased by his father Thomas Muer and his stepfather Cleveland Thurber Jr. He is also survived by his stepmother, Susan O. Muer; aunts, uncles, cousins, stepbrothers and a stepsister, and by his beloved, Natalie Saxe.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 1 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in children and her caregivers lat-Grosse Pointe Farms.



Daniel H. Basinski



**Roger Alan Fries** 



**Benedict P. Rybicki** 



**Eleanor Frances Hammer** 

deliver life lessons over the hum of her Singer sewing machine, while making clothing for her husband and children.

After raising her children, Mrs. Hammer became a successful real estate agent in Grosse Pointe, earning membership in the Million Dollar Sales Club.

As her children had families of their own, she was an equally devoted grandmother. She formed a special bond with each of her 23 grandchildren, and looked forward to their visits to the family cottage on

Joanne "Josie" Dirkes

golfer, bowler, bicyclist and neighborhood games leader in her earlier years on the northwest side of Grand Rapids. She was known by many for her playful antics, her sense of humor and her strong friendship. She and her husband, Jim, traveled all over the world with friends and family, and they especially loved cruising on the big seas.

Mrs. Dirkes enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grander in life. Her warm hug and



William Anthony Muer II

Kelly) families. A funeral service was held

Saturday, Aug. 21, at St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church in Detroit. Express condolences or

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### Daniel H. Basinski

Daniel H. Basinski, 98, died Thursday, June 17, 2010.

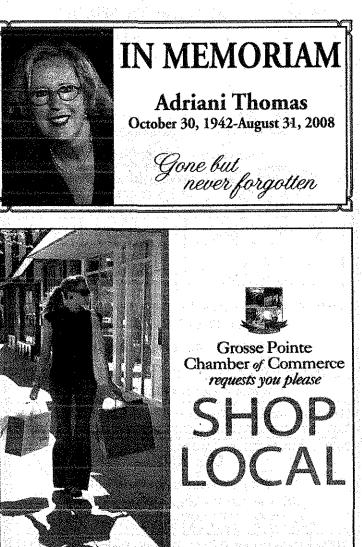
He was born in Buffalo, N.Y. to Thomas and Sophia Basinski and graduated from Buffalo Technical High School. He earned Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science degrees from Emory University in Atlanta and his Ph.D. from the University of Rochester, N.Y. He continued post-doctoral studies at Iowa State

held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

### **Roger Alan Fries**

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Roger Alan Fries, 68, died Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit. He was born June 9, 1942, in Chicago to John and Priscilla Fries and graduated from Schurz High School and at-Northwestern tended University.

Mr. Fries and his wife. Phyllis, moved to Grosse Pointe Farms shortly after they married 38 years ago. He began his career working with Promotions Inc., the sponsor of



Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Nancy Pierson Gard, 80, died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010.

Elizabeth Whitehead and Harry Lynn Pierson Jr., she graduated in 1947 from Grosse Pointe Country Day School and attended Finch College in

New York City. On Feb. 2, 1952, she married William Young Gard and had three children.

Mrs. Gard enjoyed tennis, bridge and gardening. She especially loved to spend time with her grandchildren and stay involved with their many activities.

Throughout the years, Mrs. Gard gave generously of her time to numerous organizations. She was a life member of Tau Beta Association and The Junior League of Detroit, serving as its president in 1966 and 1968. She also was a board member of the University Liggett Alumni Board, serving as its president in 1963.

Additionally, she served on the boards of the Detroit League for the Handicapped, United Foundation, Grosse Pointe. Human Relation Council, Detroit Community Music School, National Guild of Community Schools for the Arts and the Henry Ford Health System Community Care.

She also was a member of the Outreach Committee and the vestry at Christ Church Grosse Pointe and a member of the Country Club of Detroit and the Leland Country Club. Mrs. Gard is survived by her husband of 58 years, William Young Gard; daughters,

Elizabeth and Martha (Sam) Stott; son, Paul (Marianne) and grandchildren, Kiera Corbin (Alan) Phlipot, William Scanlan Gard, Carolyn Pierson Gard and Lyric Alena Stott.

She also is survived by her brother, Davison Pierson. She was predeceased by her Aug. 20, 2010.

parents.

held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at Christ Church Grosse Sacred Heart Academy. Pointe. A reception immediate-

Donations may be made to the St. Paul Education Trust, 157 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or to Beaumont Foundation for the Bon Secours Chapel, P.O. Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007-9620. Express condolences or

memory share а at verheyden.org.

### **Benedict P. Rybicki**

Harper Woods resident Benedict P. Rybicki, 77, died Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

Mr. Rybicki was born Nov. 27, 1932, in Detroit. He was the president and owner of Murphy Auto Lease in Harper Woods.

A veteran of the United States Army, he enjoyed spending time with his family, boating and water skiing.

Mr. Rybicki is survived by his wife, Pat; daughter, Lisa Rybicki-Heffer; sons, John (the late Julie) Rybicki, Ben (Juli) Rybicki and Mike Rybicki; grandchildren, C.J. Heffer, Raegan Rybicki, Rachel Rybicki, Jackson Rybicki and Martell Epperson.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 23 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Donations may be made to St. Clare Athletics, 1402 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230or Detroit Goodfellows, P.O. Box 44444, Detroit, MI 48244 or at detroitgoodfellows.org.

### Joanne "Josie" Dirkes

Joanne "Josie" Dirkes, 83, of Grand Rapids, passed away after a serious stroke Friday,

She was born July 15, 1927, A memorial service will be in Grosse Pointe to John and Marie Maas and attended

kiss will be missed by many.

She was predeceased by her husband, James Vincent Dirkes.

Mrs. Dirkes is survived by her children, James (Deborah) Dirkes II, Susan Dirkes (Todd Strauch), Jessica Dirkes and Paula Dirkes; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Mary Harwood and sisters-in-law, Joan (John) Vismara and Sr. Margaret Dirkes, Ph.D.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Aug. 27 at St. Anthony of Padua church in Grand Rapids

Memorials donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

### **Eleanor Frances** Hammer

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Eleanor Frances Hammer died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010, with family by her side.

Eleanor Schmidt was born March 4, 1927, in Urbana, Ohio. She graduated from St. Agnes High School in Detroit and attended the University of Detroit.

She was an assistant buyer at the J.L. Hudson Co. department store in Detroit, where she met her husband, Robert. They married Oct. 11, 1952, and settled in Grosse Pointe Woods. Soon after, they began to build their family of eight children.

Mrs. Hammer often boasted she had five children, including two sets of twins, all under age 2 1/2, a feat that earned her a photo spread in The Detroit News.

She was devoted to caring for her family and keeping her busy household organized and running smoothly. She taught herself how to cook and sew. She encouraged her children to excel in sports and other activities, always attending their Mrs. Dirkes was an avid ily's nerve center. She would MT 59003.

Lake Huron and to her winter home in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Mrs. Hammer kept a place in her heart for the church and those in need. She was a longtime member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods and was a founding member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Port St. Lucie.

She was active in charitable efforts, and in her later years, these became the focus of her considerable energy. Many of her children remember the house being filled with dozens of clowns of her own design to sell at charity auctions.

Her family said Mrs. Hammer had an indomitable spirit which she brought to her heroic, 14-year battle with cancer. Through her last days, she found comfort conversing with her children and grandchildren about life's joys and challenges.

She will be remembered for her courage, honesty, generosity, spirituality, and unwavering love and support of family.

Mrs. Hammer is survived by her children, Robert (Sally). Barbara (George) Dierickx, William (Susan), Thomas (Lynn), Carol (Robert) Posada, Janet (James) Fisher, Ed (Martha) and Daniel (Shelly); grandchildren. Matthew, Daniel, Stephen, Katie, Carolyn, Melissa, John, Margaret, Natalie, Dana, Michael, Peter, Nicholas, Kristin, Laura, Robert, Brian, Benjamin, Bethany, Amanda, Courtney, Kailey and Daniel Jr. and great-grandchild, Riley.

She also is survived by her brothers, Gerald and Paul Schmidt.

She was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Robert, and grandchildren, Deanna and Kimberly.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 30 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial donations can be events to cheer them on. Her made to St. Labre Indian laundry room became the fam- Mission, PO. Box 216, Ashland,

SCHOOLS

# **Over the hype**



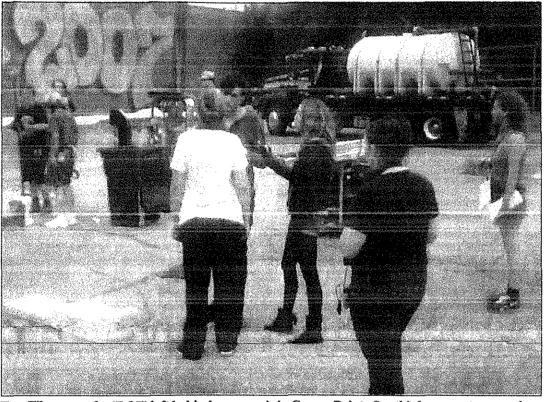
# South enjoys return to its routine

#### By Amy Salvagno Staff Writer

Hollywood's headlights may have brought a special excitement to the Grosse Pointes this summer, but to Grosse Pointe South High School Principal Al Diver, "the taillights look even better."

When the production crew for the movie "LOL: Laughing Out Loud," starring Miley Cvrus and Demi Moore, descended upon school grounds two weeks ago, it was a rare opportunity for many in the community, particularly tweens, to stargaze and momentarily don paparazzi hats.

"There was so much excite-



Top: Film crews for "LOL" left behind a souvenir in Grosse Pointe South's basement: a mural used in a garage band scene. Above: Co-stars Miley Cyrus and Douglas Booth discuss lines on the set at South. Photo by Susan Ricci.

"One guy said to me, "We're like a virus, we just spread.'" AL DIVER Grosse Pointe South Principal

it during the day. I was surprised what easy access we had.

"Miley and the rest of the cast could be 10 feet away and it wasn't a big deal to them."

But by the second day, "it was amazing how much the novelty had worn off," said Diver. "Everyone was back in their office; contractors were in the halls working on lights and a ceiling project."

Crews chose three specific classrooms for shooting: a science room where they filmed Cyrus and her co-stars interacting during a real-life frog dissection, not the virtual kind South teachers usually perform; a Spanish-turnedtrigonometry room; and a French classroom, said Diver.

He added the school gvm was used for a scene in which a physical education class played volleyball.

The girls locker room was also used, as was the alley between the John and Marlene Boll Athletic Center and South, which Diver said was the best day to get a view of Cyrus.

A scene depicting male cast members in a garage band was filmed in a section of South's basement. The mural that was painted for the shoot remains on the wall as a souvenir.

Diver said the film crew also used various hallways and lockers.

They also spent a day shooting a scene in South's courtvard, which was on the district's list of summer construction projects and initially split.

wouldn't be finished in time for filming.

Diver said the production supervisor met with the project architect, cement workers and district representatives to figure out what could be done to finish the area ahead of schedule.

Between opening the cement plant on a Sunday, paying extra for materials and compensating workers for overtime, the film company ended up writing a check to the district for up to \$15,000.

The production company paid the district \$2,500 per day to rent the space at South.

Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business and support services, says his office has so far received \$30,000, in addition to the courtvard payment.

Mandate Pictures asked to be billed for any other expenses the school incurs for cleanup, such as bringing in custodians over the weekend to wax the floors.

"They were very fair about it," Diver said.

All funds received go to the general fund.

Crews finished tearing down sets and restoring the school to its original form Monday, Aug. 23.

Diver said in between scenes the first day, he talked with Cyrus and other cast members. One even joined him and other South staff for a basketball game.

"LOL" is based in an uppermiddle-class Chicago suburb and South is the stand-in for the fictional Wrigley High School.

The movie, which also features Ashley Greene of the "Twilight" series, Adam G. Sevani of "Step Up 3D" and Douglas Booth, portrays Cyrus as a 15-year-old who struggles with her first heartbreak, along with her parents'

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ment about this coming in. There was security everywhere," said Diver.

cast trailers, hallways and crowded with onlookers. classrooms dotted with film And parking lots lined with equipment and sidewalks

# **Educator honored**

School teacher Sue Ozar was honored by the National **Retired Teachers Association:** AARP's Educator Community with a NRTA With Our Youth international outreach award.

Recipients were chosen for outstanding service to youth in the state, local and individual categories by an independent selection panel. Ozar was the only 2010 recipient for the individual category.

The former educator spent three years in Kenya working as a teacher and counselor in a village for abandoned and

Retired Pierce Middle orphaned children. Upon returning to the U.S., Ozar and her husband formed Friends of Kenyan Orphans and raised \$500,000 for the village of Meru. They then took a group of school teachers, physicians and nurses to Kenya to provide much-needed services to the students. They also arranged for a scholarship to Chestnut Hill College in Pennsylvania for a graduate of the school.

Current donations are helping expand the St. Clare Center in Meru, a home for 250 orphaned girls.

So after eight days — and a week prior for set-up - of flurry, school staff was ready

for a return to normalcy. In early April, film representatives stopped into South and told Diver there would be several subsequent visits before filming Aug. 11-18.

"There were typically six to eight people and they would tour for one to two hours each time, sometimes longer," he said. "Different people were looking for different aspects of the building. They kept saying they've got to have that point of view."

"LOL" was first released in France in 2008. The same writer and director, Lisa Azuelos, is producing the American version of the coming-of-age comedy.

"She knew what she wanted in these scenes, so they were real fussy about getting

the look they wanted," said Diver

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Mandate Pictures' staff selected nine specific spaces around South to rent.

Diver said one room held the crew's digital editing equipment.

"One guy said to me, 'We're like a virus, we just spread.' Even though they signed up for nine spots, if we left a door unlocked, they were all over the place. They really took over the building for the better part of eight days."

Diver was given an "LOL" crew ID and had free roam of the set.

"It was very, very fascinating to watch. On the first day, we didn't get much done. There weren't very many of us working," he admitted about the building's secretaries, administration and building engineers. "It was all so new to us. We took different peeks of





Pierce Middle School teacher Sue Ozar with a Kenyan child.

# Immunizations required

children changing All school districts or entering kindergarten or sixth grade are required to have two doses of varicella vaccine or a history of the chickenpox.

All children ages 11-18 who are changing districts or enrolled in sixth grade are also required to have one dose of

meningococcal (MCV4 or MPSV4) vaccine and one dose of tetanus/diptheria/acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine if five years have passed since the last DTap, Td or DT vaccine.

Parents with questions can call their home school office or (313) 432-3083.





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**2011 Jeep Wrangler** and Wrangler Unlimited



2011 Jeep Wrangler Sahara and Wrangler Unlimited Sahara

Chrysler Group LLC recently released images of the new 2011 Jeep Wrangler and Wrangler Unlimited.

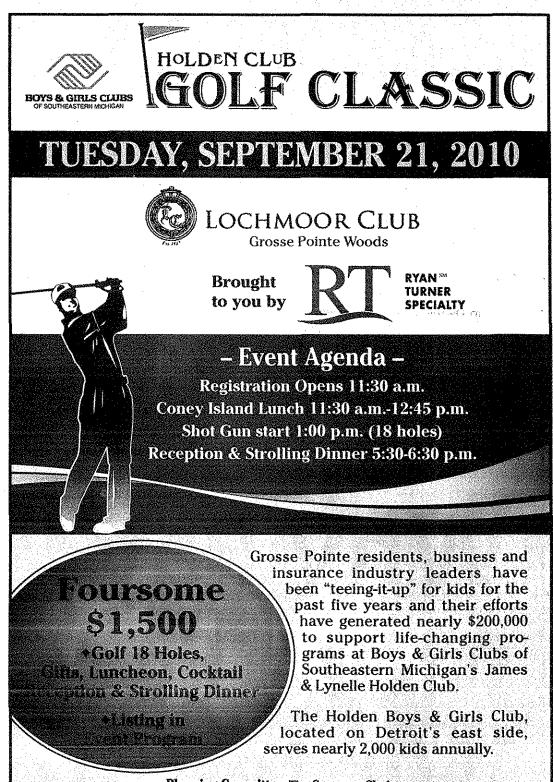
"The iconic Jeep Wrangler keeps getting better," said Mike Manley, president and CEO — Jeep Brand, Chrysler Group LLC. "While retaining unmatched, legendary capability, the 2011 Jeep Wrangler boasts an all-new interior that delivers a host of comfort, convenience and versatility features. In addition, Sahara models now feature a stunning, all-new

Jeep Wrangler with a more premium appearance.'

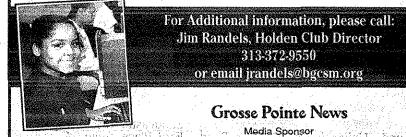
Interior highlights include a redesigned in-

2011 Jeep Wrangler interior

body-color hard top, for customers looking for a strument panel and new storage areas with improved ergonomics and upgraded materials. Production began earlier this month at the Toledo Assembly Complex in Ohio. ್ರೇಶಭಾರ



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family is involved with raising money this month for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. "St. Jude's research helps so many kids," said Nichols, of Grosse Pointe Woods. "They share their research with everybody. It's a great organization."

Nichols chairs the Grosse Pointe Charity Walk and Run Fundraiser Sunday, Sept. 19. This is the third year her family has organized the walk. "In the first two events, we raised \$24,000," Nichols said. Her 16-year-old daughter, ple," Nichols said.

Michelle Nichols' whole Marissa, started the fundraiser. "She started it because it was my grandma's favorite charity," Nichols said. "She passed away three years ago." Nichols' other daughter, Alexa, 18, is involved, too.

> Nichols' husband, Robert, is co-chair. New for this year's fundrais-

er is a competitive run. Nichols hopes the run in-

creases attendance, which last year reached 500, she said. "This year, we hope to get to 700 or 800, with the run bringing in a couple hundred peo-

Events kick off at Grosse Pointe Shores Osius Park near the foot of Vernier. Register to run at 8:30 a.m.

The runs starts at 9:30 a.m. Register to walk from 10 to

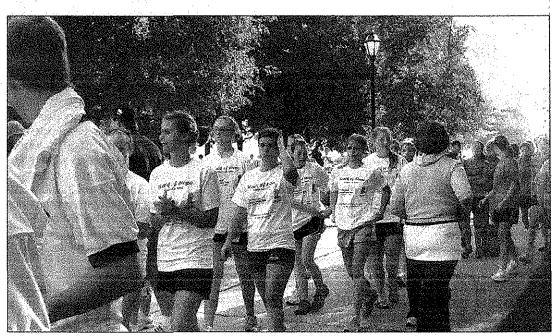
11 a.m. The walk begins when registration is complete.

The event includes familyoriented activities, including: lunch by National Coney Island at 11 a.m.,

• fall mum and pumpkin sale,

children's activities,

 paintball, a bouncy house, face painting and more, raffle prizes and



A family-oriented charity walk Sept. 19 in Grosse Pointe Shores lets parents and children walk and run together to raise money and awareness for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

music by Pro DJ Service. "It's a great way for families to get involved," Nichols said.

### Fees & more

Participant fees are \$25 for those 18 years and older, \$15 for those aged 11 to 17, and \$5 for those 10 years and under. Add \$2 to participate in the timed run.

Donations of \$200 or more are acknowledged on the back of a commemorative T-shirt if submitted before Sept. 13.

Make checks payable to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Drop or mail cash or checks to: Our Lady Star of the Sea Michelle Nichols and family; Parish, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, 48236. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For more information, call (313) 884-5554. For more information or participation forms, visit stjude.org/grossepointewalkrun.

For more information about St. Jude, visit stjude.org or call (800) 822-6344.

### Organizers

Founder: Marissa Nichols

Chairs: Robert and Al and Bobbie Santino; and Roger and Carol Abiragi and family

♦ Co-chairs: Leon and Jocelyne Istambouli; Steve and Suzan Lesha; Jimmy and Joelle Alibri; and Mike Liddane and Jeanne Lizza

♦ Teen co-chairs: Marissa and Alexa Nichols; and Joey, Mikey & Christie Abiragi

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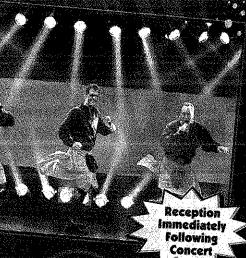
Members of the organizing committee for the third annual Grosse Pointe Charity Three Mile Walk and Run to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are, front row from left: Alexa Nichols, Roger Abiragi, Carol Abiragi and Jeanne Lizza; back row, from left: Joelle Alibri, Marissa Nichols, Michelle Nichols, Robert Nichols, Jocelyne Istambouli and Leon Istambouli.



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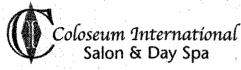




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### **ASK THE EXPERTS** By Mark Menestrina

# The addicted nose

I have a cold and my Q. nose is running, my eyes are watery and my throat is sore. I decided to use some over-the-counter nose drops and the result was instant relief! When the effect wore off, I used the drops again and it seemed like the relief time was shorter.

My cold seems to be getting worse and I only feel relief when I use these drops. I need a larger dose and have to dose more often. Have I become addicted to these nose drops? Is that possible?

Yes. Allow me to explain "addicted nose" dilemma.

First and most important, never use more than the recommended dosage on the box or as prescribed by your doctor. My guess is when you started using the spray more often and more of it; you were going against the recommended dosage of the "over-thecounter" nose spray.

What you should do:

Discontinue use of the nose spray and contact your doctor in a few days if things don't clear up.

What you have experienced is a temporary chemical attachment (temporary, if you are able to give it up.)

The scientific answer to "what happened?"

Certain natural body chemicals cause nasal congestion by increasing nasal secretion, while others cause decongestion by inhibiting secretion. The balance between these opposing natural chemicals determines the condition of your nose.

The cold virus had caused irritation and an increase in natural congesting chemicals in your nose. The nose spray contained decongestant chemicals artificially made, but very much like the ones the body creates naturally. These artificial chemicals dried-up your nose, but they also disturbed your body's natural balance.

Trying to restore this balance, your nose adjusted by producing more congesting chemicals and less of its own decongestants.

When the effect of the spray wore off, there were more natural congesting chemicals and less natural decongestants than there were to start with, causing your nose to be stuffier than before using the nose spray.

In trying to keep the balance, your nose had literally become dependent on the artificial decongestants in the spray: your nose became addicted. It had built up tolerance; needing more and more of the drops and you must put your nose through "withdrawal symptoms" before it can reestablish its natural balance.

This is the way the body becomes addicted to substances. The substance alters a balance of natural body chemicals; the body adjusts to this alteration by trying to reestablish the



proper balance and the body becomes dependent upon the external supply of the substance.

Menestrina is medical director of the detox unit at Brighton Hospital. He is board certified in family practice and the American Society of Addiction Medicine. He can be reached at mmenestrina@brightonhos pital.org or through Shannon Rozell at (810) 355-6994.

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# St. John earns national ranking quality care for patients suffering from heart failure

St. John Hospital and Medical Center is the following: the first Michigan hospital to receive full heart failure accreditation status from the Society of Chest Pain Centers.

Heart failure is the leading cause of death in the United States. About five million people in the U.S have heart failure. In addition, heart failure patients are responsible for 12 to 15 million physician office visits per year and 6.5 million hospital days. SCPC's goal is to help facilities manage the heart failure patient more efficiently and improve patient outcomes.

The hospital's protocol-driven and systematic approach to patient management allows physicians to reduce time to treatment and to risk stratify patients to decrease their length of stay. Key areas in which a facility with heart failure accreditation must demonstrate expertise include

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 Emergency department integration with emergency medical services

 Emergency assessment of patients with symptoms of acute decompensated heart failure-diagnosis

• Risk stratification of the heart failure patient

 Treatment for patients presenting to the emergency department in heart failure

 Heart failure discharge criteria from the emergency department, observation stay or inpatient stay

Heart failure patient education in the emergency department, observation and inpatient unit

 Personnel, competencies and training Process improvement

Organizational structure and commitment

Heart failure community outreach.

"This accreditation represents the hospital's commitment and dedication to our heart failure patients. It involves the coordinated efforts of emergency medical services, emergency medicine, cardiology, the heart failure inpatient unit and community education," said Margarita Pena, M.D., St John's emergency medicine physician We are proud to be the first SCPC accredited Heart Failure Center in Michigan."

"I am so proud of the way our team worked collaboratively to achieve this accreditation. Not only does this demonstrate our commitment to provide the highest level of quality care but it enhances our Cardiovascular Center of Excellence," said Debbie Condino, St. John's vice president.

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# **FACES & PLACES**

# **Yesterday's Headlines**



# FROM THE SEPT. 1, 1960 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS 1960: School prep

Back to school can mean the bank roll usually receives a big dent when last spring's clothes are found to be too small as evidenced in the George E. Van family of Moran Road. Mom Van despairs as Georgie's trousers fail to encircle his midriff and the legs are too short despite any amount of pulling or stretching. Mickey Van, left, didn't present as much of a problem, as Mom was able to let the hemline down a bit on her dresses and skirts.

Editor's note: The following excerpts appear as they were printed in the Grosse Pointe News.



PARK DEVELOPMENT **URGED BY PLANNERS:** Recommendations that a portion of the Three Mile drive city-owned property not be sold for a subdivision, and that -all of the land, including submerged land, be used for recreational purposes, will be submitted to the Park council for action. The proposed park at the foot of Three Mile drive will have an area of approximately '11.5 acres.

height of the building and available parking. The developers must now seek approval from the Farms city council on the variances.

♦ TWO-ALARM BLAZE **GUTS WOODS BAR-B-Q HOUSE:** Firefighters from the Woods, Shores and Harper Woods responded to an early morning blaze that struck the Bar-B-Q House of Grosse Pointe Woods on Mack Ave. Although the origin of the fire hasn't been determined, reports say it's believed to have started in the kitchen area which was completely destroyed. The roof over the kitchen fell in, dropping a

The man and a friend, a 57year-old man, then got into their boat and sped away after the credit card they were using to pay for their fuel was rejected. The Coast Guard caught their boat and took them back to the dock.

The driver of the boat was arrested for drunken boating.



**♦ STUDENTS OPEN NEW DOORS TO EDUCATION:** When students push through

# AREA ACTIVITIES

### **Sunrise Rotary**

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### Windmill Pointe **Garden Club**

The Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at the Pier Park boat house, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Carolyn Ricca is the hostess and Kirsti Juergens is co-hostess

Members should bring summer garden stories and bake sale items.

# **Belle Isle**

## Conservatory

Area garden clubs join to host "A Step Back in Time" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Belle Isle Conservatory.

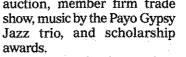
Tickets cost \$40. For reservations, send a check payable to Grosse Pointe Garden Club, Mrs. John O. Hastings, 241 Lewiston. Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Proceeds benefit the refurbishing of the conservatory's bluestone steps.

## **Executive Women** International

The Executive Women International of Detroit-Windsor hosts its 13th annual gala event Wednesday, Sept. 15, at the Atheneum Hotel and Conference Center, 1000 Brush, Detroit. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. The 7 p.m. speaker is Denise Starr, chief administrative officer of Compuware

The event includes a silent



The organization raises funds for scholarships and parternships to promote adult and child literacy in Detroit and Windsor.

For more information, contact Sharima Bulchak at (313) 596-6921 or sbulchak@strategicstaff.com.

### **Community chorus**

Grosse Pointe The Community Chorus begins rehearsals for its 59th annual holiday concert, "The Most Wonderful Time of The Year!," 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tusday, Sept. 14, in the choral room at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Registration begins at 7 p.m. and dues are \$35.

No auditions are necessary and new members are accepted through Sept. 28.

For more information, call (313) 882-2482.

### **Historical society**

History comes to life in the "Talking Headstones," at 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Sept. 10 - 12 at St. Paul Cernetery.

The collaboration between the Grosse Pointe Historical Society and the Grosse Pointe Theatre's Historical Pointes features a new script, according to the theater's education director and show producer, Harry Burkey.

It covers the years 1890-1930 in the Grosse Pointe area and features stories of the Alger, Martens, Scanlon, and Van Teim families. There's an encounter between temperance advocate Carrie Nation and Mary Alger, who fought to reclude "The Legend of Windmill level.

auction, member firm trade Pointe," "Miss Kitty Scanlon," "A Thirst for a Change," and "Life at the Moorings."

> Tickets cost \$15 or \$10 for historical society and theater members. Free parking is available at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, across the street from the cemetery.

Michigan playwright Kim Carney heads the writing of this year's production. Jane Burkey is the director.

For more information, call (313) 884-7010 or visit gphistorical.org.

### War Memorial

Pointe War Grosse Memorial's Chef Chad Harbin offers a "Come Dine With Us" at this fall's revamped dinner and breakfast buffets debuting Sept. 23. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 23 - Oct. 2.

The breakfast buffet is served at noon Sunday, Sept. 26

"We have renewed our commitment to presenting the very best dining experience we can," Harbin said.

The chef selects seasonally inspired dishes prepared with locally grown produce.

Reservations for the dinner and buffet can be made by calling (313) 881-7511.

Mary Ellen Cooper begins fall ballet classes Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Classes are held between 4 and 7:45 p.m., Sept. 16 - Dec. 10. Saturday classes are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 18 -Dec. 11. Fees vary. All instructors are certified by the Cecchetti method.

Registration by review is 3:30 - 6 p.m. Sept. 13 and 14, at the War Memorial. Students wanting to advance take an expeal Prohibition. Episodes in- am before moving to the next

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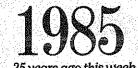




♦ APOLOGETIC THIEF BRINGS BACK LOOT: A burglar returned his share of tangible loot with a note of apology to the store owner tacked to the rear door of the store.

The owner of the store, Beaconsfield-Fairfax Market, found the note and 14 packages of cigarettes and two bottles of wine, which the conscious-stricken writer of the message said was his share of the loot.

The thief did not state his share of the cash, but promised to make full restitution.



25 years ago this week

♦ THEATER REDEVELOP-MENT PASSES FIRST HUR-DLE: The proposed development of the former Punch and Judy Theatre passed its first hurdle when the Farms Mayor's Advisory Committee voted to recommend approval of two ordinance variances.

The ordinances concern

heating and cooling unit into the building.

Little Tony's Lounge in the Woods, located next door, received minor water and smoke damage.



**SHINERA CURE FOR** MESSY GEESE: A dog is ruffling feathers at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

Thanks to Shiner the border collie, hundreds of geese that used to hang out at the 87-acre Grosse Pointe Shores estate have taken off for greener pastures.

Coincidentally, perhaps, the director of Lake Front Park in the Woods, which is located across the fence from the Ford estate, reports a renewed goose problem.

**• CITY PURCHASES CAR-ILLON:** The City of Grosse Pointe Council recently approved the purchase of a carillon system to go with the arch clock that will span Kercheval in the Village.

YO HO HO: Two Windsor, Ontario, men got into trouble when one 35-year-old man took a sweater at a lakeside gift shop in Grosse Pointe Shores.

the oak-stained doors with oilrubbed bronze hardware to enter Grosse Pointe South High School for the new year, they will literally be opening new doors.

Hundreds of students will be seeing numerous renovations which took place during the summer months including the installation entry doors.

♦ ENROLLMENT DOWN 1%: The number of Grosse Pointe students who are registered for school is down slightly from the projected number. Some 8,986 students were enrolled for the 2004-05 school year. The number is slightly below 8,900 for this school year. ♦ ICE RINK AT NEFF PARK: Ice skating will be available at Neff Park virtually regardless of weather conditions. A 60-by-90 foot, \$118,000 portable refrigerated ice skating rink has been approved for placement in the park near the

swimming pool and picnic shelter. Icy conditions will be achieved with three refrigera-

tion units set up on the cement deck next to the swimming pool. Ice hard enough for skating can be maintained during air temperatures up to 50 degrees.

> — Compiled by Karen Fontanive

# September Mature Drivers Workshop at SOC

a.m. — 2:30 p.m. Sept. 13 and 14 at Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

The third day is option and offers workshop participants, who have a valid Michigan driver's license and their own automobile, an opportunity to sign-up for an on-the-road and Useful Field Of View evaluation.

The \$20 workshop is offered by the Traffic Improvement Association that is confidential, voluntary and designed to be self-evaluating.

Interactive classroom presentations and lunch are provided the first two days.

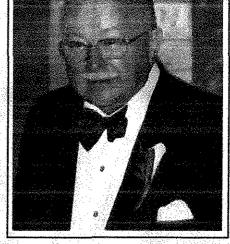
The workshop allows seniors to make their own decisions about driving, based on what they learn and to enhance their driving skills.

Mature Drivers Workshop is held from 10 Seniors are taught the effects of aging on driving, compensation skills for diminished abilities and defensive driving skills. No records or scores are kept and the workshop results will have no bearing on driver's licenses.

Michigan law says all insurance companies may provide a premium discount to drivers 50 and older who complete an eight-hour driver safety course.

The Mature Driver Workshop meets and exceeds the state requirements. A certificate of attendance is given to each student attending both classroom days of the workshop. Not all insurance companies in Michigan participate at this time.

To register, call SOC at (313) 882-9600. Class size is limited.



# Norman N. Brow, A.S.I.D. Memorium

orman Nelson Brow, age 78 died Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at home in his downtown Detroit River apartment.

He is survived by his loving wife and business partner, Arlene Lambert-Brow; he was the devoted father to daughter Ashley (Aldo) Lazzari of Las Vegas, Nevada, and son Christopher of Los Angeles, California. He took great pride and joy in being a grandfather to grandsons, Vinnie, Joey, and Mickey lazzari.

Norman is also survived by his sisters, Judith (Robert) Wiltse, Marilyn (Randy)Clark, and brother Ronald; along with the many clients he considered his family. Norman and his siblings remained extremely close throughout their adult lives. The importance of family was evident to all those who knew him.

Norman's life was one of hard work and joy. His Palm Beach pony-tail and iovial smile personified his fun loving style and character. After attending school at the prestigious New York parson's School of Design, he returned to his hometown, Wyandotte, Michigan. He took his first job at Lynch-Sullivan Furniture Store, which ultimately became known as Lambert-Brow Interiors.

Norman later worked at Hudson's Drapery and Display Department and would eventually open a studio at the Woman's City Club in downtown Detroit where his style, sophistication and glamorous designs were an instant hit.

In 1969 after an antique buying trip to London, Norman and Arlene married. They were asked to join the Maurice Wood Design Studio on the Hill in Grosse Pointe. Norman's career continued to Lambert brow Interiors on Kercheval. Furniture, antiques, design and fine art stores followed him all the days of his life. Thanks to his clients he was able to travel the country form coast to coast: designing beautiful interiors. His expertise and versatile style allowed him the ability to design a society living room with as much ease as executive offices. He was most proud of the industrial work and office space that he was associated with for many years. He loved starting with an architectural plan and creating from the ground up. Ed Parson, Pierson Interiors, taught Norman early in his career to "Never turn down a bathroom!" he quickly learned that advice would often lead to greater and grander work. He complimented his design business by getting his real estate license to better serve his clients. Norman's work was always unique; his ever-changing style, combined with his current and fresh approach, made him an admired icon in his profession. His passion for design kept him working until his death.

Following his wishes, a family gathering was held to mourn his death. Later that evening, Norman's large family of relatives and friends honored him at a cocktail party held at one of his favorite: haunts, the Bay View Yacht Club. He was remembered for his devotion to his family, his meticulous style, his artistic vision, and his love of life.

"As his wife and best friend, I would like to say thank you on Norman's behalf, to all of you who shared in his life and helped to make his career a remarkable journey. We will remember Norman as the fabulous designer that he was."

# ENTERTAINMENT



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### A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

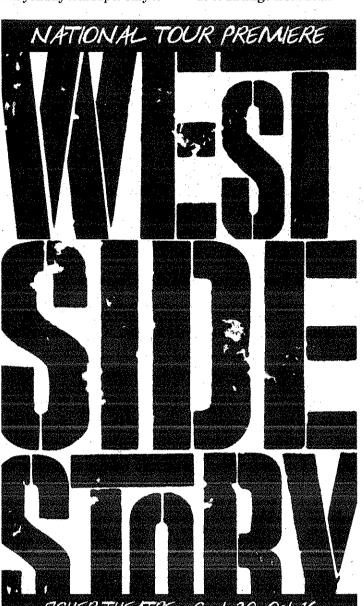
# What's for dinner? Beefsteak tomatoes

f all the homegrown tomatoes out there the beefsteak remains my favorite. Big fat juicy reds that can certainly stand on their own. I created a loaf-size lasagna by pairing beefsteak tomato slices with three cheeses and fresh basil. No-boil lasagna noodles make this yummy loaf super easy to

### prepare.

Beefsteak Tomato Lasagna Loaf with **Fresh Basil** 1 15-oz. container ricotta cheese (2 cups)  $2 \, \text{eggs}$ 

salt and pepper to taste 5 no-boil lasagna noodles (such as Barilla) 10 to 12 large fresh basil



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leaves

1/2 to 3/4 lb. beefsteak tomatoes (I very large or 2 medium), sliced to 1/2 in or so slices

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a small bowl whisk together the ricotta cheese with the two eggs. Season the mixture with salt and pepper to taste. Spray a standard loaf pan (such as a 4-inch-by 8-inch) with no-stick spray. Place a no-boil lasagna noodle in the bottom of the pan. Spread half of the ricotta mixture over the noodle. Top with another noodle followed by an even layer fresh basil leaves. Arrange half of the sliced tomato in a single layer

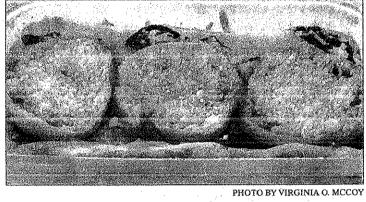
over the basil. Season the tomato slices with salt and pepper. Sprinkle two tablespoons of the Parmesan cheese over the tomatoes. Top with another noodle and spread the remaining ricotta mixture over the noodle. Top with a noodle then spread the mozzarella cheese over the noodle. Top with the last noodle followed by a layer of fresh basil, the remaining tomato slices, salt and pepper and lastly the remaining two tablespoons of Parmesan cheese.

Bake at 350 for 45 minutes, until just golden brown around the edges.

The ricotta layers bake to a custard texture while the fresh basil gives a flavor boost to the beefsteak tomatoes. This creamy lasagna will sit nicely with chicken from the grill.

I often make lasagna in a loaf pan. The noodles fit nicely and the portion is just right for two with a bit leftover for tomorrow's lunch!

Go grab yourself a beefsteak.



These tomatoes put the beef in lasagna.



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# **CHURCHES**



# **High Seas Adventure**

Grace United Church of Christ in Grosse Pointe Park sought the high seas for its Vacation Bible School last week. Left, Kathryn Kildea walks the plank with a glass of water on her head without spilling it. Below, Naya Harlan, Anna Green, Najla and Shayla Boatwright decorate the day's craft, the balancing bird, which is a reminder that God's word can change your life, making your heart soar.



### **PASTOR'S CORNER** By Rev. Margo Allen

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# Labor along side God for a better world

rowing up in Pennsylvania and going through the public school system there, the only thing that Labor Day meant to me was that it was time for school to start. I believe our young people today think the same way.

I had no idea why Labor Day was established as a federal holiday. What was the history behind this observance?

Labor Day was first celebrated Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City. Grover Cleveland was president at that time. Proposed and planned by the Central Labor Union in New York, the celebration was to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps

of the trade and labor organizations." Today all 50 states observe Labor Day.

Labor does not simply imply a job. It is work of any sort. Work is any effort that contributes to the common good. It is how each of us adds our bit to the collective work that is needed for society to flourish. Work can be what one does at home, as a volunteer, or at a job. This definition of work is an important concept, especially during these economic times.

If our work consisted of only a job, that definition would indeed be limiting.

Today, one of five workers is officially unemployed, unofficially unemployed because they have stopped looking for work or

working part time when these same persons want full time jobs. That's the average. Among people of color and young workers, unemployment is even more common.

My concern on this Labor Day is how religious groups have responded to the needs of the unemployed workers. Religious groups have given generously to food pantries, hunger centers and other organizations that attempt to meet the needs of those in crisis. The media keeps us informed that these attempts are not adequate when we see the unemployment rate. It's not enough to stock food pantries. We need to do more than Band-Aid the problem. We need to pressure Congress and

other elected officials to change the economic system so everyone has what they need and able to contribute their work to the common good. Even writing this makes me shudder at the immensity of this task.

And do I do what I propose?

God has provided abundantly for all our needs. There is much work to be done and many workers for the task. Every gift of each person is needed as we labor along side God for a better world. We need to work with each other, with policy makers, and with God to create an economic system that values all who labor.

Allen is the minister at Grace United Church of Christ in Grosse Pointe Park.

# CHURCH EVENTS

### St. Paul Lutheran

The quilting group, "Pieces Be With You," meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrup, Grosse Pointe Farms. All levels of quilters are invited. For more information, call Nadine Hunt at (313) 821-2166.

### **First English**

First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts columnist and humorist Jonathan Richard Cring and musician Janet Clazzy at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8.

Cring is the author of 11 books. Clazzy plays the oboe.

A free will offering is accepted.

For more information, call (313) 884-5040. The 16th annual Holiday Mart at First English is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11.

Admission is \$1.50

A light lunch is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. To rent tables, call (586) 771-9049.

### **Career network group**

The East-Side Take Control: Ecumenical Career Network Group meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at First Christian Reformed Church, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park.

The Rev. Ben VanArragon sponsors the Wellness Group. This is a therapy group to help process the emotional aspects of job loss. For more information, call VanArragon at (313) 824-3511.

### **Rosh Hashanah**

Cantor Kat Hastings and cantorial soloist Bryant Frank lead the Rosh Hashanah the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 8 and the morning of Thursday, Sept. 9.

Serives for Yom Kippur, are the evening of Friday, Sept. 17 and all day Saturday, Sept. 18. Both holidays include children's services.

For more information, call the Grosse Pointe Jewish Council at (313) 882-6700.





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### **GROSSE POINTE NORTH**

# Norsemen open by crushing LAnse Creuse

By John McTaggart Special Writer

A 49-3 trouncing of L'Anse Creuse High in the season opener last week gave the home crowd plenty to cheer about at Grosse Pointe North and gave the squad an impressive victory.

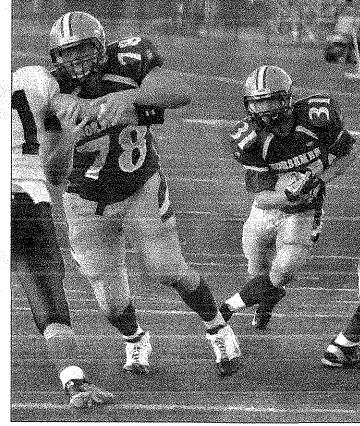
However, the real significance of the contest was the manner in which the Norsemen dominated. Aside from an early first-quarter possession by the Lancers which resulted in the team's lone three points, North controlled the game in every facet.

"We didn't start off really solid on defense," North head coach Frank Sumbera explained. "They moved the ball on us right down the field. But once they got inside the 15yard line, the kids really tightened up and made them go for the field goal."

After the defense found itself late in the Lancers' drive, the squad did what every championship-caliber team does - it adjusts, adapts and overcomes.

"We did make some adjustments, and we really settled in," the coach explained. "I was really proud of the kids for that, really proud."

North settled in to the tune of 30 first-half points, capped off by a powerful 2-yard touchdown plunge by junior Aaron



Running back Jimmy Guest, No. 31, has a big hole to run through during one of his touchdown runs to help North win its season opener.

score

Rivera late in the second quarter.

Senior co-captain Jimmy Guest also found paydirt for the Norsemen in the opening half, as did quarterback Dylan Balicki.

The Norseman tacked on 19 second-half points, which in-

cluded a spectacular 47-yard slant route connection between Balicki and senior cocaptain Jordan Ulmer. Guest berth. dazzled late in the third quarter when he broke a cutback run and turned it into a 53-yard

Junior Nick Lamparski It's that simple."

scored from 1-yard out in the fourth quarter to push the score to 49-3.

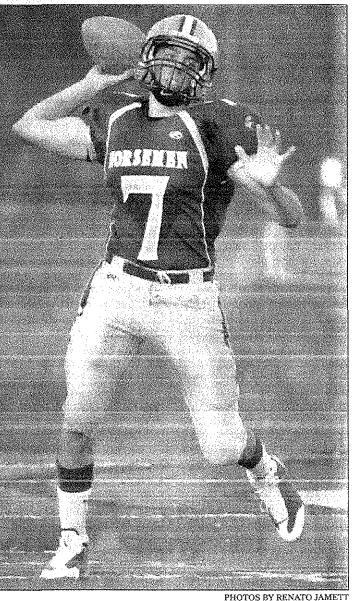
"I'll tell you, I was really proud that we didn't have any penalties, especially early on, that could've stopped drives, Sumbera said. "We had two or three at the end, but that doesn't matter at that point."

The lack of penalties shows discipline early in the season.

"We've got two huge games back-to-back now," Sumbera said, referring to the team's next two opponents, MAC White rivals Utica Ford (Sept. 2) and Warren Cousino (Sept. 10). "We've got to go out and get ready to play. We know these are two really good football teams, and if we want to win a division title, we have to get by these two teams. We haven't won the division in a while. We want to do that this season. We feel like we have the team this year that can definitely compete in the MAC White. It's a good division this year, it really is. It's going to be exciting."

As important as a division crown is, so is a spot in the postseason - and for that to happen, North has to win six games to get an automatic

"Oh yeah, that's something we want, yes," Sumbera said. "You got to win six games, now; we have to win five more.



Grosse Pointe North quarterback Dylan Balicki launches a pass during the Norsemen's win over L'Anse Creuse.





### **GROSSE POINTE NORTH**

# Filippelli begins new challenge at MSU

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North graduate Sami Filippelli enjoyed a stellar soccer career.

She played for one of the top travel teams in the state, Michigan FC Jaguars, winners of the 2009 state championship, as well as the Michigan Gators.

It didn't matter how important the game, because the 17year-old always played at the top of her game, intense, cool and calculated.

She also was an All-State forward for the Norsemen's girls' varsity team during each of her four years of high ning would be good for his school, playing for Chip Stencel during her freshman and sophomore years and Jen Nadeau her junior and senior years.

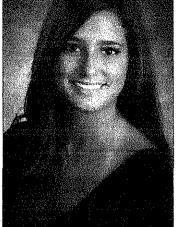
She scored 26 career goals and had 32 assists for 58 points.

"I had a lot of fun playing soccer," Filippelli said. "It was very intense playing for the Gators and Jaguars and more laid back with North. I played for some very good coaches, which I'm lucky to have done."

She had a flair for the dramatics, scoring the winning goal in the Norsemen's 2007 and 2008 district title games, plus key tallies in a 2007 regional semifinal, 2008 regional championship and 2008 state semifinal, a come-from-behind overtime victory over highly favored Utica Eisenhower.

"Sami always had a way of scoring big goals for North club teams," and her father, Rick Filippelli's Filippelli, said. "She was fun to watch out on the field."

Her father signed her up for soccer as a 3-year-old at the Neighborhood Club, hoping ションビスよう



#### Sami Filippelli

daughter.

Who would have known several years later she would be a highly sought-out travel player?

It was playing for the Gators and Jaguars that drew attention from college scouts. Dozens of letters poured in, as did telephone calls from colleges. She was also a threeyear member of the Olympic Development program.

Offers were on the table, but in the end Filippelli decided she wanted to attend Michigan State University and try to make the team as a walk-on.

"If that doesn't work, I will play for State's club team," she said. "It will be a challenge, but I'm up for it.'

Filippelli is in tip-top physical shape, running a few miles each day with her older sister, Alex. Relentless running has been one of Filippelli's trademark attributes.

"I love to run and it's nice to go for a jog with Alex," she said. "We get time to talk and spend time together."

She was a member of North's girls' cross-country the fresh air and constant run- team her freshman year, but her on the Gators. She was MSU where she plans to pur-

quit before her sophomore sought-out to play for the sue a business degree. year began because her travel soccer schedule conflicted with too many meets.

"I loved running, but I loved soccer more, so I had to stick with that instead of cross country," Filippelli said.

Her first taste of travel soccer was on the Grosse Pointe Dragons, then the Grosse Pointe Breakers.

Her rise through the ranks prompted the need to be on better teams, which landed

Soccer

Jaguars.

turned out to be a great decision," Filippelli said. "I really played well for the Jaguars and it was incredible how tal-

Sami Filippelli, No. 6, had a stellar high school soccer career, netting 58 career points for the Norsemen.

ented my teammates were." Filippelli is a true studentathlete, as she ended her high school career with a 3.45 grade point average. She had a tough class schedule and will take that work ethic to

"I'm not sure what I want to

"It was a very tough decision do, but I have time to figure it to leave the Gators, but it all out," she said. "However, I would eventually love to be the CEO of Pepsi one day."

During her free time in high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society, Willow Club, Impact Club, SADD Club, Safe Rides, Homecoming Court, Italian Club, Gym Aid and SAVE.

She also worked the past few summers, earning money for college. She also coached her time as a Spartan.

soccer.

"Her mother and I want Sami to make good decisions at college and be responsible," Rick said.

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"I can't wait to go to MSU," Filippelli said. "I'm a little nervous, but it is close to home and has great academic programs. I also can't wait to meet new friends and go to sporting events."

Whether she plays soccer for MSU or club soccer, Filippelli will make the most of



# RIVALS South squeezes by North in shootout

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

When Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South square off on the soccer field, throw the records out and expect a tough battle.

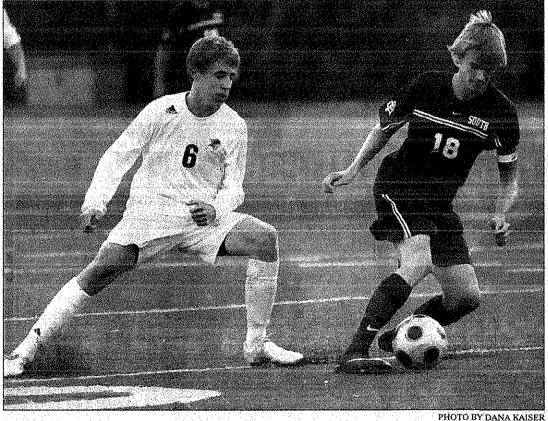
Norsemen hosted the annual hard, too, and came away with city rivalry, but it was the Blue a nice win."

Devils that came away with a 2-1 win in a shootout.

"We expected a close, hard fought game, and it is exactly what we got," South head coach Stefan Harris said. "I have to give North a lot of credit because they played On Monday night, the hard, but our guys played

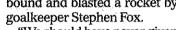
The Blue Devils scored late bound and blasted a rocket by in the first half when junior Henry Fildes scored, but with the clock winding down in the second half, the Norsemen had a free kick just outside the goalie box.

The initial shot was stopped by a wall of Blue Devils, but sophomore Andrew Corsentino corralled the re-



Grosse Pointe South's Henry Fildes, right, keeps the ball away from Grosse Pointe North's Danny Carron in the Blue Devils' 2-1 shootout win over the Norsemen.





"We should have never given up that late goal, but we did and that was unfortunate," Harris said. "Our guys never gave up and they came through in the end."

"Our kids played hard and did a nice job, but I think our inexperience showed at times," North head coach Chris Alston said. "We play well when we stick to our game plan and not so well when we go off course."

Instead of calling it a tie, both coaches decided to go directly to a shootout so the winning team could take home the city trophy.

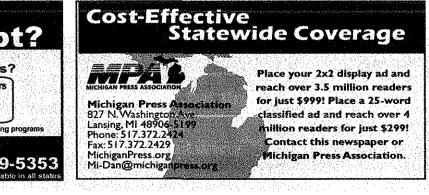
North freshman Vincent Bruno was the first to go and his shot was stopped by Fox and South scored on Fildes' shot.

Corsentino scored to tie it 1-1, but sophomore Alexander Detwiler tallied to give the visitors a 2-1 advantage.

North junior Danny Carron was stopped and junior Adam Black scored, giving the Blue Devils a 3-1 lead.

That would be the final total as North senior Louis Saravolatz's shot was high, flying over the goal and giving the Blue Devils the victory. The next time the teams

could meet would be in a state district playoff game. Norsemen goalie, Jay



Warren, was one of the game's three schools taking a loss, best players. He made several big saves to keep the home team within a goal.

In other action, South opened its season with a threegame round robin, beating Dearborn 2-1 and Ann Arbor Skyline 2-0, while losing 1-0 to Novi.

"We played three very good teams and it was a great way to start the season," Harris said. "I'm happy with our results and we played very competitive."

The winner of the roundrobin tournament, Novi, earned the win with the other all.

which counts as one game on the slate.

senior Connor Black, Matthews, Fildes and Detwiler scored the Blue Devils' four goals.

The Blue Devils also beat Utica Ford 1-0 and tied Chippewa Valley 1-1 to stand 2-1-1 overall.

North opened its season with a 2-0 victory over host Warren Cousino as Ben Schreiber and Saravolatz tallied and followed that with a 2-1 loss to St. Clair Shores Lakeview, leaving it 1-2 over-

# LIGGETT **Knights drop 2**

### By Bob St. John Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' soccer team lost its season openers last week, 4-2 to Plymouth Christian Academy and 2-1 to Lake Fenton.

Both games were on the road.

"We have eight rookies on the roster, so it will take some time for them to get used to the varsity game," head coach David Backhurst said.

In the division game against Plymouth Christian, the Knights grabbed a 1-0 lead when senior Carl Ghafari sent a perfect pass to senior Joe Simon, who blasted the ball in for a goal.

Junior Billy Marx scored to give the visitors a 2-1 lead, but Plymouth Christian scored just before the first half ended and went ahead 3-2 when a corner kick somehow found the back 0-1 in the Michigan of the net off a scramble.

zone a lot during the second half, but we just couldn't get many good shots on net,' Backhurst said.

For a second straight game, the Knights jumped out early as this time Marx tallied on a penalty kick.

It was tied 1-1 at the half before Lake Fenton scored the game-winner.

Backhurst said Ghafari was the team's top offensive player, while senior Nate Weiss is catching on after not playing the sport for several years.

"Carl had a nice opening week and he is one of our leaders," Backhurts said. "Nate decided to give soccer a try and he is doing a nice job. He is a good athlete, which helps." Junior goalie Mike Meyering played well, making several nice saves in the two games.

Liggett fell to 0-2 overall and Independent Athletic "We had the ball in their Conference.

# **SPORTS**

# Football

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH** 

# Last-minute touchdown foils opener

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's valiant comeback abruptly ended when U-D quarterback Brian Cleary threw a touchdown pass to lift the Cubs to a 43-36 win last week.

It was the season opener for both squads.

"We did't play very well the first three quarters and it hurt us in the end," head coach Tim Brandon said. "It was a great comeback and we had a chance to win it, but we put ourselves in a huge hole that we shouldn't have.'

The host Blue Devils scored 23 fourth-quarter points to tie it 36-36 and stopped the Cubs at midfield with a little more than a minute left in the game.

On second down, senior quarterback Ben Fry's pass was intercepted by senior Vaughn Caine, giving the Cubs one last possession before a possible overtime.

On the winning throw, Cleary faked like he was going to ground the ball to stop the clock and found a wide-open receiver in the end zone with 20.4 seconds left.

The Blue Devils ran two plays in the end, but a last-second pass went out-of-bounds and the rally ended.

"The bad thing is we lost this game, but the good thing is it is only week one and we have games left," Brandon said. 'We weren't mentally ready for this game and I take some of the blame for that. We need to come out firing and we didn't do that tonight until the fourth quarter."

The host Blue Devils scored

touchdown in the final seconds. The final score came off a fourth-and-20 conversion the play before.

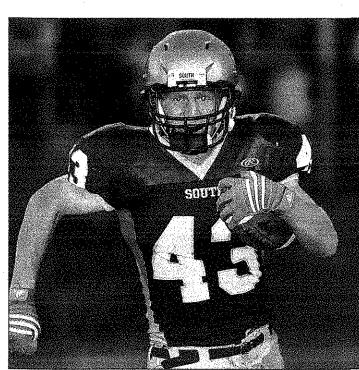
U-D went up 29-7 in the third quarter before Fry scored on a 4-yard run. The PAT was missed, but the Blue Devils were within two scores. 29-13.

A long kickoff return gave the Cubs excellent field position and two plays later they struck again, taking what seemed to be an insurmountable 36-13 lead.

Fry went to work, driving the Blue Devils down field and capping a 74-yard drive with a 5-yard TD run with 6:56 left in the game. He also converted a two-point conversion run, bringing the home team within 15 points, 36-21.

The defense forced a threeand-out and the offense got the ball back on its own 47vard line.

Three plays later, Fry scrambled 48 yards for another TD. With a defender closing in on a tackle, Mattison threw a perfect block, freeing Fry to run the final 10 yards for the score. They also added the two-



Junior Eddy Mollison turned the corner en route to a 36-yard game-tying touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

point conversion when Fry hit junior Wes Cimmarrusti in the end zone. All of sudden, it was a seve-point game, 36-29, with 4:24 remaining.

down the Cubs and gave the ball back to the offfense at its own 29-yard line with 2:36 left.

Fry hit Cimmarrusti with a 20-yard completion on the first play and hit Mattison for a 15yard gain on the second play. Junior Eddy Mollison finished the drive, scoring on a 36-yard run down the left sideline. Parker kicked the PAT, ty-

ing it at 36 with 2:01 left. The Cubs' offense stalled, giving the Blue Devils the ball near midfield with a chance to win the game.

The interception killed the drive and the Cubs capitalized by punching in the winning score.

For the game, Fry completed Once again the defense shut 14-of-23 passes for 226 yards and one touchdown, and ran for 114 yards and three TDs. Mattison had four receptions for 87 yards with the one TD and Cimmarrusti had five catches for 65 yards and two-

point conversion. The defense had three quarterback sacks, but did not force a turnover.

Grosse Pointe South dropped to 0-1 overall with its Macomb Area Conference Blue Division opener coming up Thursday, Sept. 2, at Port Huron Northern.

# Volleyball

### **GROSSE POINTE SOUTH**

# **Blue Devils win** tourney title

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' volleyball team is off to a nice start.

The Blue Devils worthe season-opening St. Clair Tournament with a 25-22, 25-17 win over Troy Athens in the championship match.

In the semifinals, they defeated Port Huron Northern 25-12, 25-14, and in pool play, the Blue Devils beat Utica Ford, Utica and Athens, and split with Northern.

Senior setter Ann Buslepp made the all-tournament team. while senior Mary Kate Kramer had 42 service points and 23 aces and sophomore Claire DeBoer added 41 kills.

"We wanted to play well and win a tournament," head coach Ryan Welser said. "The girls played very well and went on to win our first tournament. It the Skyline Invitational was a great way to start the Saturday, Sept. 11.

season.' Last week. South lost to

Monroe 25-11, 24-26, 16-18 in the semifinals of the Gibraltar Carlson Tournament.

The Blue Devils beat the host team in the quarterfinals and in pool play, they beat Flat Rock and Dearborn Fordson, plus with Temperancesplit Bedford.

"The split with a top-five team in Temperance-Bedford was huge for us," Welser said. "The girls realize they can play with any team if they play up to their potential. We wanted to get to the finals and had a good chance, but we didn't put it all together against Monroe."

Senior Karen Schumann led the team in kills and blocks, while Buslepp was the top allaround player.

Grosse Pointe South stands 8-1-2 overall.

Next for the Blue Devils is

# **Knights start on** positive note

### By Bob St. John Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' volleyball team swung into action last week, competing in the Christian Oakland Tournament.

In pool play, the Knights split with Oakland Christian and Royal Oak Shrine, and lost to Rochester.

In the Silver Bracket, the squad lost to Ferndale, finishing 0-2-2.

"We were able to beat (totalpoint wise) two rival programs our size who we haven't been able to beat," head coach Dan Sullivan said.

Leading the way for the Knights were sophomores Courtney Slabaugh, Ashley Rahi and Tori Wuthrich.



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first when Fry hit senior wide receiver Victor Mattison on a 59-yard bomb. Junior John Parker kicked the extra point, giving the Blue Devils the 7-0 lead.

The Cubs scored the next 21

LIGGETT

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points of the half, including a Senior Victor Mattison turned this catch into a 59-yard touchdown late in the first quarter.

# **Miscues** hurt in defeat

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

University Liggett's football team will put its season-opening 52-16 loss to Detroit Consortium Prep in the review mirror in a hurry.

The host Knights played a good first half and was knocking on the door late in the second quarter, but an interception at the goal line turned into a 95-yard touchdown for the Cougars.

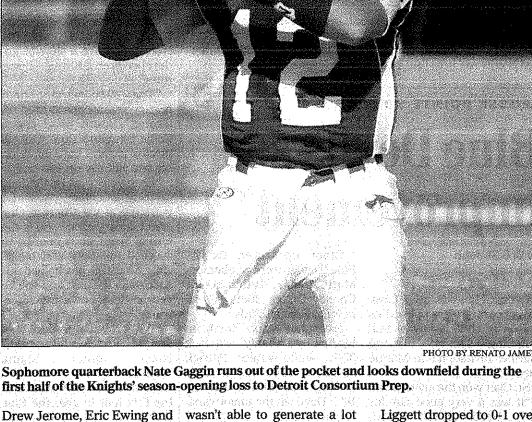
Instead of going in for the tying touchdown, the Knights found themselves trailing 26-8 at the half.

"That play was huge in the outcome of this game," head coach Dan Cimini said. "We were working the offense, moving the ball, but that turnover was a momentum killer.

"We played well, but the turnovers hurt and we need to play better defense." The Knights' defense couldn't stop the Cougars' speedy

backfield or big senior quarterback, Brendale Smith. For the Knights, sophomore quarterback Nate Gaggin completed 22-of-38 passes for 146 yards with one touchdown pass. He also ran for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

The sophomore trio of to pass, but the ground game



Manny Counsman caught a of yards. "We played a good team tomajority of the 22 pass completions and Ewing was the day," Cimini said. "They had recipient of Gaggin's touchdown pass in the second quarter. Gaggin had plenty of time

size and speed, but I think we had some positives to build

have to correct before our next game."

Liggett dropped to 0-1 over-

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all. Next is a 5 p.m. home game Thursday, Sept. 2, against Plymouth Christian. It is the Michigan off and some mistakes we Independent Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

# Norsemen take lumps on court

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

It's been a learning experience.

Head coach Kim Lockhart knows her youthful Grosse Pointe North girls' volleyball team will need these tough matches to prepare for the ultimate goal, win a district championship in November.

The Norsemen began the season by winning 3-of-5 matches in the Troy Round Robin Invitational and last week the squad finished 1-3-1 in the Dakota Tournament.

"Most of our games were close and I can see the girls are overall.

making progress," Lockhart said. "We lost some tough matches due to inexperience and I know we will take some bumps and bruises before we get better.

"I like our defense and the girls are playing hard. They want to get better and they will by playing these tough teams before we start our division play."

During the first two tournaments, the Norsemen's top players were seniors Micaela Liddane and Andrea Matthew, plus sophomore Breann Reveley.

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### **GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS**



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Grosse Pointe South's varsity runners, from left, Alexa Calas, Libby Fry, Christina Firl, Natalie Gay, Margaret Levasseur, Kelly Langton and Hannah Meier won the season-opening meet.

# **Blue Devils run to victory**

girls' cross country squad opened the season with an impressive first-place finish at the Marine 16-team City Invitational.

The meet featured many of the areas top Division 1 and 2 teams. South won the meet with 47 points, followed by St. Clair with 65, Grosse Pointe North with 108, Marine City with 131 and Macomb Lutheran North with 137.

field were South sophomores

**GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS** 

### The Grosse Pointe South Hannah Meier (first in 18:48) extremely happy with first time and Christina Firl (second in runners Libby (junior) and 18:58). Both Meier and Firl smashed the course record.

Following for the Blue Devils were Margaret Levasseur (10th), Libby Fry (13th), Natalie Gay (23rd), Kelly Langton (24th) and Alexa Calas (25th). All earned top-30 medals.

"As impressive as we were, we can see several things to work on," head coach Steve Zaranek said. "That was the Placing 1-2 in the 150-runner point of this early meet.

"On the plus side, we were

Alexa (freshman). They handled the pressure so well and gave us solid performances. We are a very deep team and they simply add even more to our depth.

"Our biggest challenge will be to work on the gaps between our top runners. If we can gradually reduce the gaps, we will contend with anyone. Than will certainly be a major goal for our team.'

South dominated the junior 11.

varsity race as well, taking six of the top 10 medal positions.

The Blue Devils were led by sophomore Nicole Keller, second; junior Carolyn Sullivan, third; senior Elise Corden, fifth; junior Ivana Kakos, sixth; freshman Mary Hennessy, ninth; and senior Molly Meszaros, 10th.

Also finishing in the top-20 were Alex Pizzimenti, Erika Bade, Erin Ivers, and Jordan Salley.

South next competes at the Algonac Invitational on Sept.

# LIGGETT Knights take **1st in Portland**

Tennis

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' tennis team won the Portland Tournament last week, winning five of the eight flights.

"This is the first time we won this tournament," head coach Chuck Wright said. "We tied Portland last year, but this is the first time we won it outright. The guys played very well and they won some big matches against a very good Portland team."

Junior Austin Petitpren won the No. 3 singles flight and sophomore Garrett Mallires followed by winning all three matches at No. 4 singles.

The Knights dominated the doubles flights, too, as juniors Robert Stanley and Boris Canzano beat Portland 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 in their toughest of three matches at No. 2 doubles.

The No. 3 doubles team of sophomores Alec Petitpren and Patrick Thomas finished a perfect 3-for-3, as did the No. 4 doubles tandem of freshman Anthony Palleschi and junior Chris Monsour.

The Knights' No. 1 singles player, Alejandro Blake, and No. 2 singles, Ian Quinlan, won 2-of-3 matches, while the No. 1 doubles squad of seniors

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH** 

Garrett Redding and George Park won 2-of-3.

In other matches, Liggett beat St. Clair Shores Lakeview 8-0 and Warren Cousino 7-1, and lost 7-1 to U-D Jesuit.

Against Lakeview, Blake smoked his foe, 6-0, 6-0, and the rest of the Knights followed suit, easily beating the Huskies. Quinlan, Austin Petitpren and Mallires won singles matches.

Winning doubles matches were Redding and Park, Stanley and Canzano, Alec Petitpren and Thomas, and Palleschi and Monsour.

Blake was the only Knight to beat U-D, winning 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1 singles. He missed the Cousino match, allowing Neil Sekhon to step in to the No. 1 slot. He played well, but lost.

The No. 3 doubles team played well in a losing effort and Mallires had a tough straight-set defeat, 7-5, 7-6, against U-D.

"We held our own against a good U-D team," Wright said.

Other winners in the Cousino match were Quinlan, Austin Petitpren and Mallires, as well as Redding and Park, Stanley and Canzano, Alec Petitpren and Thomas, and Palleschi and Monsour. Liggett is 2-1 overall.

**Tough tourney** preps South

By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's tennis team officially started its sea- won a match and our No. 4

Arbor Huron Invitational, playing against some of the top teams in the state.

"Each of our singles players





Grosse Pointe North's girls' cross country team placed third out of 16 squads in last week's Marine City Mariner Invitational.

"I was very pleased with the results," head coach Scott Cooper said.

Grosse Pointe South was first and St. Clair took second. The Norsemen's top seven runners were Kailey Sickmiller, Katy VanEgmond, Allison Francis, Laura O'Brien, Kit Maher, Kelsey Richards Hailey and Ferguson.

"Sickmiller has been pushing the workouts and asking for more every day in order to make the most out of her senior season," Cooper said. "She has some lofty goals that I think are attainable and she is well on her way."

Sickmiller was third overall and 90 seconds faster than the time she posted in the event last season.

"I am very pleased with this varsity group," Cooper said. "They are mostly juniors and sophomores who have all made great improvements to jump themselves into the top varsity."

Other highlights include Francis and Ferguson beating their best times from last year and VanEgmond is making strong strides, running in the No. 2 slot for the Norsemen.

"O'Brien, Richards and Maher are runners who last year were always just on the verge of greatness and now find themselves the leaders on this team," Cooper added. "It is a great group of runners."

On the junior varsity, Maria Vasquez was seventh in the field of more than 100 competitors, while earning breaker shirts this race (earned for accomplishing a specific time goal improvement) were Ferguson, Francis, Julia Rustmann and Dylan Trout.



Grosse Pointe North's Kailey Sickmiller put in a solid summer and is now ready to fulfill big goals this season.

# GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS **Blue Devils see** improvement

### By Bob St. John Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' cross country team opened its season in style last weekend, finishing second in the Mariner Invitational in Marine City.

St. Clair won the invitational. "It was a very good day for us," head coach Mark Sonnenberg said. "It was a great day to run and it is quite evident we're light years ahead of the same time last year." Leading the way for the Blue Devils was junior Austin

Other top scorers for the Blue Devils were sophomore Matt Geist, 10th; senior Connor Dixon, 20th; and junior Pat Rennell, 25th.

Freshman Jacob Knuth, in his first-ever varsity race, took 35th, while senior Patrick Mulier, a newcomer to cross country, was third to lead the Blue Devils in the junior varsity competition.

"We had a really nice day on the course, running some nice times," Sonnenberg said. "The guys are running with confidence."

Next for South is the Algonac Invitational Saturday, Sept. 11.

son last week with an 8-0 win over Grosse lie.

"We had some tough scrimmages before this match, which helped our guys get ready for Grosse Ile," head coach Tom Berschback said. "The score wasn't indicative of how close some of the matches were."

Devils competed in the Ann Gosselin.

doubles team won a match, Berschback said. "We made some strides in this tough tournament."

Senior John Willard, No. 1 singles; senior Matt Keane, No. 2; senior Charlie Miller, No. 3; and junior Matt Clune, No. 4, won a match, while the No. 4 doubles team was juniors Last weekend, the Blue Daniel Garberding and Alex

# Field hockey RIVALS South tops North

field hockey team took care of business Monday evening, shutting out city rival Grosse Pointe North 3-0.

Without two offensive stars from last year's team, the Norsemen have a slew of underclassmen filling those roles.

"The 2010 varsity field hockey season has started off strong," South head coach Millie Tompkins said. "Our returning players have come up big and will continue to lead.

"Keep your eyes on the field as there are many stars who will shine as we progress. One area I strongly focus on is the idea of 'team' unity in order to succeed mentally and physically. I feel this has helped our success in the past and will be very critical as we move forward."

"We gave it our best shot and we came up a little short," North junior Emma Huellmantel said.

Nora Beierwaltes scored in the first half to give the Blue Devils a 1-0 lead. Julie Wittwer and Carmen Engel tallied in the second half and Shelby Stone assisted on each of the three goals. Senior cocaptain Maddie McMahon also played well on offense. son opener and first game un- North is 0-1.

Grosse Pointe South's girls' der new head coach Melissa Carron.

The Blue Devils opened the season with two road victories against Saline and Ann Arbor Skyline.

The Blue Devils controlled the game against Saline from the first whistle and scored 20 minutes into the opening half on an unassisted goal by Liz DiMauro.

Wittwer added the second goal midway through the second half with an assist from Stone.

The Blue Devils defense played a strong game and did not allow a shot on goal. The defensive unit was anchored by seniors Ellie Harness and Andrea Marshall and junior Maggie Stafford.

South continued its winning ways by beating Skyline 3-0 as Lyndsey Walworth put the Blue Devils on the board at the 20-minute mark by recording her first goal of the season. DiMauro recorded the assist.

The Blue Devils offense continued to pressure Skyline in the second half as Wittwer netted her second goal of the season. Bella Blondell added the third goal with an assist from Stone.

Grosse Pointe South is 3-0 It was the Norsemen's sea- overall and Grosse Pointe

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Montgomery, who was third to take home a medal.

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# Friendly competition

Best friends Brian Cleary, right, and Ben Fry went head-to-head last week in the football opener when Grosse Pointe South hosted U-D Jesuit. Both played Red Barons football growing up and have been friends for years. They were on opposite sides last week and Cleary was able to drive the Cubs to the last-minute win, throwing a clutch touchdown to beat his buddy. Maybe the teams will meet in the playoffs at the end of October.

PHOTO BY ROBERT CLEARY

Seniors Katlin O'Shea led Division. the Norsemen with a 45 and

more Hannah Buzolits posted a career-best 45. The Blue Devils upset

Rochester Hills Stoney Creek and beat other solid teams Rochester, Troy and Holt, to capture the Holiday Inn championship.

It was the Blue Devils' second straight tournament title.

Boyle had a team-best 79, followed by Ella Pendy with an 81, Lily Pendy with an 83 and Shield with an 87.

"We shot a 330, which was very good for Forest Lake Country Club," Kingsley said. "Beating a good field that had Stoney Creek and Rochester is great for our confidence."

South is 1-0 overall and in the MAC Red Division.

# **GROSSE POINTE NORTH Opening defeat**

Grosse Pointe North's girls' senior Courtney Whickham Utica last week.

The Grosse Pointe South

We had a very good week

In the Macomb Area

Junior Ella Pendy and fresh-

golf team dropped its division had a 49 as the squad fell to 0opener last week, 172-197, to 1 overall and in the Macomb Conference Area Red

-Bob St. John

# **GROSSE POINTE SHORES Golf champion**

Joey Abiragi, an 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores resident, won the 2010 Junior Golf Tournament at Lochmoor Club.

Friend Zachary Kowalczyk of Grosse Pointe Woods and professional Jim Wilson presented the award.

Abiragi's other honors in-



Joey Abiragi

SOCCER

Grosse Pointe Soccer Association

#### PHOTO COURTESY OF THE KARABETSOS FAMILY

# **Helping hands**

Diane Karabetsos, top row second from left, reminds all local families there is still time to sign up for TOPS' fall season. TOP Soccer, the outreach program, gives children ages 3 to 12 with special needs the chance to learn soccer, have fun and be part of a team. Karabetsos is TOPS founder and program director. The season kicks off Sept. 18 and runs thorugh Oct. 30. For more information, go to grossepointesoccer.org.

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He was also the DLS nomiearning All-State the University of Michigan.

# SOCCER **Tourney champs**

The Grosse Pointe Breakers Pangborn and Sydney Benson. '99 Green team, coached by John Sirkorski, won the 12U Girls Red Division at the Waterfront Invitational Aug. 20 to Aug. 22.

The Breakers headed into the finals by beating Michigan Gators North 99, OUSC 99 and MI Legacy 99 Black. In the championship game, the Breakers beat the SCS Strikers 10-0. John Sikorski is also a coach.

Team members are Jaimie Leas, Ellie Withers, Hailey Murphy, Aubrey Leggat, Lauren Hunwick, Megan Louwers, Kayla Conlan, Emma Foy, Maddie Wu, Quinn

Coach J.P. Laurenceau's Grosse Pointe Salvo '02 White team won the Boys 9U Red Division at the 13th Annual St. Clair Shores Waterfront Invitational tournament the weekend of Aug. 21.

Salvo '02 White won all three games, beating SOCS Force Navy 03, SOCS Force 02 White and Almont United.

Team members are Matthew Fabry, Timmy Washburn, Nico Rabaut, Marvin Rushing, Andrew Judnic, Shane Campbell, Mateo Manriquez, John Blake, Bennett Smihal, Bobby Conlan and Will Aufdemberg.

# LITTLE LEAGUE

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The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Jaxx Little League team won the AA League championship this summer, beating the Sea Dogs 1-0. The Jaxx won three straight playoff games by the identical 1-0 score to earn the title. Pictured above are,



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front row from left, Cameron McLellan, Julia McLellan, Brendan Hull, Chris Lorelli, Raymond Morris and William Weiss; second row from left, Owen Martinbianco, Rvan Rokicki, Charlie Weiss, Johnny Godoshian, Dominic VanDoorne, Evan Nyquist, David Daher, coach Dino Martinbianco, manager Dennis Weiss, coach Jeff Rokicki and coach Charlie Godoshian. Erina Nazarko is not pictured.

### HOCKEY

# Ice Hawks start girls 12U

Hockey Club, based at mornings. Pointe Woods, is starting a new instructional team for girls 12 years old and under.

This is a developmental program that hopes to develop players to form a girls team next season. The skates are with full hockey gear. No previous skating experience is necessary.

All girls are welcome and there are no tryouts. All skates have one skate during the McCann Ice Arena.

McCann Ice Arena in Grosse Kolioupoulos, the head coach run the instructional program.

The Michigan Ice Hawks week and one on Saturday of the 1996 Michigan Ice Coach Tom Hawks, and Cary Peskin, will



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will be at Liggett's McCann Ice Pictured above is Michigan Ice Hawks Hockey Club instructor Arena and begin in late Cary Peskin, far right, along with, from left, Jake Babbish and September. The league will his sister, Bella, and Paul Boyer and his sister, Maddalena, at

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