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Board turns down early childhood proposal

By Mary Anne Brush
 Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Members of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education agreed there is a need for child care in the Pointes. The question

at the heart of a discussion during a work session Aug. 26, was the role of the Grosse Pointe Public School System in filling that need.

“I would say there isn’t any doubt we’ve had sufficient showing from the public that there is a need

for child care,” Board President Brian Summerfield said, adding he felt it was helpful to delineate between child care as age 0 to 2 and preschool as age 3 to 4.

After reaching consensus on the first question,

he moved on to the second: “What do we view as the district’s role and is it willing to respond to the need that we’ve all identified exists in the community?”

The work session was prompted by a GPPSS early education proposal

presented to the board and administration by a group of parents to expand the current program, which offers full- and half-day programs serving approximately 180 children. Barnes Early Childhood Center has one infant room,

three toddler rooms and two preschool rooms. Full- and/or half-day satellite preschool and pre-K classrooms are located at Monteith, Ferry, Trombly and Richard elementary *See PROPOSAL, page 3A*

City manager to retire

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Shores City Manager Mark Wollenweber announced his retirement at the Monday, Aug. 20, council meeting, which will be effective the first week of October.

“It’s a sad day,” Mayor Ted Kedzierski said to Wollenweber at the meeting. “Over the years you’ve performed so admirably. When I talk to people outside the area, I mean, you’re the guy. You’re at the top of the class.”



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Mark Wollenweber

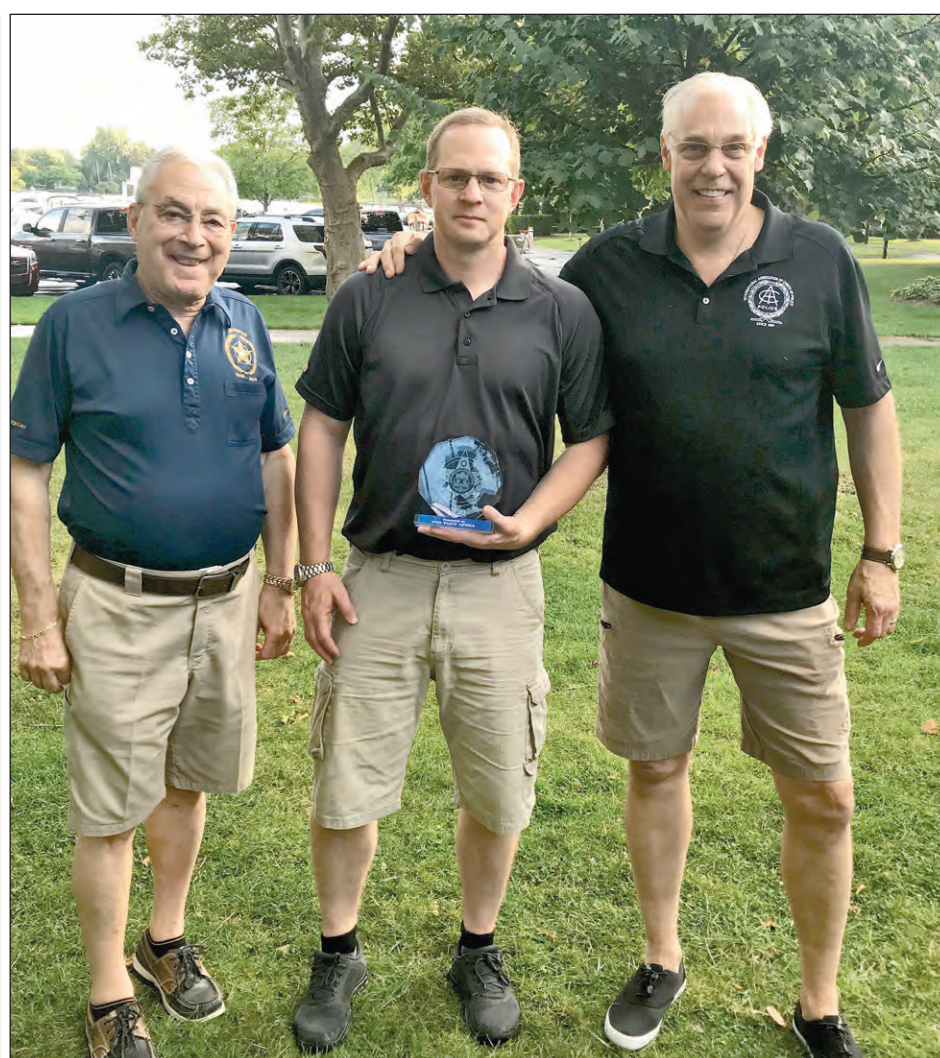
Wollenweber began his position in the Shores more than seven years

ago, following an already substantial career in public service, including as city manager in Huntington Woods 12 years, city manager in St. Clair Shores 15 years and city administrator in Grosse Pointe Woods around five years.

“I think there’s an opportunity at the local level to make a difference and to actually deal with people’s problems and fix them,” Wollenweber said of public service.

When he first came to the Shores, the city was on fiscal watch by the

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COURTESY PHOTO

From left, former public safety director Gary Mitchell, Tony Spina and Shores Public Safety Director John Schulte with the officer of the year award at the annual FOP picnic.

Leash or no leash at Osius?

Council contemplates rule changes for dogs owners

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Following two incidents with off-leash dogs in Osius Park — one biting a little girl and another menacing a woman — as well as recurring issues with residents not picking up after their dogs, Shores city council is considering changing the current rules that allow dogs to roam off-leash

in the wintertime. “Residents are very upset that this implementation might be happening,” Councilwoman Tina Ellis said. “... If they take their dog to the park in the middle of the winter and they’re the only people in there, you are requiring them to leave that dog on a leash? I have to agree with the people that have been writing to me.”

Councilman Doug Kucyk reported he

believes Osius Park currently is the only Grosse Pointe park to allow dogs off-leash.

“There’s a community of dog people here in the Shores who really care about our dogs and what happens with them, so we’re very concerned about what happens at the park,” said resident Susan Nowosad.

While initially consider-

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City manager interviews Sept. 4

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Grosse Pointe Park City Council and Mayor Robert Denner will hold public interviews of the final three candidates to

fill the vacancy of city manager at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, in the Palmer T. Heenan Municipal Center, 15115 E. Jefferson.

The interviews will *See MANAGER, page 2A*

2019 Officer of the year

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Shores public safety officer Tony Spina once walked in on an armed robbery in progress at 7-Eleven and successfully detained the person until St. Clair Shores police arrived.

The 18-year veteran of Shores public safety was honored as officer of the year of all the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods Wednesday, Aug. 21, by the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge.

“I’m a kind of quiet person, so honestly it was kind of humbling,” Spina said.

The award follows five previous lifesaving awards where his actions directly saved a life.

Most recently, in the early morning hours Dec. 27, 2018, Spina risked his own life to save a Woods man in his early 20s who drove his car into Lake St. Clair.

Spina was at the station processing a prisoner when dispatch reported there was a vehicle crash at Lakeshore and Lochmoor and since

only one officer is required for a vehicle crash, he headed to the scene alone.

He remembers, as he approached the scene, seeing taillights on Lakeshore driving away. He didn’t see any other cars on the road, so he assumed the vehicles involved had left, which he reported to dispatch.

“As I was saying that, (dispatch) response was, ‘OnStar is indicating that the vehicle is actually in the lake and they’ve just lost contact with it,’” Spina said. “So at that point, I just

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Yacht club introduces fitness center

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club hosted a soft opening of its new fitness center Friday, July 19, after overwhelming response from multiple member surveys indicated interest.

“It just meshed really well with how we’re evolving as a club for all seasons but also (as a family club,” Commodore Ilja J. Vreeken said. “It just tied in very well with that vision and so far it’s been very well received.”

The fitness center will be open 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week and of no extra cost to members.

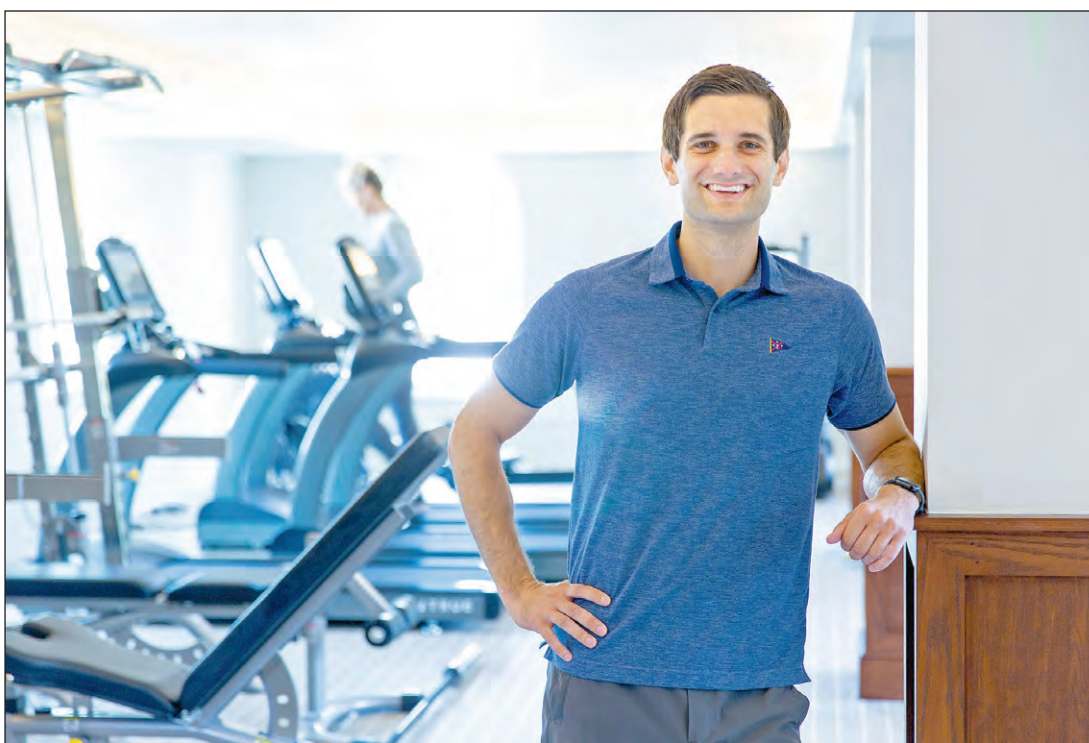
“The first question I had was, ‘How much is this going to cost me as a member?’ And the answer is, it is part of your membership,” Director and Athletics Chairman Bruce Knapp

said. “This fitness center is available to you as a member, so if you’re over at some fitness center locally and paying \$100 a month, perhaps you won’t need to do that anymore.”

It also will soon offer childcare from 8 a.m. to noon.

“That’ll give those young families the opportunity to come in, not have to worry about their kids in the summertime if they’re off school or are too young to go to school,” General Manager Aaron Wagner said. “They can come in, get their workout done and move on.”

The 1,000-square-foot space is largely a traditional gym, but Fitness Director Peter Wendzinski also has been brought in to run various programs, available at an additional cost, including personal training, kids fitness, walking groups on



Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Fitness Director Peter Wendzinski in the new facility.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN F. MARTIN

Lakeshore and boot camps. He also will be available to teach those who aren’t familiar with the equipment.

Four Peloton Bikes donated by a member enable the fitness center to offer both individualized training sessions and spin classes.

The center also will have grab-and-go healthy food available for after workouts such as salads, yogurt parfaits and smoothies made by the club’s chef.

The project kicked off in November 2018, when

it was determined the fitness center could fit well in the accounting office space. The accounting office then had to be moved into the breakroom space, which was closer to the rest of the staff, with the breakroom being moved closer to the kitchen, where employees could be served more quickly.

“We’re fulfilling a mission from the strategic plan and we’re fulfilling a desire from the membership survey and at the same time we’ve made our employee base hap-

pier by upgrading their areas,” Vreeken said. “... It’s a win-win-win for everybody. And now it’s a matter of just debugging it, fine tuning and enjoying.”

When they removed the drop ceiling from the space, it was discovered that the original architecture of the building was still there.

“They looked at how do we reintroduce the original architecture of the building and capture (it) within the facility of our fitness,” Vreeken said. “So that’s what they

did and it took a little bit longer, cost a little bit more, but they managed to do it. ... For the closed area that we were able to use, I think we maximized the potential for this facility.”

The club planned to host a grand opening for the center in early August.

“We’re promoting this healthy living, healthy environment,” Wagner said. “... I think it’s a great thing and I think it’s going to continue to attract more and more new members.”



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Urgent care open

Beaumont Urgent Care, 18700 Mack, is open in Grosse Pointe Farms, offering care for colds and flu, injuries, screenings, digital X-rays, lab services and more. Hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, including holidays. Call (313) 925-3486. During a recent ribbon-cutting event, Grosse Pointe chamber staff, Beaumont dignitaries and Grosse Pointe Farms City Manager Shane Reeside helped Beaumont’s President of Outpatient Services Connie O’Malley, interim President Dr. James Lynch, Regional Medical Director Dr. Bernice Sessa and Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Louis Theros cut the ribbon.

Family death leads to indefinite closure of neighborhood bakery

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A family member’s death Monday, Aug. 12, has led to the closing of a popular Grosse Pointe Woods bakery.

Customers have been spotted occasionally peering through the window of Breadsmith, 19847 Mack, in the weeks since the family-operated franchise outlet abruptly shut its door to customers. A printed note was posted, reading: “Breadsmith will be closed until further notice. Sorry for any inconvenience.” A second sign that since appeared reads: “Closed indefinitely. Thank you for your patronage over the years.”

Some nearby business owners and

residents of the Woods reported seeing emergency vehicles at the location Aug. 12 in the hours before the bakery shut down. Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke said the death was not considered suspicious and isn’t being investigated. Out of consideration for the family’s privacy, he didn’t elaborate.

Part of a retail chain in about a dozen states, the Woods Breadsmith location has been one of the most popular storefronts on Mack, known for its daily assortment of loaves, muffins and sweets.

—Eddie B. Allen Jr.



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Open for business

Jessica Oram Salon is now open in The Village at 16824 Kercheval, Ste. 104. Oram specializes in hair color and extensions and teaching people how to keep their hair healthy. Call (586) 745-4268 for an appointment.

Picture at a recent ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Grosse Pointe Chamber Administrator Regan Stolarski; Linda Grinnen; Linda Reid, chamber director of membership; salon owner and stylist Jessica Oram; City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Chris Boettcher; and Chamber President Jenny Boettcher.

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complete a search underway for the first time in 31 years, since the retirement of longtime City Manager Dale Krajniak this summer. Acting City Manager Nick Sizeland, who is among the final candidates for the position, has performed Krajniak’s duties for about two months. The other two candidates

scheduled to appear before the council are Victor Cardenas, Novi assistant city manager, and former Howell City Manager Reid S. Charles.

With support from the Michigan Municipal League, Park administrators and elected officials spent much of 2019 recruiting Krajniak’s successor. Candidate interviews are expected to range from about 45 minutes to an hour each,

but it’s not certain when the final announcement of a successor will be made.

“Council will decide at the end of the interview process what the next steps will be based on how the interviews went,” Denner said.

“I’m very confident that our choice of candidates will leave Grosse Pointe Park in the good hands of a manager who’ll handle day-to-day operations,” he added.

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Park residents invited to foundation's fundraiser

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation is calling on revelers with a cause.

From 6:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at 15366 Windmill Pointe Drive, the organization will host its annual fundraiser with the theme "Party in the Park."

This year's event at the lakefront home of Dr. Charles Okulski features a performance by the Jason Charles Band and special recognition of Dale Krajniak, the Park's recently retired city man-

ager. Tickets are available for purchase at \$150 — or \$40 for ages 40 and younger — at the Grosse Pointe Park website, grossepointepark.org.

"All of the monies that we raise are to support projects within the Grosse Pointe Park community," said Barb Detwiler, Grosse Pointe Park Foundation treasurer.

The fundraising goal for 2019's event is \$100,000 to support the installment of a pergola outside the Tompkins Center atrium. "Party in the Park" already has received a positive response from a record

number of sponsors — mostly individual residents — who've contributed \$98,000, Detwiler said.

"The residents are very proud of the things the Park has been able to accomplish," she added. "I think it's because Grosse Pointe Park residents truly believe this is a community and they want to support the community to the best of their abilities."

A key supporter throughout the years has been Krajniak, whose work in 31 years as city manager helped facilitate many of the foundation's philanthropic projects.

Detwiler and Shery Cotton, co-chair of the fundraiser, expect a strong turnout to help celebrate Krajniak's contributions and the general spirit of life in the Park, Detwiler said.

"Party in the Park" guests will enjoy a full dinner this year versus a standard cocktail event. First-time guests and regular supporters can all expect a good time in the good company of folks from the community they all share, Detweiler said.

"I think why we're so successful is because of the incredible generosity of our neighbors," she said.

held him once I realized we were up on shore. I just kind of locked my feet into the edge of the seawall (to) make sure we weren't going to go back and I just held us there until my partner got there."

The man was transported to the hospital and had surgery the next morning for a broken leg. The only other injuries he sustained were chest abrasions either from the accident or from being held against the seawall, Spina reported.

Along with his public safety officer work, Spina is on the firearms staff, is the department field training officer, a rescue diver with St. Clair County Sheriff's Office Dive Team, an EMS coordinator for Henry Ford Macomb Hospital and teaches at Macomb Community College.

He also recently was appointed to assistant team leader for the Eastern Wayne County S.W.A.T. Team.

"Everything just kind of blends well around Grosse Pointe Shores and, being fortunate that we do all three of the professions here, it just works out well," he said.

Spina currently is in the testing process for a promotion in the Shores department.

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schools. While the goal is to be cost neutral, the program generated approximately \$80,000 in 2018-19.

The parent team, led by Grosse Pointe Park resident Dave Brumbaugh, proposed expanding the program to a comprehensive full-time, full-year model with "satellite packs" in elementary schools offering tuition-based childcare from infants to 4-year-olds. Projected net income was \$1.47 million in the first phase, \$1.98 million in the second and \$3.04 million in the third.

The urgency in considering the proposal now was the team's assertion the expansion only works if the board reverses its June 24 vote to close Trombly and Poupard elementary schools.

Summerfield recommended establishing the district's goals with child care before evaluating a specific proposal for meeting those goals.

Trustee Cindy Pangborn pointed out while the school district's charter is K-12, the board should pursue early childhood education at each elementary school to remain competitive with other districts.

"We want to make sure all of our schools are intact with programs that include kindergarten and developmental kindergarten (Young 5's), then nursery school and then infants," she said. "... If you look at the email from the Trombly parents showing comparisons from like districts, we're way behind."

While other board members supported expanding preschool to meet the need, they didn't want to do so by reversing the decision to close schools.

"I think in Utopia we'd be able to provide what each and every person wants," said Trustee Chris Lee. "But where I come from, we're closing two schools and we're reconfiguring, so any child care plans has to include that reality. Let's say Trombly would be available in 2020 for early childhood care and education. If that can be worked out, that's fine, but I'm opposed to keeping Trombly and Poupard open and not reconfiguring to accommodate early childhood education."

"Keeping schools open

to expand the preschool does not address the program issues we were trying to conquer in the first place by having too few kids in the system," said Secretary Kathleen Abke. "... I cannot support keeping those elementary schools open with so few

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KATHLEEN ABKE
Secretary, GPPSS Board of Education

kids in the building, especially since we're moving fifth grade up to the middle school."

"If we come up one dollar short and the school district is running this program, guess who has to answer to the community," said Vice President Margaret Weertz.

Trustee Christopher Profeta said he wasn't comfortable "funding our general fund on the backs of young families — preschool families" with the increase in tuition and loss of part-time offerings.

Summerfield said he would support the proposal if start-up funding came from outside the school district and revenue generated from the program supported K-4 education.

Treasurer Judy Gafa supported the proposal and cited research about the importance of education for ages 0 to 5.

"If this is something that's viable and we can make it happen and make it work, I'm good with it," she said. "We can't keep closing schools. We're going to have to find a revenue source unless (state) funding changes significantly."

Having reached the consensus there wasn't enough agreement to pursue the plan, Summerfield asked the administration if they felt they had ample guidance to proceed.

"I want to be really clear to the community and to us, the administration," said GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus. "... We're at a Y right now. Are we going to close two schools and do reconfiguration and, if we are, then you've added the caveat tonight that we're going to expand where available or where the opportunities are there. If that's the

direction you're giving us, I understand that. ... We have one year from today for us to make a plan to be able to successfully make that transition."

"I think the consensus of the board was we are continuing down the

district on their needs and think outside the box. I'm truly shocked, honestly, that you even held this meeting — grateful — but you shouldn't stop here. You should use what you heard tonight to get the answers to the unknowns to make a decision founded on real data."

Wendy Relan urged board members to take another look at the email Brumbaugh sent them about top peer districts in the state offering care for children ages 0 to 2.

"It's easy to say that there will be room for these pre-K early childhood rooms after redistricting," she said. "... I really don't believe there will be. In fact, you won't be growing the program. You'll truly be shrinking it because I don't think you'll have room for the rooms that you currently have."

Brumbaugh agreed with Relan's assessment.

"While it sounds nice to say let's continue to grow incrementally ... I think that when administration crunches the numbers, you'll see that the space is not there and our ability to expand this program will be eliminated. Let's get the facts. Let's get some data. Let's bring in somebody who can provide real expert advice on this and from what we can see, it will take no more than 60 to 120 days to do a complete consulting and implementation on this at minimum cost to the district. If it's worth doing, it's worth doing right."

path of closing schools based on the conversation tonight," Summerfield said. "To the extent we can look for opportunities to expand the pre-K program in the buildings that would be existing, then we can do that, under the model that was set up previously that if there's demand out there, we can do that, as long as the funding is ... (not coming from) the general fund."

During public comments, Grosse Pointe Park residents expressed both gratitude to the board for considering the proposal and frustration with the results.

"I can't believe that in an hour and 45 minute meeting, I didn't hear a single board member say, how can we get the data to answer the concerns that are being addressed here?" said Cheryl Hess. "... How about you poll



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turned my head to the side and sure enough, I could see the vehicle that was out in the water."

He recalls it was extremely cold, rainy, dark and windy out. Weather Channel history shows the waves were three and four feet.

"I had my spotlight shined onto the lake and then I just got out with my flashlight and started calling out to see if anybody answered me," Spina said. "After I had called a few times, I did hear somebody faintly from the lake answering and I could see him."

The man was already out of his car, but was struggling to get to the seawall.

"I made the decision that I needed to try to do something, so I entered the water and ... was able to grab ahold of him and just pull him in and pin him between my body and the wall, holding us in place," Spina said. "It was probably just a few seconds shortly after that, one of the waves actually lifted us up out of the water and kind of slammed us down onto the concrete."

"That's where I just

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, SEPT. 2

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Bridge Walk, 9:30 a.m. at Lake Front Park, 23000 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ City offices closed for Labor Day.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

◆ Doggie Days of Summer, 4 p.m. at Osius Park, 800 Lakeshore.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m. at the Tompkins Community Center at Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr.

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◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Fall Beautification meeting, 1 p.m. at the Osius Park bathhouse, 800 Lakeshore.

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Longtime historical society administrator ready to retire

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Helga Liedtke came to the United States in 1966, after her older brother suggested she “come over for a while.” The Berlin-born bookkeeper was hired sight unseen at F. Joseph Lamb Co., and never looked back.

She does, however, fondly remember growing up in Germany.

“I was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1941,” she said. “I was one of eight children. ... I grew up in Germany. School there is different than it is here. I went to four years of elementary school, then six years of high school, but they call it gymnasium. I stayed home one year, then went to business college for one year.”

Liedtke worked at various companies, including the Ted Bates & Co. advertising firm.

“It was based in New York,” she explained, “but they had a German office in Frankfurt.”

After her oldest brother relocated to the States in 1960, he asked his sister if she’d like to visit. He told her he could get her a job.

“Every German at that time wanted to come to the United States,” she said. “It was the promised land.”

Not only did Liedtke work at F. Joseph Lamb



The Liedtke family, from left, Christina, Michael, Helga and Rudolph, at Michael Liedtke’s wedding.

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until 1975, she also met her husband in the U.S. She was set up on a blind date with Rudolph “Rudy” Liedtke, which went “fairly well,” she joked.

“He was of German descent,” she said, explaining their immediate connection. The couple will celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary next month. They have two children —

Michael and Christina — and one granddaughter,

Alexandria.

“Since I’ve come here, I’ve had four jobs,” Liedtke said. “I worked 13 years for my husband, who has a medical device company, RJL Systems. Then Wara Tapestries, which imported European tapestries from France and Belgium. I worked there 14 years.”

Her fourth and final job, where she’s worked more than 11 years, is with the Grosse Pointe



Helga Liedtke

Historical Society. She came by the work after deciding she should learn more about the community’s history.

“We moved to Grosse Pointe in 1982,” she said. “The Park is a great place to live. We came from Berkshire in Detroit. When we moved, my dad was over here. He said, ‘You need a bigger place.’ So he helped us buy our house.”

“My husband went to Grosse Pointe High School; he graduated in 1960,” she added. “My children went to Grosse Pointe (South) High School. I should know that (history).”

Her hours recently cut at Wara Tapestries, she was hoping to fill her time volunteering. On a whim, during a drive in 2008, she stopped at Jerry’s Party Store and learned the society was

located next door.

“I met Linda Johnson, who was the administrator at the time, and asked if she needed any help,” Liedtke said.

Johnson was looking for an office volunteer, so Liedtke began working two hours, once a week.

“Then Suzy Berschback left, so I asked her if she needed a secretary,” Liedtke said. “By that time I had quit my job. Then, Linda said she was moving to Boston. ... So Stuart Grigg and Penny Soby interviewed me and I became the new administrator.”

As time went on, Liedtke gained more responsibilities. These days, she puts in 12 hours a week for the society, which has a lot on its plate in the midst of a major capital campaign. So it was a bittersweet moment when Liedtke, 78, decided to retire. Her last day is Friday, Sept. 6.

“There’s a new broom coming in,” she said of her replacement.

Until her husband retires — his company celebrates 40 years of business next month — Liedtke will help him “a little,” but she also plans to add working out, lunching with friends and spending time with her granddaughter to her retirement schedule.

“I always think you need a purpose,” she

said. “This was a great purpose. ... You get up in the morning and go someplace and you do a job. It will certainly be a big change. But there comes a point where you have to say that’s it.”

One thing’s for sure; she won’t be spending her newfound free time cleaning house.

“I will not clean my house because I don’t like doing it,” she said. “I told my husband there are two things I will never do. I won’t ever clean my house and I won’t ever do my own hair.”

Travel certainly is in their future. A trip to Hilton Head is around the corner and she wants to go to Florida this winter.

“We travel by car,” she said. “We take our time. No expressways ... we take the back roads. It’s fun to see the little towns; all big cities are the same.”

Liedtke said she may visit her four siblings, who still live in Europe. Or perhaps spend time with her fashion designer daughter in New York.

Gardening and reading are two other pastimes she hopes to devote more time to.

“I love to read,” she said. “I learned to read when I was 4. My older siblings had to read to me and they got tired of it, so they said, ‘Here, let me show you how to do it.’”

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Michigan Department of Treasury. It is now one of only three communities in the county to be AAA-rated.

Early 2012 was a time of turmoil for the city for other reasons as well, Kedzierski recalled.

“We were about to get sued by the yacht club for allegations of overbilling, high six-figure amounts,” he said. “(Wollenweber) led the team into the mediation chambers where we ended up with basically a win-win for

the community and we avoided litigation.”

Other major projects during Wollenweber’s time as city manager include upgrading the city’s mechanical equipment early on, the Osius Park guardhouse and refinancing bonds at a better rate for the city long term; however, he considers watching his employees, or coworkers as he refers to them, grow as his proudest accomplishments.

“Nothing’s prouder to me than when you see your people succeed,” he said. “Sometimes you have to push them to suc-

ceed further, because you know if you’re not challenged a little bit, you don’t really grow.”

The staff has been his favorite part of nearly every place Wollenweber has worked, he said.

“I think in each place, you make friends with staff people to the extent that you can, you meet wonderful people in the community who are so giving of their time and effort to make things better and so it’s really the people in almost any place that I’ve worked that have been great to work with,” he said.

The city manager’s per-

manent residence is a condo on Lake Huron, where he is looking forward to spending his time.

“As you get old, you look at do you want to come in, even here, four days a week?” Wollenweber said. “I look forward to going home on the weekends, seeing my friends, Max and Molly our cats and my wife and jumping in the water. ... There’s always time for change and whether it’s an opportunity for someone that’s going to stay longer than I would, that’s an opportunity for somebody else.”

Traveling also is in the cards as he and his wife go to Disney World a couple times a year and plan to go on a cruise next year.

Wollenweber will continue to serve as a Grosse Pointe representative to the Detroit Area Agency on Aging and a senior adviser for the International City/County Management Association.

He also is on the American Society of Public Administration local chapter board.

“I can’t say enough over the years what a gentleman you’ve been and what a leader you’ve

been,” Kedzierski said at the council meeting. “I talk to other people, Grand Rapids, outside the city. You’re well known Mark. ... You started in Huntington Woods, then you were in St. Clair Shores. You were in Grosse Pointe Woods. At each one of these stops, you added some vitality to the cities and you’ve done that to our city. It’s going to be a tremendous loss and I just want to express my support for what you’ve done to the community.”

A reception for Wollenweber will be held Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Money dispute

Officers were called to a home on McMillan at 8:48 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, for a domestic dispute in progress.

A 38-year-old Farms man was upset with his wife for waiting three months to cash a \$2,000 check he had written her, since he just got a pay cut. The two yelled at each other and officers found the pantry door had been punched off the hinges.

Expired registration

After noticing a vehicle with an air-freshener hanging from the rearview mirror cross over a

solid white line on west-bound Mack at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, a check of LEIN/Secretary of State showed the plate was not valid and the registration had expired earlier this month.

The vehicle was impounded.

Take some, leave some

A 24-year-old Farms man left his vehicle unlocked at his Fisher residence around midnight Tuesday, Aug. 20, and returned around 6

p.m. to find it rifled through.

The vehicle booklet, \$15 in change, an insurance card and a black leather Coach wallet with credit cards inside were stolen.

A skateboard, sunglasses and an expensive jacket were left behind.

No insurance

A vehicle on west-bound Mack was pulled over at 5:46 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, for an air freshener hanging from the rearview mirror as well as a LEIN/Secretary of

State check showing expired registration and no insurance.

The 71-year-old Detroit driver was not the owner of the vehicle and walked home, while the car was impounded.

Stacking violations

At 6:47 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, a vehicle on Mack was pulled over for an expired registration, an unlit brake light and two children in the backseat without car seats.

The 31-year-old Harper Woods driver said he did

not have a driver’s license and was suspended.

A LEIN/Secretary of State checked showed him to have two prior and seven current suspensions, as well as a warrant out of Harper Woods and two out of St. Clair Shores.

The man was arrested for driving while license suspended.

Wrong turn

A 38-year-old Grosse Pointe man’s vehicle was impounded at 7:28 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, after he drove through an intersection on Mack in the right-turn-only lane and LEIN/Secretary of State showed he didn’t have a valid plate.

Intoxicated ex

Officers were called to Grosse Pointe Boulevard the evening of Saturday, Aug. 24, when an intoxicated 35-year-old Farms

woman caused a commotion at her ex-boyfriend’s house, claiming he stole her phone. She also threatened to falsely report he had beaten her.

Officers found the phone sitting on a car tire, advised the ex-boyfriend to file for an order of protection and gave the woman a ride home.

Around 10:27 p.m. later that evening, she was found driving her car. She claimed to be taking it home because she did not trust her ex-boyfriend with it at his house, but she was going in the wrong direction and smelled of intoxicants.

The woman refused the preliminary breath test, saying she was willing to accept the civil infraction.

She was arrested for operating under the influence.

— Laurel Kraus
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ing a new rule during the council meeting Tuesday, Aug. 20, that dogs have to be leashed at all times, the council began searching for alternative compromises due to the outcry from dog owners.

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Bisballe suggested following a similar system to that which Central Park uses, where there is an unleashed dog policy from 7 to 9:30 a.m. After 9:30 a.m., all dogs must be on a leash.

This could translate to Osius Park as perhaps one scheduled hour in the morning and one in the evening, he said.

Bisballe also was a big proponent of requiring dog owners to have fobs, like at the Shores dog park.

Having the fob, which residents would show to the ranger at the gatehouse, would mean the dog is licensed, vaccinated and registered in the community.

Alternatively, Councilman Matthew Seely proposed using a temporary snow fence to

create a fenced-in area from the right of the gatehouse to the yacht club fence where dogs could run free.

“So then if you want to take your dog off the leash, you just go in that area and then you don’t have to worry about times, you don’t have to worry about anything,” he said. “And then we can look in the spring and see if there’s an issue with the dogs not being taken care of by their owners and that would solve it.”

The council plans to look into if the city has enough snow fence to do

so.

Nowosad addressed this, saying this wouldn’t be ideal since many dog owners enjoy walking along the plowed sidewalks in winter while their dogs roam through the snow.

“I guess what I’d like to suggest is there must be some type of communication between dog owners and somebody making these decisions,” Nowosad said, volunteering to be a liaison representing dog owners.

The council agreed there must be a compromise.

Mayor Ted Kedzierski suggested they table the matter and look at it again in September or October.

“Just recently we’ve received quite a bit of feedback from a couple of passionate residents,” he said.

Seely motioned they table the matter until the September meeting, which Ellis seconded.

The next parks committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 15, but the date may be moved up so residents get a chance to voice their concerns to the commit-

tee before the September council meeting.

It also was suggested that Joe Cipriano, chairman for the parks committee, talk with the committee and make a recommendation the night of the September meeting.

The status quo for leashing rules will remain for now.

“People love their dogs,” Nowosad said. “We care about what happens to them and to see my dog run at the park in the winter, it’s a great thing. It’s good for her, but it does me good too.”

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Computer scam

A 70-year-old Grosse Pointe woman received a phone call at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, from a man who said he worked for her computer security software company and needed information to fix her computer.

After giving him her name, address and remote access to the computer, he told her it would cost \$200 in Walmart gift cards to fix the issue.

When she complied, he asked for another \$500 gift card. The woman refused and the suspect shut down her internet and access to her computer.

Missing key fob

Officers were called to a Fisher residence at 7:20 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, when the key fob to a 36-year-old Grosse Pointe man’s vehicle was taken from the unlocked vehicle sometime between 6 a.m. and then.

The glove compartments and center consoles in both his vehicles were open and items were strewn about.

Nothing else was taken from the vehicles.

Stolen laptop

A 26-year-old Grosse Pointe man parked his vehicle at his Lakeland residence at approximately 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, and returned around 7:30 a.m. the next morning to find his silver HP laptop missing from the backseat.

The man was unsure whether he locked the vehicle and no signs of forced entry were observed.

Bike theft

After leaving his 2002 silver Giant Sedona bike locked in the south Mack alley near Washington for a few days, a 35-year-old Woods man discovered it missing around 9:55 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Armed robbery

A 17-year-old was robbed at gunpoint around 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, while walking a

dog with his 24-year-old cousin in the 20700 block of Mack. The young man was traveling northbound, south of Anita, near the Big Boy restaurant when a suspect approached him from behind and spun him around, he told police.

The man, who was with a second suspect, pointed a silver pistol at the victim and demanded he empty his pockets before taking a leather wallet containing a credit card, driver’s license and about \$15. An iPhone 6S and the victim’s house keys also were taken.

The armed robber, who fled with his accomplice eastbound on foot on Anita, was described as a black man with a thin build, about 20 years old and 6 feet tall. He had short hair and a dark T-shirt with graphic, colored print. The second suspect was a black man with short hair, also about 6 feet tall, wearing a sleeveless undershirt and black denim shorts.

Larceny of auto parts

A 27-year-old woman discovered her vehicle no longer had its wheels or tires around 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, in the 1800 block of Newcastle.

The car parts were stolen between 12:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m., she told police. Ten lug nuts and a The North Face backpack containing identification linked to a Hazel Park High School student were left at the scene.

Auto theft

A 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee has been recovered after it was stolen from the 1900 block of Newcastle sometime between 11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, and 6

a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24.

The vehicle’s owner used a Sprint Drive location app that led police to the vehicle parked in Detroit’s 15600 block of Glenwood. The undamaged vehicle was towed from the location. No arrests were made.

Property damage

The fence was damaged at a home in the 1800 block of Lochmoor Thursday, Aug. 22, after it appeared a vehicle struck the property.

The home’s resident found the fence broken from a side facing an alley where traffic travels after she returned home about 11 p.m. She’d left the house for work early in the day.

Dog attacked

A cockapoo suffered puncture wounds after it was bitten by a stray dog in the area of Oxford and Jackson around 2 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, while the owner walked the cockapoo.

The man and his wife struck the stray with sticks until it ran away, then sought medical attention. The stray dog was described as a golden-colored boxer mix.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Home invasion

Two laptop computers, audio equipment, a men’s wedding band and \$130 were taken from a home in the 1400 block of Buckingham between 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, and 11 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19.

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The front door of the house had been left unlocked while the family was away.

Larceny from auto

Prescription medications and about \$35 in change were among items stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 700 block of Berkshire between 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, and 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19.

Larceny from auto again

Power tools, sunglasses and a wallet containing cash and credit cards were taken from two unlocked vehicles in the 500 block of Barrington sometime overnight between Monday, Aug. 19, and Tuesday, Aug. 20.

Larceny from auto yet again

A woman’s purse was recovered after it was stolen from an unlocked

vehicle in the 1400 block of Bishop between 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, and 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21. Also stolen were \$5, a pair of Ray-Ban sunglasses, a driver’s license and about \$15 from inside the purse.

The handbag was later found at Cadieux and Warren, still containing all of the owner’s credit cards.

Larceny of auto parts

The wheels and tires were stolen from a 2016 GMC Yukon parked in the 1000 block of Devonshire during the early hours of Wednesday, Aug. 21.

Credit card theft

A 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man was arrested after he allegedly used a credit card stolen from the deck of a home in the 1300 block of Maryland between 5 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21.

The card was used

twice at a Kroger in Canton Thursday, Aug. 22, leading police to the suspect. The woman said she left the card on her rear deck overnight.

Bike stolen

A Fugi Crosstown bike was stolen after it was left at Kercheval and Nottingham between 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25. The owner of the bike told police he chained it to a pole at the location after its tire went flat. He returned to find it missing.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

Report information about these and other crime to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 882-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

No new incident reports.

— Laurel Kraus

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OUR VIEW

Cell phone policy wise

Middle schoolers may be unhappy as they head back to school next week, but their parents should be celebrating the new policy that puts cell phones off-limits during the entire school day.

More and more studies suggest too much screen time is bad for kids. And that's before adding in the pressures related to social media that can heighten the stress of navigating the middle school years.

The "off and out of sight" policy surely will encounter some bumps along the way. But the Grosse Pointe Public School System is wise to keep making as much progress as possible in limiting screen time beyond what works well as part of teaching and learning.

Elementary students already are not allowed to use cell phones. High school students have limits on cell phone use in the classroom, but may use them elsewhere, such as at lunch and in the hallways during class changes.

At the three middle schools, students will now be required to turn their phones off and leave them in their lockers or use string bags provided by the school to tuck them away.

The new middle school plan is designed not to be punitive, but to encourage better habits. Students won't face detention or other discipline if they get their phones out.

Adults — especially those the age of most parents these days — are themselves just beginning to come to grips with the downside of continuous communication. Phone detox retreats have become more common. As described in a recent New Yorker article, a former Google project manager has founded a non-profit, first named Time Well Spent and now the Center for Humane Technology, to address what has been called an "attentional crisis."

Teachers themselves will need to model best practices. And parents can pitch in, both by vocally supporting the new policy and by working to improve their own practices.

Many experts suggest that a good start is making sure cell phones get sequestered during family meals and other times any family members are together. Car rides can offer surprisingly good opportunities for talking, and the driver shouldn't be using a phone anyway — or abiding the distraction of others' phone habits. Cell phones are notorious for disrupting sleep; there also are recommendations to ban them from the bedroom.

But the attention problems rooted in cell phones and other devices may barely scratch the surface when it comes to middle schoolers, in particular. Use of various social media seems to lead to increasing stress, worries about embarrassment and anxiety about what others think or are saying about them.

At least one recent study points to increasing mental health problems among young people, from anxiety to depression. The change, coming over the last decade, seems to correlate best with the explosion in social media.

Closer to home, at least one parent came to a Board of Education meeting this summer to plead for limits on cell phone use.

Concerns about screens date back to the introduction of television. Telephones of any type also had their own distraction-related problems, at least until answering machines and voicemail became common. But the melding of communication, entertainment, game-playing and media into one device has created an overload.

For academic purposes, it's the declining ability to concentrate that seems most worrisome. Kids who want to fool around in class will still find ways; some of them may be even more disruptive, at first.

But the hope that students will gradually lengthen their attention spans and also return to more face-to-face socializing is well-placed. Perhaps some training in good conversation — a requirement for all well-mannered people at some point in the distant past — may be in order for students and parents alike.



Pure Grosse Pointe

City of Grosse Pointe resident Allison LaPointe snapped this photo during a block party on Notre Dame on Aug. 24. "I thought the GP News might like to see how we are loving life despite ongoing gas line work," she wrote. "Hope you're enjoying the end of this magnificent summer!"

OUR VIEW

Dr. Robinson was a class act

Huge shoes to fill."

That's John Stempfle mourning the loss of Sandra Robinson, the provost of Wayne County Community College District's University Center in Harper Woods.

Dr. Robinson died Aug. 18, leaving behind entire communities of people who benefited from her tireless efforts to improve education. In her role as provost, she oversaw tremendous expansion of distance learning, which provides local access to four-year degrees after students earn their associate degrees.

She also put tremendous effort into connecting the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods with the community college's resources. Mr. Stempfle, a Grosse Pointe councilman, participated in the center's east side advisory board under Dr. Robinson's leadership. He, like other colleagues, described her as organized, professional — and always having a smile on her face.

Working with the late Dr. Julie Corbett, a Grosse Pointe teacher and educational consultant, and various local groups, Dr. Robinson got involved in activities related to literacy and lifelong learning that many Pointers have enjoyed. That includes Books on the Lake, featuring noted authors, and December Delight, with a chef-led cooking class.

Chancellor Curtis Ivery noted that WCCCD now has the highest enrollment of distance-learning students among all the state's community colleges. John Chouinard, a Park councilmember who also serves on the east side advisory group, also pointed out that Dr. Robinson's work included organizing the



Dr. Sandra T. Robinson, left, with her longtime friend and collaborator, Dr. Julie Corbett.

links to four-year schools, which range from institutions such as Walsh College to the biggest universities.

"If you open the dictionary and look for classy, polished, sophisticated, her picture would have to be there," Dr. Ivery said. "I just think the world of her."

Dr. Robinson began her career as a Detroit Public Schools teacher before moving into many administrative posts with the district and elsewhere. She served as president of WCCCD's eastern campus before becoming provost at the University Center campus.

She leaves behind many people who stand in awe of her accomplishments and describe how much they'll miss her. Indeed, those are big shoes to fill.

OUR VIEW

Pointe water free of PFAS

Both good and worrisome reports are compiled in the state's Aug. 15 complete documenting of its program to test all community water sources for PFAS contaminants. Although much of the testing results had already been in the news, the full compilation is mostly reassuring.

There were no detectable PFAS at the Grosse Pointe Farms water plant and all locations tested for the Great Lakes Water Authority. Between the two, that covers the entire water supply for the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and virtually every other location where residents might work.

The bad news is that there was enough contamination in Lake St. Clair to add limits on fish consumption for two species, bluegill and sunfish.

PFAS is the collective abbreviation for a group of highly persistent chemicals that are widely used in consumer products and can accumulate in the body over a lifetime. While most discoveries of high levels suggest they travel in water, they have been detected in polar animals, which suggests other pathways

exist, as well.

Investigation continues at Selfridge Air National Guard base, the closest contaminated site to the Pointes. PFAS — believed mostly to have come from products used in multiple firefighting systems — showed up in the surface water, soil and groundwater at the base.

Surface water at Selfridge drains directly into Lake St. Clair; groundwater also eventually reaches the lake.

That means it will be important to continue PFAS testing at the municipal plants that draw their water from the lake, such as Grosse Pointe Farms and Mount Clemens. Mount Clemens' water plant, which draws from Lake St. Clair and supplies drinking water to Selfridge, also was found to have no detectable levels of contamination.

Concerns are not new about various contamination problems at military bases. But about two years ago, the state was stunned by extremely high PFAS concentrations found in residential wells affected by industrial use; seepage from a landfill used by Wolverine Worldwide, the shoemaker based in Rockford, has made that neighborhood the poster child for problems nationwide.

Coming in the wake of lead problems in Flint's drinking water, former Gov. Rick Snyder launched comprehensive, statewide tests. They covered more than a thousand community water supplies, nearly 500 schools on their own wells, plus tribal water systems, and many daycare buildings and Head Start locations. This summer, tests were to continue on other small operations that use wells.

That has put Michigan far and away in the lead for uncovering even small levels of contamination, which explains why national maps for PFAS "discoveries" makes the state look like it's plagued.

But most experts believe Michigan hardly stands

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Anticipation high with fall sports starting



Another year of high school sports is upon us, starting this fall with Michigan High School Athletic Association sponsored football, volleyball, boys soccer, field hockey, girls golf, boys tennis, boys and girls cross country and girls swimming and diving.

rivalries begin. The annual football game is late this year with kick-off at South on Friday, Oct. 18, during week No. 8 of the season.

Both schools have a couple of new coaches in this fall season.

These athletics will run through the end of November, and then the winter sports will kick off with boys and girls basketball, boys and girls hockey, wrestling, gymnastics, boys swimming and diving and competitive cheer.

South has a new boys basketball coach, longtime Grosse Pointer Steve Benard. South also

has new coaches for both boys and girls hockey programs, while North has a new boys hockey head coach.

The winter sports run from mid-November through mid-March, and they give way to spring sports with baseball, softball, girls soccer, boys and girls lacrosse, boys golf, boys and girls track and field, and girls tennis taking center stage.

It's year No. 2 of David Martin's tenure as head coach of North baseball. He has a 2-1 lead in games over South legend Dan Griesbaum. They look forward to a

couple more head-to-head meetings in the spring.

However, before any coach takes the field with their team, each head coach took part in a new initiative called the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) workshops to all school and community stakeholders."

All head coaches, at both the varsity and sub-varsity level, are required to attend a minimum of two PCA workshops throughout the school year. Workshops also are provided to students and parents to create well-rounded athletes and equip parents with tools to sup-

port their children for a positive athletic experience.

North and South Athletic Directors Michelle Davis and Chris Booth added, "the workshop is for all head coaches. It will then be each head coach's professional responsibility to disseminate the information from the workshop to their assistants."

The goal is for coaches, athletes, parents and fans to enjoy the games on the field and not get caught up in theatrics that embarrass each school. Support each student-athlete, and let the games begin.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

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SCHOOLS CLOSED UNTIL SEPT. 18:

The Grosse Pointe schools will not be opened until Sept. 18 because "the polio situation has reached a point where it could be considered a mild epidemic and that while the situation is by no means of a major epidemic proportion, every precaution should be taken not to excite further spread of the disease," as recited in a formal statement issued by the Board of Education.

POSTMAN'S FRIEND IN DEEP TROUBLE: The big collie dog that has been traveling companion of the postman who serves the Bedford-Essex neighborhood had got himself into trouble. While extremely friendly with the postman, he does

not entertain the same kindly social instincts for others.

He has bitten several persons and Patrolman Hoyer went out to get him in his patrol car. He caught sight of the dog several times, but the wise old boy knows the difference between a postman's uniform and that of the police.

The dog's mistress has been notified to either bring him in or dispose of him.

Obituaries: William B. Mondry

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 4:

The Grosse Pointe Public School System's staff of 998 stands ready to serve a student population estimated at 13,340 when

classes resume in the system's 15 buildings Thursday, Sept. 4.

Grosse Pointe North High School, which opened its doors to ninth-, 10th- and 11th-graders last September, will have a senior class for the first time this fall.

The enrollment pattern for the sixth grade has been altered for the 1969-70 year. Where classrooms are available, sixth-graders will be housed in the three middle schools. Poupard will retain two sixth-grade classes and one sixth-grade class will go to Parcels. Trombly will keep one class and send two to Pierce. Defer will keep three classes and send one to Pierce.

Barnes, Ferry and Monteith will keep all sixth-graders in their buildings. All sixth-graders at Mason will go to Parcels, Maire to Pierce and Kerby and Richard to

Brownell.

EDUCATORS OK LEASE FOR RENTING SPACE TO COLLEGE:

The members of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education agreed Monday, Aug. 25, upon a lease with Wayne County Community College, granting WCCC the use of classroom space at North High School.

The controversy, which arose over the college's request for use of seven classrooms and three lab rooms, has resulted in two legal actions against the board. One is by seven citizens who wish the matter placed on the ballot at a special election and one by the city of Grosse Pointe Woods claiming a parking ordinance violation.

Obituaries: Harry R. Dey, R. Gerald Jordan,

Mary Moore Joy, Alpha Noble, Robert L. Packer, Ida M. Reiman, Elizabeth Secord

1994

25 years ago this week

CLOSED BEACHES NOTHING NEW —

REMEMBER 1944?:

The more things change, the more they stay the same. While Grosse Pointers are disappointed that beaches along Lake St. Clair have been closed for most of the summer thanks to dangerous levels of E Coli bacteria, they may be surprised to learn that swimmers 50 years ago suffered the same fate.

Obituaries: Arthur Bokatzian, James S. Kawsy, Audrey J.

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FARMS OFFERS BEST DEAL FOR SHORES:

Revised cost estimates show it would be less expensive than previously thought for Grosse Pointe Shores to buy water from Grosse Pointe Farms.

Obituaries: James Michael Angelos, Gerry Auk-Bayer, Gustaf R. Daniell, Carol Easton, Kathryn Drennan Hathaway, Mary V. Hoff, Jerry Lee Jarrard, Owen B. Middleton, Harold C. Nelson, Barbara Norton, Mary Catherine Raymond, Madeline E. Walters

—Karen Fontanive

PFAS:

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alone. Plus, almost everyone in the country, and perhaps the world, would test positive for PFAS. It's easy to get exposed at home, from nonstick cookware and heat resistant packaging such as for microwave popcorn, for example.

The persistent, indestructible qualities of PFAS are exactly what made them attractive in the first place, especially for firefighting and fireproofing. Wolverine used ScotchGard, with its PFAS, for waterproofing its shoes.

Only two chemicals in the PFAS family have been studied well enough to determine that high levels are dangerous. They have been linked to cancer, may interfere with hormone and immune systems and could have harmful effects on childhood development.

Considering how many chemicals are out there — and inside most

Michiganders, including PBBs from the mid-1970s — this class of chemicals may not be cause for panic. But the state, with its wealth of new test results, has to stay alert and keep monitoring where needed, including Lake St. Clair.

Fish guidelines: Since last year, the state has recommended limiting consumption of bluegill and sunfish from Lake St. Clair to four servings a week.

Serving size is calculated by weight: 8 ounces for a 180-pound person, 4 ounces for a 90-pound person, 2 ounces for a 45-pound person; adjust for other weights by adding or subtracting about 1 ounce for every 20-pound difference.

These are the first limits attributed to PFAS chemicals. Limits and "do not eat" warnings have long existed on many other Lake St. Clair fish because of mercury and PCB contamination. Michigan has regional Eat Safe Fish Guides that can be found online.

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TEACHERS IN THE SUMMERTIME

This article is part of a series on teachers spending time in the summer to enhance their knowledge and enrich their classrooms for the benefit of their students.

Trombly staff give GoogleFEST 'a go'

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

GoogleFEST, held at the Cobo Center in Detroit Aug. 6, had something for everyone — and attendees from Trombly Elementary School each had the opportunity to sample something different during 45-minute breakout sessions.

Presented by the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning and Google for Education, the full-day personalized conference for educators kicked off with a keynote address by Canadian educators Jen Giffen and Kim Polishuke. In a talk titled “Have an AHA? Give it a go!” they challenged audience members to question why they failed to act on moments of inspiration or missed an opportunity, large or small.

One anecdote from their address particularly reso-

lated with Principal Walt Fitzpatrick. A student participating in a contest for a public service announcement wanted to use a song by Nickelback in his group's video.

Contest rules precluded the use of downloaded music due to copyright laws. When the student asked the teacher whether he could write to Nickelback for permission, she was hesitant at first. It wasn't in the rules, but she decided to “give it a go” anyway. The student not only wrote to the band and received their permission, but when his group won the contest, a band member called to congratulate them.

The presenter “talked about how many times as educators we put up a spotlight, not allowing kids to explore their interests and take a project beyond,” said Fitzpatrick. “... If there are opportunities for kids to take some-



COURTESY PHOTO

Kate Price used the new Chromebook she won at GoogleFEST to create a back-to-school game and slide presentation for her first-grade students using Flippity, the software she learned at the conference.

thing further or try something different, we as educators should be more encouraging.”

Fitzpatrick hopes to bring this attitude with him for the start of the school year — along with some pragmatic ideas he gleaned from a session on using Google sheets for record-keeping which he plans to share with his staff.

Dineen Krotche, secretary to the principal, said she also was inspired by the quote, “If you have an idea, give it a go.”

“Even the smallest ideas can come to fruition with a bit of perseverance,” she said.

She attended sessions on Google basic drives and documents, photo man-

agement, newsletters with Google slides and Google tips and tricks.

“I learned a few new things from each session that I hope to share with other staff members to help make their lives ‘Google’ easier,” she said.

Stephanie Neisch, a computer lab paraprofessional at Trombly, attended the conference because she is “always looking for information and new training on the constantly evolving world of Google.”

“While I was hoping to walk away with one new idea, I was thrilled with all of the new ideas and programming tools I was introduced to at GoogleFEST,” she said. “I learned about several new Google apps and am looking forward to implementing many new ideas into my daily routines in the computer lab at Trombly.”

First-grade teacher Kate Price learned helpful new ideas from a session on Flippity, a program that allows teachers to easily turn a Google spreadsheet into a set of online flashcards, trivia game show, random name picker, interactive scavenger hunt activity, crossword puzzle, word search or other game or activity.

As soon as she returned from the conference, Price

created a Jeopardy-style game for her students for the first day of school. She can display the game — called “How Well Do You Know Mrs. Price?” — on her SMART Board, with students making selections such as “Mrs. Price's favorite things to do” for 100 points.

“It was a fast-paced day of information,” Price said, equipping teachers with new ideas to explore on their own.

Sarah Sanger, who teaches a second- and third-grade split classroom, said she was surprised at the variety of online tools available to help her run her classroom more efficiently.

“GoogleFEST was everything I thought it would be and more,” she said.

Sanger hopes to interact with her students during small and whole-group sessions on the students' iPads through one of Google's add-ons she learned about, including Flippity and Pear Deck, an interactive presentation tool used to actively engage students in individual and social learning.

“The best things about these interactive tools are that they are all user friendly, and they are a great opportunity for students to remain engaged and focused during a lesson,” she said.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Griffin Wray of Grosse Pointe Park graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in May 2019, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Letters and Science.

Brittany Rizzo of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the summer 2019 semester at Lawrence Technological University.

Kelly Beardslee of Grosse Pointe Park graduated magna cum laude from Wheaton College with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and a minor in computer science.

Robert Durand of Grosse Pointe Park and **Lindsay Rabaut** of the City of Grosse Pointe were named to the spring 2019 Dean's List at John Carroll University.

Harris Bunker of Grosse

Pointe Woods graduated in May 2019 from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics and a Bachelor of Arts degree in math. He received the department of economics Edward A. and Eleanor B. Carlin Award and the department of math McCartney Scholarship Award. He is pursuing an advanced degree in economics at the University of California, San Diego.

Zachary Kohut of Grosse Pointe Park graduated in August 2019 from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the College of Business.

J.D. Norris of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated in August 2019 from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering.

Liggett student sets herself apart

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

What sets Maria Fields apart from other young women in the state? Enough to earn her the title of Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan 2020.

For Fields, a Grosse Pointe Park resident and rising senior at University Liggett School, the best part of participating in the competition — in addition to the opportunity to win scholarships — was the ability to network with other high-achieving women from across the state who share similar passions and interests.

“What I appreciated about (the program) was everyone was the same age and everyone was girls, so there was a lot of opportunity to make connections with people,” Fields said. “It was really great to see young women who are on top of things and involved.”

To be eligible, students must have distinguished themselves at school and in their communities. They are evaluated in areas of scholastics, physical fitness, performing arts talent, private interview and onstage question. Scholarships are given out in each category.

In addition to the overall title, Fields won in the categories of scholastics, interview and onstage self-expression — she performed a monologue she wrote on bullying — and received \$1,400 in college scholarships. She will represent Michigan in an all-expenses-paid two-week trip to the Distinguished Young Women National Scholarship program in



COURTESY PHOTO

Maria Fields was selected as the Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan 2020.

Mobile, Ala., in June 2020.

While Fields has participated in beauty pageants in the past, this competition differed in a number of ways.

First, “you don't get a crown,” she said. “That's the No. 1 way that they distinguish themselves. You get a medal.”

The biggest distinction is the emphasis on scholastics, she said. Applicants submit transcripts in advance and academics make up 25 percent of the competition. Also important was an offstage 10-minute interview with the judges.

“They were serious questions and they really made you think, which I think is also another thing that's a little different from a pageant,”

Fields said. “For kids our age, I think it's important to be involved in current news and know what's going on, but the fact they want you to not only be informed but have an opinion. ... I think that's pretty unique.”

Fitness was another component. Contestants had to complete a four-minute workout routine onstage in front of the judges.

Attending the competition in Canton was one of many events Fields participated in this summer. At the end of June she took part in the American Legion Auxiliary Michigan Girls State, a government simulation program, and was one of only two high school seniors selected as “sena-

tors” to attend the ALA Girls Nation session in Washington, D.C. in July, an opportunity to learn about the inner workings of the federal government. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend due to a conflict.

Fields also attended a summer college engineering exposure program at the University of Michigan, a 10-day residential program, and participated in an internship program at Wayne State University in light microscopy.

Fields is now preparing for senior year at ULS and plans to continue her involvement in clubs and activities she began her freshman year. These include the G.R.O.W. — generate real opportunities and wonder — tutoring program she created while a student at The Grosse Pointe Academy and brought with her to ULS; leading the school's robotics team as captain; serving as head of community service on the student commission — ULS's student council; and continuing her work as founder and president of the GIDAS Club, a network of school clubs connecting the general public with scientists.

Fields also mentors the middle school robotics team, provides peer-to-peer tutoring, runs track and field and participates in the school's theater program, among other activities.

Fields will cap off her senior year with the trip to Washington, D.C. to compete for the title of National Distinguished Young Woman of the Year and the opportunity to earn additional college scholarships.

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Childhood friends reunite after 60 years

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

When Grosse Pointe Farms resident Nancy Swartz was a little girl, she lived on Larchmont in St. Clair Shores along with a group of close childhood friends: Madeline Cimini, sisters Marlene Carver-Heitmanis and Diane Cook, Sandy Yonker, sisters Deborah Olson and Leslie Bullo, and Patty Sharp.

“There were 50-something children on the block,” Swartz said. “... So there was always somebody to play with.”

Many of the families moved from the street when the girls were ages 10 to 14 and they drifted apart until recently when Bullo had a feeling in the middle of the night to look up one of her old childhood friends, Cheryl Owens, Swartz’ sister. Owens had recently passed away, but Bullo was able to find Swartz’ name in the obituary.

“At my sister’s memorial on July 13, Leslie, Marlene and Diane came and at that point, we decided we were going to see if we could get everybody together,” Swartz



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NANCY SWARTZ

The women reenact a photo from 1955. Cook never looked directly at the camera back then. From left to right, Sandy Yonker, Leslie Bullo, Nancy Swartz, Marlene Heitmanis, Deborah Olson, Patty Sharp and Diane Cook.

said.

Only one woman was unable to make it.

When the eight women met at Swartz’ home Sunday, Aug. 11, many of them hadn’t seen each other in 60 years.

“There were some moments when we were talking about my sister that we all had a few tears, but mainly we were laughing,” Swartz said.

The women, who now hail from Wisconsin, New Boston, Kalamazoo, West

Bloomfield, St. Clair Shores and Harrison Township, spent six hours talking, first reintroducing themselves and offering what had become of their lives.

All had gotten married and three are widowed. Each graduated from college.

“It was very interesting to hear that we had all graduated from college,” Swartz said. “... It was like we were so amazed what a powerful group of

women we had become.”

Three of the women became teachers, one owns a beauty school to this day and others became a nurse, paralegal, toxicologist and production manager for Crain Communications.

The time also included reminiscing about a bad storm that ripped through the neighborhood in 1958 cutting Owens with flying glass; the time Carver-Heitmanis fell through the ice in a pond and



A photo of the group at Marlene Carver’s fifth birthday party.

Yonker rescued her; and Swartz’ heroic stand against the street bully.

“He picked on my sister who was at that time very, very small and I got him on the ground ... One of the neighbors was watching when my mom had come running out and he said to my mother, ‘Don’t you dare punish that little girl. He got what he deserved.’ ... He stopped beating us up after that.”

They decided not to invite him to the reunion. Bullo brought glasses for everyone that said “Ladies of Larchmont First Reunion.”

The women also

enjoyed popular candy from the ‘50s, including Sugar Babies, wax lips and flying saucers.

“That came out after Sputnik,” Swartz said. “We could remember watching Sputnik flying overhead and wondering if we were getting X-rayed, because nobody knew what that was.”

Swartz is confident the women will remain in touch now and are already thinking of the next reunion.

“In fact, some of the brothers had heard about this reunion and they said that next time they wanted to be invited,” Swartz said. “So we may have some boys coming to the next one.”

Something special awaits at SCAD

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

For Grosse Pointers whose summer has nearly vanished before getting in a fun vacation, the Savannah College of Art and Design hopes they’ll consider a visit.

SCAD isn’t just about education — though it offers 75 minors and certificate programs, as well as access to learning centers around the world.

There are several interesting sites to see at its

Savannah and Atlanta campuses that are worthy of an autumn adventure. Among them is the SCAD FASH Museum of Fashion + Film in Atlanta, which recently hosted the exhibit, “KALEIDOSCOPE KATRANTZOU: Mary Katrantzou, 10 Years in Fashion.”

Katrantzou draws inspiration from unexpected sources, including Faberge eggs, Bauhaus posters, postage stamps, perfume bottles and typewriters. Her designs have

been worn by Michelle Obama, Cate Blanchett, Lupita Nyong’o, Beyonce and Naomi Campbell.

The exhibit included “over 80 of her designs, including something from every single one of her fashion lines the last 10 years,” said JJ Maxwell, public relations and marketing director for SCAD. “We want to make sure it’s going to be so engaging to students and the community.”

Additionally, SCAD FASH hosts “Form & Function: Shoe Art by Chris Francis,” a Los Angeles-based shoe designer, through Dec. 8. The newly opened exhibit showcases his iconic footwear, which features materials such as glass, concrete, metal and plastic. His work has been worn by Lady Gaga, Mick

Mars of Motley Crue, guitarist Lita Ford and Steve Jones of the Sex Pistols.

“We’re the only university that has a dedicated fashion and film museum open to the public,” Maxwell said. “We bring in amazing designers and fashion luminaries from around the world.”

If fashion and film don’t appeal to travelers, the SCAD Museum of Art in Savannah is another option. The National Historic Landmark is an 1853 brick structure built on the ruins of what once was a railway depot for the Central of Georgia Railway. It is the only surviving antebellum railroad complex in the U.S., Maxwell said. It was restored in 2011.

“We built 75,000 square feet of museum space with eight galleries,” Maxwell



A Chris Francis creation, part of the “Form & Function: Shoe Art by Chris Francis” exhibit at SCAD FASH.

said. “We host artists from around the world with one dedicated gallery for alumni. There are multiple exhibits, but on Oct. 3, we’re hosting a group exhibit of Frederick Douglass.”

SCAD is working closely with Dr. Walter Evans, “one of the preeminent African American art collectors, who has more than 70 letters from Frederick Douglass,” Maxwell said. “The whole collection will be on display digitally. This will be the last time ever that it will be on display, at least in Dr. Evans’ lifetime. In addition, we’re having commissioned artists come in and do new works based on Frederick Douglass’ life and legacy.”

Museum docents are SCAD students who have trained and worked with the artists during installations, Maxwell added, noting curator tours are available at both museums. General admission to both is \$10; \$20 for a family of three or more.

The Museum of Art itself is a sight to see, Maxwell said, but only one of SCAD President Paula Wallace’s historic preservation efforts. She’s won top awards for her work, which includes more than 100 buildings around the world. Since 1978, SCAD has revitalized structures in Savannah and Atlanta, as well as Lacoste, France

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The fashions of Mary Katrantzou recently were displayed at SCAD FASH Museum of Fashion + Film in Atlanta.

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The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

The Business Network International East Side-Launchpad Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

Outing

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors 29th annual golf outing takes place Monday, Sept. 9, at Gowanie Golf Club, 24770 S. River, Harrison Township. Registration begins at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon and a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Cocktails, dinner and a raffle begin at 5:45 p.m. Early-bird prices are \$125 for the day or \$50 for cocktails and dinner only, before Sunday, Sept. 1. Prices increase closer to the event. To sign up or become a sponsor, call (313) 882-800, Ext. 2.

Healthy GP&HW

The 40th annual Grosse Pointe Run, organized by the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club and Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods, takes place Saturday, Sept. 21, at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Registration begins at 7 a.m., followed by the one-mile fun run at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K and 10K runs at 9 a.m. Entry fees are \$10 and \$25, respectively, before Sept. 2, and \$15 and \$30 after. For a registration form, visit healthygphw.org.

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

- ◆ Full Circle Garden Growers farmers market,

11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays through September.

- ◆ Aging Mastery Program, 12:30 to 2 p.m. twice a week Sept. 3 to 26. The core curriculum kits cost \$55 per person, \$75 per couple. Lunch at 11:45 a.m. is included.

- ◆ Free blood pressure screenings, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10.

- ◆ Ballroom Dancing I — Partner Movement Skills, 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 10 to Oct. 24, with instructor Andreas Browne.

- ◆ Sign Language — Beginners, 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 11 to Dec. 4.

- ◆ Brain Fitness Seminar Series, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 11 to Oct. 7, with certified yoga instructor Kathy Housey. Cost is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members.

- ◆ September birthday celebration, 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12. Members with September birthdays receive a free lunch, birthday cake and keepsake photo.

- ◆ Conversational French, noon to 3 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 13 to Dec. 6.

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

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack.

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, VFW 1146 Bruce St., 28404 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

- ◆ noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, Merrill Lynch, 17000 Kercheval, Ste. 220, above Trader Joe's, City of Grosse Pointe.

Register at redcross blood.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht

Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Melanie Taylor will recount her time in Mobile, Ala., during the 62nd annual Distinguished Young Women scholarship program's national finals. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

PFLAG

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. For information, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

Questers

The Pettipointe Questers next meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Lori Jeret will discuss the changes that have been made and others in store for Belle Isle. Following the talk, lunch is hosted at the Cabbage Patch Cafe, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, email Dorothy Tepatti at quest4golf@wowway.com.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Peter Poulos, development director at The Helm, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6. Reservations are not required.

Moross Greenway

The Moross Greenway Project hosts a volunteer work day beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at Salem Memorial Lutheran Church, 21230 Moross, Detroit. Volunteers are invited to work in the Moross Greenway gardens to divide, transplant and trim perennials and shrubs. Participants should bring gardening tools and a pack of craft lawn bags, and wear gloves and sturdy shoes. Water bottles are provided.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BEAUMONT HEALTH

Actor Mark Wahlberg visited Hudson Brown and his family, as well as other pediatric patients and their families, at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, on Aug. 19.

Actor makes good on promise

In April 2018, Beaumont Health reached out to actor Mark Wahlberg's team to let him know proton therapy patient Hudson Brown of Grosse Pointe Farms is a huge fan of "Transformers" and, in particular, Bumblebee.

Wahlberg created a video for Brown, then had his Wahlburger's restaurant cater a party for the youngster's end-of-treatment celebration at Beaumont Health's Proton Therapy Center.

Wahlberg said he'd like to meet Brown one day, so when the actor was back in town earlier this month to help launch the opening of his new Wahlburger's restaurant in Royal Oak, Beaumont made sure the two were able to meet.

Filmmaker Michael Bay also donated "Transformers" toys to Brown and other Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak pediatric patients, several of whom Wahlberg took time to meet.

New name, growing mission

Northeast Guidance Center is now Northeast Integrated Health



A study conducted by the Junior League of Detroit and League of Women Voters in 1962-63 showed a dire need for basic services among children living on Detroit's east side, Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes.

Birthered from that study was the Northeastern Wayne County Child Guidance Clinic in 1963, with four locations and 135 full-time, part-time and consulting staff. In 1966, the name changed to Northeast Guidance Center. Through its commitment to integrated healthcare, persons have the greatest chance to benefit from best practice treatments that support independence, inclusion and recovery.

The population the organization serves includes individuals who have been diagnosed with serious mental illness, children at risk of or with serious emotional disturbances, persons of all ages with lifelong intellectual and/or development disabilities, individuals returning to the community from in-

patient facilities or other dependent-living situations, youth aging out of foster care, homeless individuals, veterans and other families in distress.

This year marks its 56th year in behavioral health.

Effective in July, Northeast Guidance Center's name changed to Northeast Integrated Health, or NIH, to better reflect who it is in the community. Its logo changed as well.

NIH's transformation not only is outward but inward as well. It provides quality integrated healthcare and continuous improvements with the addition of coordinated physical health to its array of comprehensive services. In 2018, NIH added the pediatric clinic at the Eli Rubin Children's building to its existing physical health clinic and pharmacy at the East Warren location. It has partnered with Detroit Community Health Connection, sharing joint staff to provide holistic health care to severely emotionally disturbed children and

chronic and pervasively mentally ill adult populations. By joining forces as one health care team, they continue to provide an environment that is the best place for patients to receive care in their own neighborhood. NIH serves more than 1,000 children and 3,500 adults annually.

"We are continuing to reach out to see how Northeast Integrated Health can better serve the needs of our residents through prevention, education and integrated health care," said Sherry McRill, president and CEO of NIH. "Along with our new name and logo and strategic plan for 2019-21 is our continued commitment to provide the best possible care in a healthy and technologically advanced environment."

For more information regarding available services at NIH, call (313) 308-1400 or visit neguidance.org.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Fouty-Brewis

Douglas J. and Ann L. Fouty of Mackinaw City, formerly of St. Clair Shores, announce the engagement of their daughter, Paige E. Fouty, to Pete A. Brewis, son of Sue Zahul of Dearborn Heights and Peter Brewis of South Lyon.

A 2021 summer wedding is planned.

Ms. Fouty is a 2009 graduate of Lakeview High School, St. Clair Shores, and a 2013 Michigan State University graduate. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English education.

Mr. Brewis is a 2009 graduate of Dearborn Divine Child High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies in social sciences: education from MSU in 2013 and a master's degree in English as a Second Language from Spring Arbor University.

Residents of Seoul, South

Korea, the couple teaches at Dwight School Seoul.

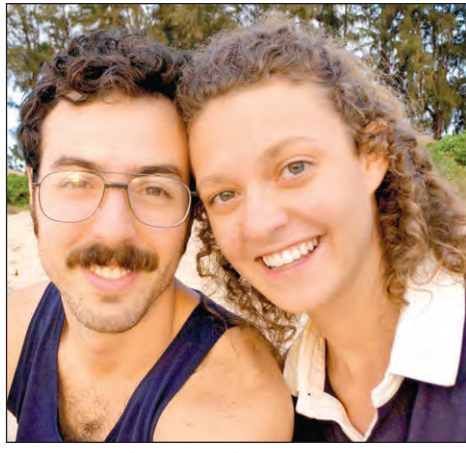
Dennis-Sheppard

William and Joanne Dennis of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Fraser Dennis, to James "Jamie" Sheppard, son of James and Barbara Sheppard of Grosse Pointe Farms.

A November wedding is planned.

Miss Dennis, a 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Dayton. She works for 313 Presents, an entertainment company in Detroit.

Mr. Sheppard, a 2006 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, earned a bachelor's degree in English from Aquinas College. He is a teacher at Avondale High School in Auburn Hills.



Pete Brewis and Paige Fouty



James Sheppard and Stephanie Dennis

NEW ARRIVALS



Jack Duncan Foust

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Kristin Glovac-Foust and Jason Foust of Arvada, Colo., announce the birth of their son, Jack Duncan Foust, Feb. 6, 2019.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and Barb Glovac of Grosse Pointe Woods. Paternal grandparents are Sandy Sheppard of Mesquite, Nev. and Gary Foust of Lakewood, Colo. Maternal great-grandmother is Mary Lou Duncan of Grosse Pointe Shores.

City/Farms Family Fishing Rodeo sponsors

The 71st annual Grosse Pointe Farms and City Fishing Rodeo took place Aug. 10, at Pier Park. More than 1,500 participants turned up for fishing, food and prizes. Coordinator Richard Graves thanked all of this year's sponsors for making the event possible:

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Three-year-old Addy Barker holds up the first fish she's ever caught.



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Something fishy

Above, Kennedy Hastings and Kiley Hastings watch while their fish get measured by Don Sanford and recorded by Jerry McEachern. Left, 3-year-old Patrick Clay holds up a worm.



Grosse Pointe Farms and City residents fish along the boardwalk.

Rodeo results

Grosse Pointe Farms

- ◆ First Fish Caught — Catie Suarez, age 10; 12-inch smallmouth bass
- ◆ Largest Game Fish — Genevieve Kovacs, age 8; 15-inch smallmouth bass
- ◆ Largest Fish Any Type — Kirk Abello, age 3; 1 1/4-inch smallmouth bass

City of Grosse Pointe

- ◆ First Fish Caught — Natalie Whittaker, age 9; 12-inch smallmouth bass
- ◆ Largest Game Fish — Vince Gelle, age 11; 16-inch largemouth bass
- ◆ Largest Fish Any Type — Peter Weglarz, age 15; 18 1/2-inch sheepshead



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The trophy winners.



Chase Havlik takes a break to look through his tackle box.

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Senior Men's Club hosts 60th anniversary luncheon

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club is hosting its 60th anniversary luncheon at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10. In honor of the anniversary of its founding, the group is stepping things up a bit for this special event.

"We're trying to get as many people there as possible," said Ken Mokray, incoming president. "We're meeting on the back lawn of The War Memorial. We're encouraging all members to

invite their spouses and invite their friends. We'll have a really interesting speaker, too — Phoebe Wall Howard."

Howard, the automotive industry reporter for the Detroit Free Press, focuses her work on Ford Motor Co., pickup trucks, muscle cars, labor affairs, technology, consumer trends and investor relations.

"She's an automotive reporter, which is the DNA of the region," Mokray said. "She's a fifth or sixth generation Grosse Pointer. ... She's

interesting and she has a steep connection to the area, plus her business connection and newspaper connection."

The luncheon will feature hotdogs, hamburgers and "picnicky foods," Mokray said, and costs \$15 per person. Because it's the 60th anniversary, spouses are welcome, Mokray said.

Typical Senior Men's Club meetings are exclusively for men ages 55 and older, working or retired. Meetings include lunch, a speaker and camaraderie.

"The feedback I've gotten is they enjoy the speakers," said Mokray, who was in charge of this year's lineup. "I tried to get a different mix of topics. ... It's widening people's horizons. We're trying to use it as a tool to encourage more people to come and enjoy."

The Senior Men's Club isn't just about listening to a speaker and eating lunch. The group recently started a foundation, which provides funds for various community efforts. Additionally, members congregate

outside of weekly meetings via mini clubs — reading, bowling, scotch and cigars, tennis and golf, for example — to spend time with other men interested in the same activities.

"We're doing lots of things, so pick up the phone, call us and come to a meeting and try it out," Mokray said.

But in the meantime, club members and guests have much to celebrate after six decades of camaraderie.

"The longevity of the club, in this day and age,

to still be around is great," Mokray said. "On paper, we're 480 members. We're still growing. These are people who are very much a part of the community.

"We're a dynamic organization, not just a bunch of old guys sitting around," he continued. "It's what you make of it. It's making connections, making friends."

Membership dues are \$35 per year; lunches are \$15 per week.

For more information, visit seniormensclubofgrossepointe.com.

March for Meals supports Helm's meal delivery service

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Last year, volunteers of The Helm at the Boll Life Center delivered more than 20,000 meals to homebound seniors in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. The organization is on pace to spend \$61,000 this year on food alone, not to mention administrative costs and overhead, said The Helm Executive Director Peggy Hayes.

That's why The Helm is hosting March for Meals — a three-mile walk to benefit Meals on Wheels — Sunday, Sept. 15.

"March for Meals is a national initiative that raises funds for Meals on Wheels," Hayes said. "Nationally, the walk takes place in March. In Michigan, an outdoor walk in March doesn't work that well. ... We adopted their model and made it our own, so it's new to us recently."

Participation is easy, Hayes said. Forms are available at helmlife.org or at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe



Hayes said — other sponsors include The Rivers and DTE.

Walkers who raise more than \$100 in pledges will receive a Helm T-shirt.

Those unable to walk in the event are invited to make a contribution by calling Peter Poulos at (313) 649-2104 or emailing ppoulos@helmlife.org.

"We're also encouraging people, whether they walk or not, to bring a donation of a non-perishable, non-expired food item for our holiday gift basket program," Hayes said, noting canned goods with pull tops are preferred.

Meals on Wheels is a federal program locally run through the Detroit Area Agency on Aging, which covers the metro Detroit region, including Grosse Pointe.

"In this region, they have so much money they're able to raise to pay for meals for a certain portion of people," Hayes explained. "Anyone else goes on a waiting list. We deliver those meals for DAAA; we take

up the waiting list. We pay for those meals until they are able to move up to the DAAA list. That's why we need to raise money.

"There's definitely a need out there and it costs a lot to be able to do that," she continued. "We don't want any senior who calls to be on Meals for Wheels to go unserved. It's important for people in our community."

Along with delivering meals, volunteers provide a friendly visit for the homebound. They take note of unusual behavior or appearance and report them, Hayes said. The Helm keeps a list of contacts for its meal recipients and alerts the family if there's cause.

"We've averted situations because of these observations," she said. "So it feeds the body and the soul."

Registration for March for Meals begins at noon Sunday, Sept. 15, at Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The walk begins at 1 p.m. For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

Mindfulness classes offered

Wayne County Community College District and its School of Continuing Education & Workforce Development, in partnership with Beaumont Health, present the free program "Mindfulness 101 & 102," Friday, Sept. 13, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center — Center for Learning Technology, 19191 Vernier, Harper Woods.

The two-part program explores Mindfulness 101 from 10 to 11 a.m., followed by Mindfulness 102 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The opening session includes a 50-minute introduction to mindfulness, its potential benefits, techniques for practice and various resources. The second session allows guests to

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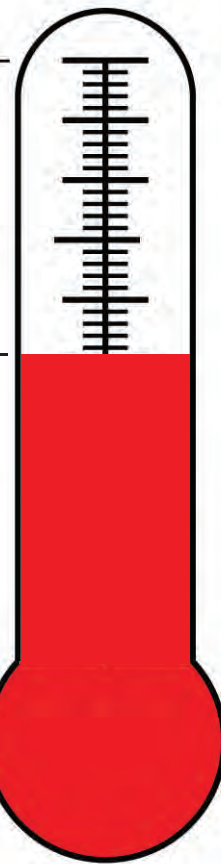
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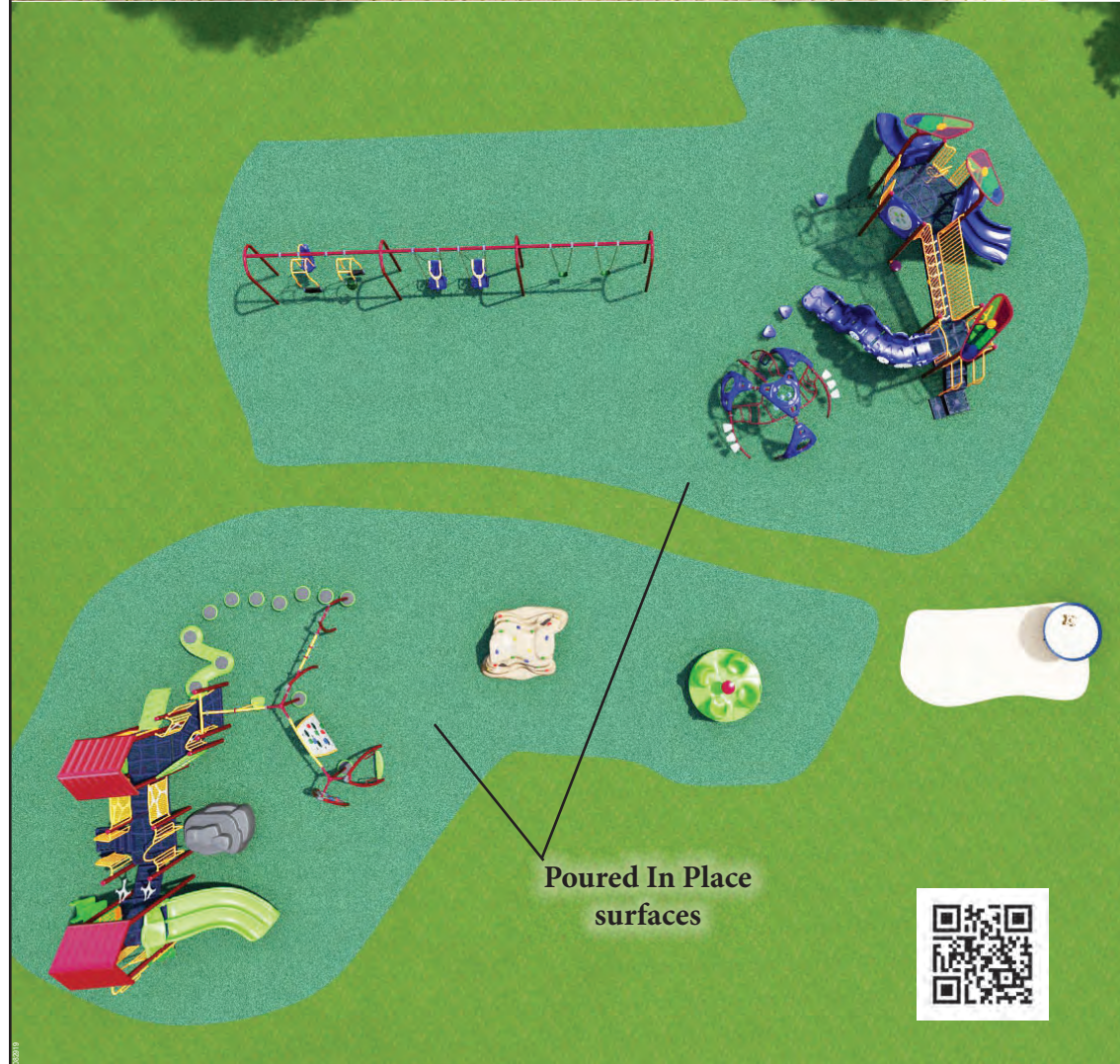


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PFLAG kicks off fall season with Sept. 5 lecture

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Offering support, affirmation and education to members of the LGBTQ community, their families, friends and allies, the Grosse Pointe chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, or PFLAG, kicks off its fall season of programming Thursday, Sept. 5.

The group meets locally the first Thursday of each month, offering a speaker and a support group session at each gathering.

The Sept. 5 program features a talk by therapist Joe Kort M.D., at 6:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Kort, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, plans to address supportive relationships within the LGBTQ lens, according to PFLAG board member Chris Tull.

"It's following the umbrella theme of relationships and communication from more of a



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Dr. Joe Kort

family perspective," Tull said.

Each PFLAG meeting opens with an hour-long presentation from an informational speaker.

"It could be from a lawyer discussing legal issues of LGBTQ rights to other leaders in the region," Tull said. "It's not all about policy. The point of PFLAG is really about supporting and

affirming families of LGBTQ people. ... Our mission is to be supporting and affirming of that overall family unit. Especially important is that we're focused on parents. Sometimes a teen or an adult child will come out and parents need support, they need to share, to have their voices heard and know they're not alone."

Enter the second hour — the support group portion of meetings that offer a safe space to be heard.

"What's said there, stays there," Tull said, noting sharing is not a requirement for attendance. "Some people come for the speaker only, but most people stay for both."

"There's no judgment," he continued. "You can learn a lot if you came and just listened."

The Grosse Pointe chapter has come a long

way since it was founded in 2017 by Grosse Pointe Park resident Maurya Kay. It's one of few chapters in southeastern Michigan, Tull said, but one of more than 400 chapters across the United States.

"My wife and I got involved once we moved here, because part of our family is in the LGBTQ community," Tull said.

"This fall, we want to really grow awareness in the community," he continued. "We feel there's a need and there are people who are not aware of PFLAG who can use our support. We want them to know they're not alone."

"The more we grow membership, the more events we can host, potentially offer scholarships and play a bigger role in Pride March."

National memberships cost \$50 a year or \$75 per household. With national membership, a variety of resources are available, Tull said, including training toolkits and webinars on various topics.

"When you join PFLAG, a portion goes back to the national organization, but a good portion stays local," he said. "The national organization provides a lot of resources ... and it also has a focus on policy and advocacy. The local chapters bring support at the local level people need."

Despite the call for increased membership, Tull said, membership is not required to attend PFLAG meetings, which are free and open to the public.

"But we encourage more members, so we can do more for the community," Tull said. "We want to advance our mission. If we help the chapter grow, we can help more people."

As more and more people are "coming out" to their families and friends, Tull said it's a godsend to know they're not alone — not just the LGBTQ individual, but their loved ones, too.

"People have swung toward more openness; when someone identifies

as LGBTQ, they're more likely to be coming out," Tull said. "At the same time, members of the family just don't have the experience or knowledge to relate to someone who's LGBTQ. It's really about knowing there are others out there ... who've gone through similar things. There are experts out there who can educate about what it all means."

"For me, it's emotional support, not only for families, but for the person who's come out who knows they have the support of families, friends and allies. That can only be a plus. ... It's about taking away the stigma."

Tull said he's gained a lot since his time with PFLAG. "It's brought some sense of education and learning," he said. "You are not alone in this. You can learn more. It inspires you to learn more and teach others. Advocacy is quite important."

For more information, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

13th annual Garden Party on Belle Isle supports conservatory improvements

The 13th annual Garden Party on Belle Isle takes place 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory and gardens.

Funds from this year's soiree support interior improvements in the conservatory.

The evening includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and live music indoors and outdoors by Ben Sharkey and The Grunyons. The party also

welcomes sculptor Craig Mitchell Smith for an art installation throughout the facility and grounds.

"We are excited to host another lovely evening in support of the conservatory," said Robin Heller, co-chairwoman of the event. "Let's keep our fingers crossed for beautiful weather to enjoy the gardens, entertainment and sculptures. With some new renovations, the conservatory is moving along an exciting path towards

full restoration. Let's keep it going."

Admission levels range from \$50 to \$500 with the introduction of the Bud Level ticket at \$50 for guests age 35 and younger. A limited number of tickets will be available at the gate for \$85. Tickets may be purchased in advance online at belleisleconservancy.org/garden-party-on-belle-isle through Monday, Sept. 9. The deadline for Benefactor RSVPs to be recognized

on event signage is Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Underwriting opportunities are available. Email Eric Lofquist, Belle Isle Conservancy development associate, at lofquiste@belleisleconservancy.org.

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OBITUARIES

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Leo James Dunne

Leo James "Jim" Dunne, a lifelong Detroit-area resident, passed away peacefully, Monday, Aug. 19, 2019, surrounded by family at his home in Grosse Pointe Park, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 87.

Jim was predeceased by his daughter, Nancy Dunne and grandson, Joseph Bauer. He is survived by five daughters and two sons, Deborah Mettenleiter (Bernhard), Mary Jo Finkenstaedt (Timothy), Patricia Dunne (Mark Kinsman), Michael Dunne (Merlien), Frances Bauer (Raymond), Timothy Dunne and Julie Dunne (Jennifer).

Jim also is survived by Janet A. Dunne, the mother of his children, and by 12 grandchildren, Evelyn Mettenleiter-Le, Michaela Mettenleiter, Mary Grace Bauer, Raymond Bauer, John Paul Bauer, Tyler Dunne, Cody Dunne, Nina Dunne, Kormack Dunne, Raphael Dunne, Aurelia Dunne and Connor Dunne.

Jim was born Dec. 13, 1931, in Detroit, to Leo and Evelyn (nee Normandin) Dunne. He was raised in a family of 10 siblings: Jack, Therese, William, Celestine, Joseph, Robert, Richard, Anne, Patricia and Dennis.

Jim graduated from Catholic Central High School in Detroit and earned a bachelor's degree in industrial management from the University of Detroit. He served in the U.S. Army

during the Korean War. After completing his service in the army and earning his university degree, Jim worked at several jobs before finding his passion: automotive journalism. He was a writer, editor and photo-journalist 45 years, only going into semi-retirement at age 77. He was revered by many in the auto industry as mentor and friend.

Jim was the foremost automotive spy photographer, an avid sport fisherman and for 40-plus years spent summer vacations fishing the waters of Cape Cod Bay. He also loved playing tennis, gardening, telling stories and spending time with family and friends.

Jim will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Adrian Dominican Sisters at adriandominicans.org.

Ronald C. Lucas

Grosse Pointe Park resident Ronald C. Lucas, 85, passed away Sunday, Aug. 18, 2019.

He was the loving husband of Donna; dear father of Andrea Cwiklinski (Mark), Jeff Lucas (June Bancroft) and Doug Lucas (Selia Bellanca) and beloved grandfather of John, Brendan and Elizabeth Cwiklinski, Sofia and Zara Lucas and Olive, Desmond and Yannick Bancroft Lucas.

He also is survived by his brother, Robert Lucas.

Ronald taught 42 years

for Warren Woods Public Schools, where he was also a football coach.

A funeral service was held Aug. 23 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation at parkinsonsmi.org.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Katherine D. Albert

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Katherine D. Albert, 94, passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 25, 2019.

Born Dec. 4, 1924, in Nashville, Tenn., to Herbert and Elizabeth Higdon, Katherine was the beloved mother of Evelyn Sanom (Sam), Sylvia Gazoul (Allan), Thomas Albert (Alice) and Abraham Albert (Julie); proud grandmother of 14, great-grandmother of 23 and cherished sister of Peggy Landrith.

Katherine was predeceased by her husband, Samuel and three siblings.

Visitation will be 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Visitation begins at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to St. Jude's



Leo James Dunne



Ronald C. Lucas



Katherine D. Albert

Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38106.

Wilfred Charles Cook

Wilfred Charles Cook, 96, passed away Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019.

A son of Charles and Mary (nee DeSmither) Cook, Wilfred was born Feb. 13, 1923, in Detroit. He attended college at Sacred Heart Seminary before making his career as an industrial engineer at General Motors Corp. Wilfred proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II, specializing in intelligence.

Wilfred was predeceased by his beloved wife, Celia (nee Burcon), four sisters and one brother. He is survived by his sister, Jeanette Wiedemann and will be missed by many loving nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Aug. 21 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores. Wilfred was laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Donations in Wilfred's memory may be made to the Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or to an organization of the donor's choice.



Wilfred Charles Cook



Elizabeth Ann Maher

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Elizabeth Ann Maher, 88, passed away Sunday, Aug. 25, 2019.

She was born Jan. 22, 1931, in Detroit, to Walter and Betty E. (nee Finkler) Eley. She was married to the love of her life, Ronald Maher, Jan. 20, 1951, until his passing in 1990.

Elizabeth was the beloved mother of the late Susan Muck (Nick), Mark, Kevin (Jane), Patrick (Mary), Michael, Mary Duster, Nancy, John (Tracy), Ronald (Carolyn), Thomas and K.C. (Michael) Wiethoff; proud grandmother of Stephen Muck, Neil Muck, Robert, Julian (Courtney), the late Matthew, Colleen, Ann Goerke, Joseph Duster, Daniel, Ryan, Michael, Grace, John Paul, Erin

Wietoff and Micheal Wietoff and loving great-grandmother of Eden.

Elizabeth was a devout Catholic and often volunteered at her church, St. Clare of Montefalco, where she was a member 60 years. She was a devoted, loving and caring mother and grandmother.

Visitation will be 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Rosary recitation will be at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation begins at 9:00 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen at cskdetroit.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

ASK JEFF AND DEBRA

Simple steps to building a recovery team

Q: We finally got our 34-year-old son into long-term treatment for addiction. He's been struggling with this problem for years, so we're relieved to have him in a safe place. Here's our question: Is our job done now that he's in treatment? Isn't there more we can do?

A: There is more your family can do to support your son in treatment and through the challenges of early recovery. Much more.

Put yourself in your son's shoes. He's learning that addiction treatment is long and difficult. If people on the outside are sympathetic while he's going through treatment, that's great, but it's not much help.

Mountain climbing is a good analogy. If you want to climb a mountain, no one can do it for you. Every step has to be taken by you and you alone. If there are people on the ground cheering you on, that's fine, but it doesn't make the climb easier.

What makes mountain climbing easier — and safer — is a team. If a group of people are climbing together, the journey is automatically made easier. Each person still has to take every step by themselves, but the invisible power of the group strengthens each person. A team has a power greater than the sum of its members.

A group climbing a mountain will encourage each other from close proximity. They will share their knowledge and insights as they work through the same challenges. Team members encourage each other by example, by accepting the difficulties of the journey and taking the next step. A problem shared is a problem cut in half.

Recovery from addiction is similar. Getting your son to treatment is a great first step. It's the launching pad for recovery. But do you really want to leave him on his own? What if you were to make the climb together?

You already know that the Twelve Steps of AA will be a core component of his treatment. His journey through the steps will begin at the recovery center and continue with a sponsor in AA, when he leaves treatment. This much is already clear. What if you were to begin a parallel journey?

The best thing a family can do is to start their own recovery process in Al-Anon. Al-Anon is the 12-step program for family members and friends and takes us through the same program. In Al-Anon, we get a sponsor and a home group and we begin working the Twelve Steps.

If you want a guide to help you climb the mountain, you can begin the Structured Family Recovery® process with a trained counselor. In SFR, you'll learn about the dynamics of addiction, come to see your part in the solution and join in the journey your loved one has begun. The SFR program is based on weekly meetings, a specific curriculum and a goal of unifying families. We use conference calls to bring family members together — including our loved one in treatment — so no one has to trek into an office. SFR is not a replacement for the Twelve Steps of recovery, but a catalyst to jumpstart the process and keep everyone moving forward together.

When we commit to SFR, begin attending Al-Anon, get a sponsor and start working the steps, we are working together with our

loved one in treatment. We are creating a home for recovery in our own home and learning to speak the same language.

Together, we create a recovery plan. We even create a relapse plan, in case there is a problem down the road. We learn what things are helpful and what are not helpful. We start to rebuild trust.

The goal is to create a recovery team, a committed group who will climb the mountain together. We can't do the other person's work for them, but we can journey along with them. Our commitment to the process will move invisibly and powerfully to them, supporting them in their journey without us trying to control them.

Like climbing any mountain, the path is rarely smooth. We expect difficulties and we overcome them, one step at a time. The work of the recovery team is to keep moving forward, guided by the Twelve Steps and encouraged by the fellowship of recovering people in our community.

Recovery is a "we" program. Although each one of us has to make our own journey, we do it together. We recover together and encourage by example. If you would like to learn more, read "It Takes a Family," published by Hazelden. It lays out the entire program of SFR. We encourage you to begin your climb up the mountain today.

Jeff and Debra Jay have been helping families overcome addiction more than 30 years. Their best-selling book, "Love First," is a standard in the recovery field. The Jays live in Grosse Pointe Farms and their website is lovefirst.net.



Jam session

Grosse Pointe Park's second Charlevoix street party July 13 included music by the Eastside Jam Collection, which hosted three bands, a beverage RV and food booths. Above, RJ Spangler, Tbone Paxton and friends were first up. Right, Eastside Elvis — aka Paul Misuraca — and the Motor City Mafia entertained the crowd.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Missy Kinyon and her band invited Grosse Pointe North graduate Yarnell Waller to sing with them.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul Evangelical

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts the "East Side's Largest Rummage Sale" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7. Clothing is \$6 per bag and a boutique offers new, collectible and name-brand items at bargain prices. Saturday all items are half price. Visit stpaulgp.org or call (313) 881-6670.

The church offers a variety of Bible and book studies. Newcomers are welcome.

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

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

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

third Tuesday of each month.

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

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church hosts its parish picnic 4 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. An outdoor Mass begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at the event. Patrons should bring a dish to pass. For information, call (313) 885-8855.

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, again presents "Fresh Start: A Healing Ministry for the Divorced, Separated & Civilly Remarried." This free 12-week journey involves sharing experiences and dialogue with others in a confidential group setting. A video series is included and child care is

provided. Meetings take place 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school's faculty lounge the following Thursdays: Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9 and 23, Feb. 13 and 27 and March 12 and 26. To register, contact Deacon Bill Jamieson at bjamieson@stpaulonthelake.org or (313) 885-8855, Ext. 145.

Concert

"A Joyful Noise," featuring the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, takes place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. RSVP by Sept. 12 at sistersofmary.org/grossepointe.

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts its 29th annual Oysterfest 5 to 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30. The event includes music, food from more than three dozen restaurants and more. Call (313) 822-2814.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jalia Nakayemba

Asylum seeker finds friendship, dignity, employment by volunteering at Beaumont

Jalia Nakayemba fled to the United States in 2016, to escape violence in her home country, Uganda. Just 24 years old, she spoke halting English and had no money, driver's license, work permit, family or friends to guide the way.

Fortunately, Nakayemba found Freedom House in Detroit, a non-profit organization that provides shelter and a fresh start for political asylum seekers.

"I was scared and didn't know what to do next," said Nakayemba, who worked as a guidance counselor at a mental health institution in Uganda before fleeing. "I missed my family and my home."

Then, she met Betsy Schulte, director of volunteer services for Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Schulte, who had grown tired of idly watching the plight of refugees unfold on the evening news, had started volunteering at Freedom House.

"I wasn't sure what I could do yet, but I knew I had to do something," Schulte said.

A new life story

Now Nakayemba, 27, is employed full time in materials management at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. She owns her own car and drives to work, sharing a nearby apartment with a fellow asylum seeker and hospital employee.

In her free time, Nakayemba works a second, full-time job as a caretaker at an assisted living facility.

"I'm busy and life is not exactly easy, but, in three years, I've achieved a lot," she said. "I am independent. And, I'm helping take care of my family."

It all started with Schulte giving Nakayemba an opportunity to work as a front desk volunteer at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe.

"It was a win-win situation," Schulte said. "It got Jalia out into the community, gave her a chance to improve her language skills, make friends, gain confidence and valuable work experience. In turn, Beaumont, Grosse Pointe, received a hard-working vol-

unteer, eager to prove her worth.

"Her work ethic and personal drive is amazing," she continued. "At one point, she was taking two buses to get here from Freedom House in southwest Detroit. She was never late, even during snowstorms."

Staff have rallied to support Nakayemba by treating her as part of the team, at work and off the clock.

"It's gratifying to see how much Jalia has come to mean to her co-workers," Schulte said. "The whole department has grown closer since she arrived."

"I like it here," Nakayemba said. "I'm one of the lucky ones."

Paving the way for others

Since Nakayemba began volunteering in June 2017, Schulte and the staff at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe, have paved the way for nine Freedom House residents to volunteer at the hospital, six of whom have been hired as employees.

Deborah A. Drennan, executive director of Freedom House, which in addition to food and shelter provides much needed legal aid, health care and job training, said the partnership with Beaumont enables residents to work in environments like the ones they left behind.

"Typically, asylum seekers are highly educated professionals, lawyers, teachers and health care providers who cannot easily step into roles they once held in their home countries," Drennan said. "They have much to offer not only in ability, but also in character. They are nurturing to others facing challenges, because they have also faced challenges."

Schulte is working with Beaumont Chief Nursing Officer Susan Grant to expand the volunteer-to-work program throughout the health system.

"Teaming with the residents of Freedom House is an opportunity to tap into a rich and unique talent pool of local resources," Grant said. "It enables us to build on our commitment to provide extraordinary, compassionate care to our patients and families every day."



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Summer in the Woods

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its annual City Picnic Aug. 3, and residents and their guests enjoyed a hotdog lunch, chalk art, face painting and pool games. Violet Hall is surrounded by colorful beach balls to play with in the pool. For more photos from the picnic, visit grossepointenews.com.

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SCAD:

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and Hong Kong. The Lacoste location — a restored medieval village — serves as part of the college's study abroad program. The Hong Kong location — a transformed magistrate building — is home to the school's Hong Kong campus.

If museums don't appeal, visitors to Savannah may want to visit Poetter Hall for SCADstory, an immersive

4-D experience that tells a universal tale of the dreamer in everyone. The hall is "the center of downtown Savannah," Maxwell said. "It was our first building. President Wallace drove down here in 1978 and sold her VW Bug to put a downpayment on it."

SCADstory opened as part of the college's 40th anniversary celebration last April. The college hosted a block party and invited the public to become immersed in the SCAD experience.

"It's like the haunted

mansion at Disney, but full of energy and dreams," Maxwell said. "It's music and graphic design and painting. Projection, voice animation, animated works. ... Anybody can go in and experience it. It's an immersive experience bringing art to life that carries guests on an unexpected journey through SCAD history, across four decades of beauty, design and invention."

The exhibit is free to the public, though a \$5 donation is suggested.

Lastly, for those inter-

ested in SCAD but wanting to stay closer to home, the college offers SCAD Art Sales featuring more than 45,000 artists and designers, many of whom graduated from SCAD.

"Once students graduate, we work so much with alumni," Maxwell said. "Ninety-nine percent of our graduates find jobs in creative careers in the first eight months. SCAD Art Sales is a full-on art gallery consultancy. We represent more than 300 students, alumni and faculty."

The private collection art pieces are available online for anyone around the world to look at, he added.

Despite the convenience of online, Maxwell said, an in-person trip to Savannah shouldn't be missed.

"We're not like a normal campus university with a quad," he said. "We're spread around Savannah. You really get to know the city through SCAD. For the city alone, Savannah is so historic with over 80 beautiful historic squares,

the architecture, the Spanish moss. It's very romantic."

The setting is attractive, he added, largely due to 40 years of SCAD in the community.

"It's a vibrant community with artists and creative minds," Maxwell said. "So many students stay here after graduation. ... SCAD is a public-facing attraction for visitors."

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Tournament champs

The Grosse Pointe South varsity boys soccer team won the 42nd annual Detroit Country Day invitational last weekend, defeating Royal Oak 3-2, Detroit Country Day in a penalty shoot-out 4-2 and Lutheran North 1-0 in the championship game. Pictured above front row from left, Blake Simonson, Asher Heimbuch, Rene' Robert, Ryan Richardson, Bennett Smihal, John Blake, Michael Adams, Ryan Caldwell, Josh Eckert, Lucas Frye and Joe Bonahoom; and back row from left, Emmett O'Keefe, Doug Tengler, Tristan Davis, Matthew Edwards, Max Simonson, Sam Tucker, Connor Stencel, Ian Foy, Nicholas Litsas, Michael Adams and Garrett Finley.

Baseball

LITTLE LEAGUE



PHOTO COURTESY OF GREG BRINK

Tournament players

Grosse Pointers Sophie Brink, right, and Kate Denomme earned spots on the Grosse Pointe Farms-City 9U Gold and 8U Gold tournament teams. They were the only girls to make the teams. Brink's 9U Gold team was runner-up in the Commerce Classic and City tournaments this summer.

LITTLE LEAGUE



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOLLY RUTHERFORD

Great summer

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City 10U tournament team entered the District No. 6 tournament with aspirations of winning the district and making a splash in the state tournament, and that's exactly what they did. Farms-City swept through the district tournament, beating Macomb American 18-1, Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores 4-0, Grosse Pointe Park 10-3 and Grosse Pointe Park again 7-3 in the championship. In the state tournament in Dexter, the team went 2-1 in pool play, beating South Portage and Birmingham. They advanced to bracket play and in the quarterfinals rallied to beat St. Clair 7-6 in extra innings. Farms-City defeated Taylor 11-1 in four innings in the semifinals and lost to Midland in the title game. The players pictured above are Matthew Bartoszewicz, Charlie Bedsworth, Steven Bethell, Drew Brown, Will Gryzenia, Jack Leonard, Brady Magee, Charlie Michelotti, J.T. Ricci, Tommy Rutherford, Quinn Steinhebel, Brody Vinyard and Alex Young. The coaches are Jay Ricci, Mark Brown and Matt Vinyard.

Field hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win opener

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North field hockey team opened its season last week with a 2-1 home win over West Bloomfield.

Head coach Emma Yee made some halftime adjustments and they paid dividends as the Norsemen dominated the second half.

Sophomore Clare Ramsdell scored midway through the first half to give the home team a 1-0 lead.

West Bloomfield tied it a minute later, and continued to pressure the Norsemen. The Lakers had a couple of solid scoring chances, but missed the mark and it remained a 1-1 game at

the half.

"We were a little lethargic in the opening half, and I told the girls they had to increase their intensity to win this game," Yee said.

The Norsemen's offense took off behind seniors Eleanor Martinez and Bella Cooper. They helped generate several scoring chances.

The hard work paid off as sophomore Anneliese Lechner scored the game-winning goal with only 6:50 left in the second half to lift the Norsemen to the win.

Freshmen goalkeepers Grace Lemanski, first half, and Lucy Driscoll, second half, stood tall in net, stopping every shot that came their way.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 overall.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights get split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School field hockey team won its season opener last week, beating host Academy of the Sacred Heart 3-0.

The opener against ASH was a division game for the Knights.

"With starting freshman goalkeeper Alexandra Karolak and center midfielder and Captain Ella Karolak returning to anchor the center defense, Knights dominated play by keeping the ball in the opponents half for most of the game," head coach Jayant Trewn said.

Goals by senior captain Annette Meraw, sophomore Elsee Kogel in the first half, and freshman Brooke Summers in the second half, were sufficient to

secure a shutout for Karolak.

In other action last week, the Knights lost 5-3 to host Dearborn. It was a non-league contest.

The Knights started slow, trailing 4-0, as the team was adjusting to its "top of diamond" defense.

The Knights won the second half 3-1 with two goals by Summers and one goal and an assist by Kogel.

Meraw and junior Delaney Garvey, according to Trewn, "kept all cylinders firing" in mid field, and they were supported by junior midfielder Kaitlin Gray. Kate Carron kept the defense glued together and Grace Rahaim stayed in goal.

ULS is 1-0 in the Michigan Field Hockey Association Division 2 East, and 1-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Opening tie

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's field hockey team started its season with a division game at Farmington Hills Mercy last week, tying 2-2.

Senior captain Kylie Stackpoole, assisted by senior captain Caitlin Rionda, scored the first goal, and Rionda tallied the second goal. Rionda's shot came off a rebound off a goalie save.

Mercy scored early in

the second half with a high chip shot to a corner over the Blue Devils' goalie Hadley McSunas. The Marlins tied it off a fast-break scramble.

Head coach Jessie Rouleau said much of the game was played in the midfield with Helena Grobel playing a strong midfield.

McSunas had nine saves.

South is 0-0-1 in the Michigan Field Hockey Association Division 2 East and overall.

Tennis

GROSSE POINTE PARK



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Winners

Windmill Pointe Park recently hosted the annual Grosse Pointe Park tennis tournament and earning the mixed doubles championship was Sean Miller and Moira Hix, far left and second from left. They defeated Matt Drigorac and Barb Thompson, pictured right. Winning the men's doubles title were Miller and Connor Stafford. Miller played No. 1 singles for Grosse Pointe South's boys tennis team in 2018, while Stafford is the Blue Devils' No. 1 singles player as a freshman in 2019. Winning the women's doubles title were Kate Beardslee and Claire Beardslee.

Soccer

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights play tough, open with victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

On Monday evening, the host Knights beat Adrian Lenawee Christian 5-0. They led 2-0 at the half on goals by Matt Summers and Nolan Ondersma. In the second half, Sawyer Szajenko scored to give the home team a

2-0 lead, and Stewart Smith, off an assist from Harry Durno, tallied. Smith tallied again to complete the scoring in the steady drizzle. Sam Sword and Alex George each played goal and shared the shutout. Earlier last week, ULS opened the season with a stunning 2-0 victory over Orchard Lake St. Mary's. "They beat us 7-0 last

year, so it was nice to beat them this time around," head coach David Dwaihy said. "It was a nice effort from the boys." Smith had both goals as the Knights improved to 2-0 overall. Next for ULS is its Catholic League division opener on its home turf at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen split two

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Brad VandeVorde knew his Grosse Pointe North boys soccer team would get a test from visiting Chippewa Valley last week. The Big Reds, members of the top division in the Macomb Area Conference, beat the Norsemen 1-0, but host North outplayed them.

"We needed to finish, plain and simple," VandeVorde said. "We had a lot of chances and played a good game against a good team, but we have to convert those chances into goals." The Big Reds scored the lone goal at the 24-minute mark of the first half. They had to hang on in the second half as the Norsemen generated some good scoring chances.

In their season opener earlier in the week, the Norsemen beat visiting Port Huron Northern 5-0. Junior Chris Valice and sophomore James Streberger scored two goals apiece to lead the offense, while junior Alex Lovelace had the other goal. North also opened its division play last weekend, beating Warren Cousino 2-1.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights start with intensity

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys tennis team finished 2-0-1 in its home quad early last week. "We played some lengthy matches, and most of them went our way," head coach Mark Sobieralski said. "It was a long day of tennis." The Knights beat Allen Park and Yale 6-2, and tied Frankel Jewish Academy 4-4. Against Allen Park, Bennett French and Gerry Sherer won their

singles matches. At No. 1 doubles, Vincent Maribao and Jacob Tomlinson won, as did Alex Deimel and Rocco Scarfone at No. 2, Jack Estes and Bode Neumeister at No. 3 and Campbell Marchal and Max Wiegel at No. 4. In the Yale match, George Anusbigian, French and Sherer were victorious, and the three doubles squads that won were Deimel and Scarfone, Estes and Neumeister and Marchal and Wiegel. The Knights won three

of four doubles matches, and one singles match to force the tie with Jewish Academy. Sherer improved to 6-0 on the season with a win at No. 4 singles. Deimel and Scarfone earned a win at No. 2 doubles. Estes and Neumeister also won their match at No. 3 doubles, and the No. 4 doubles team of Marchal and Wiegel earned a win. ULS opens its Catholic League schedule Thursday, Aug. 29, against host Birmingham Brother Rice.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen go 1-2

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys tennis team traveled west to begin its season competing in a quad match against Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern, Jenison and Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central. The Norsemen beat Jenison 5-3 behind three wins in doubles and a

split of the four singles matches. At No. 1 doubles, Mitchell Mills and Charlie Ramsdell won 7-5, 6-2, and Luke Deskin and Ben Zoia won 6-3, 6-3 at No. 2 doubles. Johnathan Hartley and Zack Rockwell won a tough match in straight sets, 7-5, 6-4, and James Mousiaux and Henry Rosewicz lost 7-5, 6-2 at No. 3 and No. 4 doubles.

Adam Naimo and Alex Muawad won in singles, winning 6-3, 6-2, and 7-5, 4-6, 10-4 at the No. 2 and No. 3 flights. Simon Stallings lost 6-2-, 2-6, 10-8 at No. 1 singles, and Sahith Nannapaneni lost 7-5, 4-6, 10-4 at No. 4 singles. Head coach John Van Alst and his Norsemen dropped their matches to the Grand Rapids schools, 8-0.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils manage fourth-place finish

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys tennis team finished fourth in last week's Ann Arbor Huron Tournament. Ann Arbor Pioneer edged the host team 24-23 to win the title. Bloomfield Hills was third with 17.5 points and South had 15.5. Other teams competing were West Ottawa, Midland Dow, Portage Central and Saline. "I am very happy with how the boys played on

Friday," head coach John Willard said. "This was a very tough tournament with many of the top teams in the state competing and I was very happy to finish within the top half of the teams participating." Leading the Blue Devils was the No. 3 doubles team of junior Jackson Marchal and sophomore Will White, which finished second. The No. 2 and No. 4 doubles teams of senior Miles Jamieson and sophomore Alex Prather, and senior Patrick

Hopper and sophomore Luke Holowinski, each took third place. Both the No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles flights won the consolation bracket. Freshman Connor Stafford played No. 1 singles, and the No. 1 doubles team was senior Kenny Prather and junior Jacob Harris. The Blue Devils' No. 2 singles player was freshman Corbin Ifkovits, while the No. 3 and No. 4 singles players were sophomores Blake Discher and Owen Sanford.

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Football

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils have speed to burn

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South football team takes the field with high expectations this fall under one of the program's most successful head coaches in its history, Tim Brandon.

Brandon enters his 13th season at the helm and brings a 79-46 record to the table, including 8-2 last year.

In 2018, the Blue Devils won another Macomb Area Conference White Division title at 5-0, plus accomplished its other two goals of beating city rival Grosse Pointe North and making the state playoffs.

The win over the Norsemen made it seven victories in the past 10 years, and a playoff appearance in nine of the last 10.

The Blue Devils had host Dearborn Fordson on the ropes in the first-round playoff game, but lost 24-17.

They have two returning starters on offense and six on defense, so it might take a week or two



Senior Nick Fannon, No. 38, is a leading tackler for head coach Tim Brandon.

PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

for the offense to catch up to the defense.

"Expectations are again very high for the 2019 Blue Devils," Brandon said during the annual Macomb Area Conference football media day. "Coming off three straight MAC White championships,

this year's squad is working hard and is in a position to make it four in a row.

"The potential is there for this team to achieve its season goals of beating North, winning the MAC White, winning districts and beyond."

The offensive returners

are senior wide receiver A.J. Benson and sophomore wide receiver Will Johnson.

Both are speedsters who can cause all kinds of matchup problems for opposing defensive backs.

Senior Alex Shaheen is the new quarterback, and

other projected newcomers to the skill positions are senior tailback Kevin McCarron, junior tailback Jordan Johnson, junior wide receiver Luke Srebernak and senior tight ends Nick Fannon and James Doerer.

"We are going to spread things out and use our tremendous team speed," Brandon said. "Speed is our asset, while it might take time for our offensive linemen to gel."

On the line, expect seniors Caden McQueen, Noah Segletes and Aiden Walsh to join junior Mike Murphy and sophomore Jackson Lambert in protecting Shaheen and opening holes for the running game.

The Blue Devils have the capability to score points in bunches. The big question is how fast does the offense gel?

Defense has been a Blue Devil strength for several years. They only yielded 108 points last year, and look for returning seniors Owen Chen, Fannon, Doerer, Owen Bollaert and Grant Hart, plus Johnson, to keep the mojo going strong.

Projected newcomers to the defense are senior Sam Tucker, juniors Justin Maccagnone and Max Gavagan and sophomore Jack Taylor.

Another asset the Blue Devils have is kicker Ben Gabrion.

The punter/place kicker is one of the best in the MAC. He can pin a team deep with a perfectly placed punt or boot a field goal.

The Blue Devils are favored to win the MAC White, and will have to get through Warren Mott, Utica Ford, Utica, L'Anse Creuse North and Grosse Pointe North to make it happen.

"Mott is going to be tough, but so is Ford," Brandon said. "We won't sneak up on anybody. Every team will be ready to play each week."

In non-league action, the Blue Devils face Birmingham Groves, Port Huron in its homecoming game Friday, Sept. 27, Anchor Bay and Romeo.

South opens its 2019 season at 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, against Groves at Wayne State University.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

North ready to roll

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Things are looking up for second-year head coach Joe Drouin and his Grosse Pointe North football team.

The Norsemen are coming off a 1-8 campaign. Drouin was thrust into the head coaching position at the last minute and it was a struggle to get his staff together, as well as get the players on the game page.

With a full off-season under his belt, Drouin enters 2019 with determination to lead the Norsemen back to the .500 level. This is his 23rd year of coaching.

"Last year we never found our identity. We were never on the same page," Drouin said. "We had a good off-season. The guys worked hard and now can see the way things are supposed to be with our football program."

"The guys are ready to play football. They want to play hard."

The Norsemen return only three starters on offense and three on defense, so look for several newcomers to step in and contribute.

On offense, senior quarterback Brendan Cwiklinski is back, as are senior tailback KeShawn Cooper and senior lineman Joe Archambeau.

Others to watch at the skill positions include Ethan Pinkney, D.J. Washington, Kennard Williams, Tim Cleland, Ben Bessert and Anthony Topcui.



Head coach Joe Drouin is more relaxed as he enters his second year coaching Grosse Pointe North's varsity football team.

PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

On the offensive line, watch for Christin Hopkins, Johnny Bonnell and Archambeau.

"We will definitely be more versatile on offense," Drouin said. "We have some young, talented football players who we will move around to give us different looks."

Senior Jon Jon Welton Perkins returns and is the defensive anchor at linebacker. Others to watch are juniors Christopher Harris-Thomas and Ja'Vonte Stewart, as well as Topcui.

Underclassmen Mike Zontini handled the kicking duties last year. He has a strong leg and is an accurate kicker.

"We have a lot of talent, but we have a lack of depth at key positions,"

Drouin said during his time on the podium at the annual Macomb Area Conference football media day. "Staying healthy is important to our success as a team this year. With a focused offensive scheme and a retooled defensive system, we look to take the MAC White by surprise this season."

North finished 1-4 in the White Division last season, and competes against Warren Mott, Utica Ford, Utica, L'Anse Creuse North and city rival Grosse Pointe South this year.

In non-league action, the Norsemen face Warren Michigan Collegiate, Port Huron Northern, Romeo and Anchor Bay. The homecoming game is Friday, Sept. 20, against Mott.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

ULS has mojo

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School football team is looking to rebound from a sub-par 2018 season.

Several talented incoming freshmen join a plethora of seniors, including quarterback Ian Narva and wide receiver Drew Zelenak, to hopefully turn the Knights into a playoff contender.

"We have a few more in the program, which is great for us," head coach Dan Cimini said. "We are still very young, but we have a good leader in Narva at quarterback, and we have playmakers."

"I know we will be competitive, and our goal is to make the playoffs."

The Knights had a shot to make the playoffs last season, but fell short with a 4-5 record.

They finished third in the Catholic League Intersectional 1 Division with a 1-2 mark.

Anchoring the offensive line is junior Giorgio Malkoun. He has been in the weight room in the off-season, getting bigger and stronger. He is ready for an expanded role. Other returning linemen are seniors William Gregory, Nicholas Cardella, Dakota Jones, Rocco Tedesco and Nolan Allaer.

Narva threw and ran for more than 3,000 total yards and had 22 touchdowns last season. He should produce another outstanding season get-



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Head coach Dan Cimini and his senior quarterback Ian Narva have a firm grasp on an extensive playbook.

ting the ball to senior Daniel McMann, Dominic Marchese, Anthony Green, Patrick Ilitch and Tristan Reilly. Malik Pierce and Matthew Belcrest are underclassmen who have varsity experience and will contribute.

The Knights had moments of greatness last season, but too many inconsistencies led to the below .500 finish.

Adding talented freshmen and putting his players in position to succeed give the Knights a legitimate chance to make the state playoffs. Cimini's offensive play calling is creative.

The freshmen are Josh Pierce, Jack Jones, Ryan Jones, Oliver Service, Louis Gormely, Joey Randazzo and Mason Melegari. All will be involved in the offensive scheme.

"We can pound the ball through the line if we have that personnel, but we can also switch it around if we have more skill players who can do different things on the field," Cimini said. "We will give teams a lot of looks."

Many of the Knights are tall players who

added muscle in the off-season. There is enough depth to give everyone a breather, especially early in the season when the heat and humidity is a factor.

Riverview Gabriel Richard and Macomb Lutheran North were the pre-season picks to share the Intersectional 1, while ULS and Allen Park Cabrini were picked to tie for third.

In non-league action, the Knights travel to Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes and Southfield Christian, and host Cardinal Mooney, Clarkston Everest Collegiate and Burton Bentley.

The Knights have the potential to win seven or more games. They need to stay healthy and upset a foe along the way, but it can be done.

"It's nice to have solid football players in this program," Cimini said. "I can see good things for this group, but they have to stay healthy since we're a small school with not a lot of numbers. Overall, I can't wait to see what this team can do."

ULS opens the 2019 season at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at Waterford Lakes.

Volleyball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen field youthful roster

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Things are different as Chelsea Brozo begins the 2019 season as head coach of the Grosse Pointe North volleyball team.

Gone are eight seasoned veterans, leaving five to carry the load. Those returning seniors are Christina Braker, Caitlin Watts, Hannah Davis and Madeline Dottenhoff, as well as sophomore Sabrina Shaw.

Other members of the varsity squad are juniors Evelyn Fooks, Lindsey Brewer and Emma Sanderson, sophomores Sara Weiermiller, Paige Przepiora and Breanna Watts and freshmen Mary Schaden and Annabella Julien.

"We are very young, but things are different as we moved to the MAC (Macomb Area Conference) White," Brozo said. "We do have a bunch of scrappy back row players who will play hard and battle, and that is what we are aiming for."

The Norsemen have 55 players on the varsity, junior varsity and freshman squads.

The program looks good for the future as the younger girls will gain a lot of experience.

The Norsemen spent years in the MAC Red Division competing against the likes of Macomb Dakota and Marysville. Both have won state titles during the time they battled the Norsemen.

Now Brozo and her

players reside in the White with Fraser, L'Anse Creuse North, Utica, Port Huron Northern and city rival Grosse Pointe South.

"This is totally new for us," Brozo said. "I don't know much about these teams, but I do know they have some good players. It will be a learning experience the first time through the league schedule."

"We are also in some new tournaments and play Country Day this season, so everything is new."

The Norsemen play tournaments at Schoolcraft College, Blue Water Sports Center (three times), Chippewa Valley and Stevenson. They also play Country Day at the end of September on the



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

Grosse Pointe North's Christina Braker, No. 15, is one of five returning varsity players for the Norsemen.

road. North also hosts a district tournament the first week of November, com-

peting against Detroit Lakeview, St. Clair East English Village, Shores Lake Shore and Eastpointe East Detroit, city rival Grosse Pointe St. Clair Shores South.



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09/06/19	Utica	H	7:00PM
09/13/19	L'Anse Creuse North	A	7:00PM
09/20/19	Warren Mott	H	7:00PM
09/27/19	Port Huron Northern	A	7:00PM
10/04/19	Romeo	A	7:00PM
10/11/19	Henry Ford II	H	7:00PM
10/18/19	Grosse Pointe South	A	7:00PM
10/25/19	Anchor Bay	H	7:00PM

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS			
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08/21/19	Forest Hills Northern	A	8:00AM
08/27/19	Grosse Pointe North Quad	H	8:00AM
08/29/19	Grosse Pointe North Quad	H	8:00AM
09/03/19	Greenhills	A	4:15PM
09/04/19	Port Huron Northern	H	4:00PM
09/07/19	Grosse Pointe North Invitational	H	8:00AM
09/09/19	St. Clair	A	4:00PM
09/11/19	Eisenhower	A	4:00PM
09/14/19	H.H. Dow Quad	A	8:00PM
09/16/19	Grosse Pointe South	H	4:00PM
09/21/19	University Liggett School	A	8:00AM
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10/11/19	MHSAA Regionals	H	8:00AM
10/18/19	MHSAA Finals	A	8:00AM

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER			
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08/19/19	Port Huron Northern	H	6:00PM
08/21/19	Chippewa Valley	H	6:00PM
08/23/19	Cousino	A	6:30PM
08/26/19	Eisenhower	A	6:00PM
08/28/19	Anchor Bay	H	4:00PM
09/03/19	St. Mary Preparatory	A	6:00PM
09/06/19	L'Anse Creuse North	H	4:00PM
09/09/19	Romeo	A	7:00PM
09/11/19	Fraser	A	7:00PM
09/13/19	Cousino	H	6:00PM
09/18/19	Grosse Pointe South	H	7:00PM
09/23/19	Anchor Bay	A	6:30PM
09/25/19	L'Anse Creuse North	A	6:30PM
09/27/19	Roseville	H	4:00PM
09/30/19	Romeo	H	7:00PM
10/02/19	Fraser	H	4:00PM
10/07/19	Grosse Pointe South	A	7:30PM

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/29/19	Ann Arbor Early Bird	A	TBA
09/07/19	Algonac Muskrat Invitational	A	TBA
09/13/19	Spartan Invitational (MSU)	A	TBA
09/14/19	Autumn Classic Invitational	A	TBA
09/17/19	Jamboree	A	5:00PM
09/28/19	Legends Classic	A	TBA
10/05/19	Wayne County Championship	A	TBA
10/12/19	Gabriel Richard Invitational	A	TBA
10/17/19	Division Meet	A	1:00PM
10/26/19	MHSAA Regionals	A	TBA
11/02/19	MHSAA Finals	A	TBA

GIRLS VARSITY SWIMMING/DIVING			
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08/27/19	Wayne State Relay Meet	A	2:00PM
09/10/19	L'Anse Creuse	A	6:00PM
09/17/19	Eisenhower	H	6:00PM
09/24/19	Chippewa Valley	H	6:00PM
10/15/19	St. Clair	A	6:00PM
10/22/19	Grosse Pointe South	H	6:00PM

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/24/19	Schoolcraft Tournament	A	8:30AM
09/07/19	Michigan Elite Volleyball	A	TBA
09/10/19	Port Huron Northern	H	6:30PM
09/12/19	Utica	A	6:30PM
09/14/19	Mercy Tournament	A	8:30PM
09/19/19	Grosse Pointe South	H	6:30PM
09/24/19	L'Anse Creuse North	A	6:30PM
09/26/19	Detroit Country Day	A	6:30PM
09/28/19	Marysville	A	9:00AM
10/01/19	Fraser	H	6:30PM
10/03/19	Port Huron North	A	6:30PM
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GIRLS VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY			
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08/22/19	West Bloomfield	H	6:30PM
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09/11/19	Cranbrook	H	6:30PM
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08/27/19	Bye		TBA
08/29/19	Eisenhower	H	TBA
09/05/19	Dakota	A	TBA
09/10/19	Grosse Pointe South	H	TBA
09/12/19	Port Huron Northern	A	TBA
09/19/19	Eisenhower	A	TBA
09/24/19	Dakota	H	TBA
09/26/19	Grosse Pointe South	A	TBA
10/01/19	Port Huron Northern	H	TBA
10/10/19	D2 Regional (Farmington Hills)	A	TBA
10/18/19	D2 State Finals (MSU)	A	TBA
10/19/19	D2 State Finals (MSU)	A	TBA

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/24/19	ULS Alumni Run	H	9:00AM
08/29/19	Ann Arbor Early Bird	A	TBA
09/07/19	Algonac Muskrat Invitational	A	TBA
09/13/19	Spartan Invitational (MSU)	A	TBA
09/14/19	Autumn Classic Invitational	A	TBA
09/17/19	Jamboree	A	5:45PM
09/28/19	Legends Classic	A	TBA
10/05/19	Wayne County Championship	A	TBA
10/12/19	Gabriel Richard Invitational	A	TBA
10/17/19	Division Meet	A	1:00PM
10/25/19	MHSAA Regionals	A	TBA
11/02/19	MHSAA Finals	A	TBA

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Volleyball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils aim for division title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's volleyball team enters 2019 with a veteran and talented roster, and with high expectations.

The Blue Devils finished 21-4 overall and 7-3 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division last season.

This year, head coach Krysta Kreyger returns. Caroline Zrimec, Shannon Kerr, Jada Divita, Cody Conlan, Cailin Gallagher, Lilly Hall, Madeline Sullivan, Catherine Llope and Bella Wade.

"We are very excited to get the season started," Kreyger said. "This team

has a different dynamic than previous years. The MAC White will be very competitive this year, and I believe we will hold on our own and compete for the MAC White title."

The Blue Devils have battled for division titles in years past, but came up short with losses in the big games.

Their division opponents this season in the MAC White are Fraser, L'Anse Creuse North, Port Huron Northern, Utica and city rival Grosse Pointe North.

The Blue Devils have a lot of tall players, so they should enjoy an advantage at the net against most foes. They should outthit and outblock foes

on most nights, especially with one of the state's top sophomores on the team in Divita.

The Blue Devils also face Armada in a non-league match, as well as three tournaments at Lake Orion High School, Bedford High School and Blue Water Sports Center in Warren.

"As for a state title run, we will never count ourselves out," Kreyger said. "We will work towards that goal every chance we get."

In the state playoffs, South competes against East Detroit, East English Village, Lakeview, Lake Shore and host Grosse Pointe North.



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

Grosse Pointe South sophomore Jada Divita is one of the top hitters in the MAC White Division.

Grosse Pointe South BLUE DEVILS

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/30/19	Groves	A	4:00PM
09/06/19	Henry Ford II	A	7:00PM
09/13/19	Warren Mott	A	7:00PM
09/20/19	Utica	H	7:00PM
09/27/19	Port Huron	H	7:00PM
10/04/19	Anchor Bay	A	7:00PM
10/11/19	L'Anse Creuse North	H	7:00PM
10/18/19	Grosse Pointe North	H	7:00PM
10/25/19	Romeo	A	7:00PM

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/28/19	Novi	A	9:00AM
09/04/19	St. Clair	H	4:00PM
09/09/19	Troy	H	4:00PM
09/11/19	Port Huron Northern	A	4:00PM
09/13/19	Detroit Country Day	A	4:30PM
09/16/19	Grosse Pointe North	A	4:00PM
09/18/19	Eisenhower	H	4:00PM
09/19/19	Ann Arbor Huron	A	4:00PM
09/21/19	ULS Tournament	A	7:50AM
09/24/19	Detroit Catholic Central	H	4:00PM
09/26/19	Troy Athens	H	4:00PM
10/01/19	Brother Rice	A	4:00PM
10/02/19	Sterling Heights	A	4:00PM
10/10/19	Regionals	H	TBA
10/14/19	University Liggett School	A	4:00PM
10/18/19	State Finals	A	TBA

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/23/19	Detroit Country Day Tourney	A	TBA
08/27/19	Utica	A	7:30PM
08/29/19	Fraser	A	7:30PM
09/04/19	Stevenson	A	6:30PM
09/06/19	Cousino	H	7:30PM
09/09/19	Anchor Bay	H	7:30PM
09/11/19	L'Anse Creuse North	A	6:30PM
09/16/19	Romeo	A	7:00PM
09/18/19	Grosse Pointe North	A	7:00PM
09/23/19	Fraser	H	5:30PM
09/25/19	Cousino	A	6:30PM
09/26/19	Romeo	H	7:30PM
09/30/19	Anchor Bay	A	6:30PM
10/02/19	L'Anse Creuse North	H	7:30PM
10/07/18	Grosse Pointe North	H	7:30PM

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/29/19	Trenton Invitational	A	TBA
09/07/19	Algonac Muskrat Classic	A	TBA
09/13/19	MSU Spartan Invitational	A	TBA
09/14/19	Huron Invitational	A	TBA
09/17/19	Jamboree	A	4:30PM
09/28/19	Marauder Invitational	A	TBA
10/05/19	Wayne County Championship	A	TBA
10/08/19	Warren Mott	H	TBA
10/12/19	Gabriel Richard Invitational	A	TBA
10/17/19	Division Meet	H	1:00PM
10/22/19	Cener Line	A	TBA
10/25/19	Regional Meet	H	TBA
11/02/19	State Meet	A	TBA

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/29/19	Trenton Invitational	A	TBA
09/07/19	Algonac Muskrat Classic	A	TBA
09/14/19	Huron Invitational	A	TBA
09/17/19	Jamboree	A	4:30PM
09/28/19	Marauder Invitational	A	TBA
10/05/19	Saginaw Heritage Invitational	A	TBA
10/08/19	Warren Mott	H	TBA
10/12/19	Gabriel Richard Invitational	A	TBA
10/17/19	Division Meet	H	1:00PM
10/22/19	Cener Line	A	TBA
10/25/19	Regional Meet	H	TBA
11/02/19	State Meet	H	TBA

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/24/19	Lake Orion	A	8:30PM
08/30/19	Bedford	A	8:30AM
09/07/19	Michigan Elite	A	TBA
09/10/19	L'Anse Creuse North	A	6:30PM
09/12/19	Fraser	H	6:30PM
09/19/19	Grosse Pointe North	A	6:30PM
09/24/19	Utica	H	6:30PM
10/01/19	Port Huron Northern	A	6:30PM
10/03/19	L'Anse Creuse North	H	6:30PM
10/08/19	Armada	H	5:30PM
10/10/19	Fraser	A	6:30PM
10/15/19	Grosse Pointe North	H	6:30PM
10/22/19	Utica	A	6:30PM
10/24/19	Port Huron Northern	A	6:30PM

GIRLS VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/23/19	Mercy	A	4:30PM
08/27/19	Dearborn	A	7:00PM
08/28/19	Father Gabriel Richard	A	7:30PM
09/03/19	Marian	A	7:30PM
09/04/19	Grosse Pointe North	A	7:30PM
09/09/19	Hartland	A	7:00PM
09/11/19	Farmington	H	7:30PM
09/16/19	Academy of the Sacred Heart	H	7:30PM
09/18/19	University Liggett School	A	4:30PM
09/23/19	Brighton	A	7:00PM
09/25/19	Cranbrook	A	4:30PM
09/26/19	Greenhills	A	4:30PM
09/30/19	St. Catherine of Siena	H	7:30PM
10/01/19	Plymouth	H	7:30PM
10/04/19	Detroit Country Day	H	7:30PM
10/09/19	Edsel Ford	H	7:30PM

GIRLS VARSITY GOLF			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/19/19	Traverse City Central	A	TBA
08/22/19	Lakeview	A	TBA
08/27/19	Port Huron Northern	H	TBA
08/29/19	Dakota	H	TBA
09/10/19	Grosse Pointe North	A	TBA
09/12/19	Eisenhower	A	TBA
09/17/19	Port Huron Northern	A	TBA
09/19/19	Dakota	A	TBA
09/26/19	Grosse Pointe North	H	TBA
10/01/19	Eisenhower	H	TBA

GIRLS VARSITY SWIMMING/DIVING			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/24/19	Mercy	A	12:00PM
08/27/19	Wayne State	A	2:00PM
09/10/19	Anchor Bay	H	6:00PM
09/17/19	Chippewa Valley	A	6:00PM
09/24/19	St. Clair	H	6:00PM
10/01/19	Eisenhower	H	6:00PM
10/12/19	MISCA Swimming	A	TBA
10/22/19	Grosse Pointe North	A	6:00PM
10/24/19	QUAD	H	6:00PM
10/29/19	L'Anse Creuse	H	6:00PM
11/07/19	MAC Division Meet	H	TBA
11/14/19	Diving Regionals	H	TBA
11/22/19	State Finals	A	TBA

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Volleyball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Sullivan sees a ton of potential

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School volleyball team has the veteran leadership needed to help the program take big strides this season.

Head coach Dan Sullivan and his assistants, Becky Scholtes and Sarah Nichols, will lean on returning seniors Ava Cipriano, Lulu Dunn, Melanie Zampardo and Bella Cubba to lead the way.

One big surprise was the arrival of junior Rosie Bracken, who moved from Indiana this summer. She brings a vast volleyball background to the team, and her primary position is setter.

"We have a person to get the ball to our hitters, and that is a huge bonus for us," Sullivan said. "Having a solid passer really makes the offense run."

Cubba played high-level travel volleyball, and will be one of the top hitters. Zampardo will help in that category, and her all-around play at the net will help the Knights. They are the team captains.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Bella Cubba has the ability to help the University Liggett School volleyball team reach great heights this season.

Others on varsity are Olivia Fetterman, Madeline Zampardo, Allie Mulder, Kendall Memphis Griffin, Most of the players had moments of greatness, but in the end inconsistency led to their shortcomings.

With experience in their pocket and a year of maturity, Sullivan can see the improved play and determination in practice.

"I feel good about the progress the girls made, and the direction we're heading," Sullivan said.

The Knights should contend for a Catholic League division title as they battle Frankel Jewish Academy, Cristo Rey, Austin Catholic, Greenhills, Cardinal Mooney, Academy of the Sacred Heart and Everest Collegiate.

In non-league action, the Knights face Lutheran North and Novi Christian Academy near the end of the regular season, plus compete in three tournaments.

ULS hosts a Division 3 district tournament, with Detroit Central, Detroit Community, Detroit Jalen Rose Leadership Academy, Detroit Pershing and Madison Heights Madison in attendance.

The Knights' home opener is at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, against Everest Collegiate.

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KNIGHTS

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL				BOYS VARSITY SOCCER				GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/30/19	Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes	A	11:00AM	08/20/19	Harbor Beach	H	4:00PM	08/26/19	Greenhills Tournament	A	8:00AM
09/06/19	Southfield Christian	A	7:00PM	08/23/19	St. Mary's	H	5:00PM	09/11/19	Everest Collegiate	H	6:15PM
09/14/19	Cardinal Mooney	H	2:00PM	08/26/19	Lenawee Christian	H	6:00PM	09/18/19	Frankel Jewish Academy	A	6:30PM
09/20/19	Riverview Gabriel Richard	H	5:00PM	08/29/19	Detroit Cristo Rey	H	4:30PM	09/21/19	Parkway Christian Tournament	A	8:00AM
09/28/19	Everest Collegiate	H	1:30PM	09/03/19	Riverview Gabriel Richard	A	5:30PM	09/25/19	Detroit Cristo Rey	A	TBA
10/05/19	Lutheran North	H	2:00PM	09/10/19	Cabrini	A	5:30PM	10/02/19	Austin Catholic	A	TBA
10/12/19	Cabrini	A	1:00PM	09/13/19	Novi Christian Academy	H	4:30PM	10/07/19	Greenhills	A	6:30PM
10/19/19	Bentley	H	1:30PM	09/17/19	Detroit Cristo Rey	A	5:30PM	10/09/19	Cardinal Mooney	H	6:15PM
10/25/19	Bishop Foley	A	7:00PM	09/19/19	Riverview Gabriel Richard	H	5:30PM	10/16/19	Sacred Heart	H	6:15PM
BOYS VARSITY TENNIS				BOYS/GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY				GIRLS VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
08/20/19	Yale, Frankel, Allen Park	H	8:00AM	08/28/19	Anchor Bay Early Bird Invite	A	10:00AM	08/21/19	Dearborn	A	7:00PM
08/24/19	Notre Dame, St. Clair, St. Francis	H	8:00AM	09/10/19	CHSL Jamboree 1	A	4:30PM	08/23/19	Sacred Heart	A	4:30PM
08/29/19	Brother Rice	A	4:00PM	09/14/19	Autumn Classic	A	10:00AM	08/29/19	Marion	A	4:30PM
09/07/19	Allegan, Parma, Rochester	H	8:00AM	09/20/19	James Cleverly Invite	A	4:00PM	09/11/19	Mercy	A	4:30PM
09/10/19	Gabriel Richard, Ann Arbor	H	4:00PM	09/24/19	CHSL Jamboree 2	A	4:30PM	09/13/19	Cranbrook	H	5:45PM
09/12/19	Cranbrook	H	4:30PM	09/28/19	Hanson's Invite	A	9:30AM	09/16/19	Dearborn	H	4:30PM
09/14/19	Holly Tournament	A	8:00AM	10/05/19	Wayne Co. Championships	A	10:00AM	09/18/19	Grosse Pointe South	H	4:30PM
09/17/19	Catholic Central	A	4:00PM	10/07/19	CHSL Jamboree 3	A	4:30PM	09/20/19	Maumee Valley Tournament	A	8:00AM
09/19/19	U-D Jesuit	H	4:30PM	10/12/19	Gabriel Richard Invite	A	9:00AM	09/21/19	Maumee Valley Tournament	A	8:00AM
09/21/19	Liggett Tournament	H	8:00AM	10/19/19	CHSL Championships	A	TBA	09/24/19	Farmington	A	4:30PM
09/24/19	Port Huron Northern	H	4:00PM	10/26/19	Regionals	A	TBA	09/28/19	Grosse Pointe North	H	12:00PM
09/26/19	Greenhills	A	4:30PM	11/02/19	State Meet	A	TBA	10/09/19	Saline	H	4:15PM
09/28/19	De La Salle, Almont, Lumen	H	8:00AM					10/11/19	Novi	H	5:00PM
10/03/19	Grosse Pointe North	H	4:00PM					10/15/19	Detroit Country Day	H	4:15PM
10/08/19	CHSL Championships	H	8:00AM					10/17/19	Playoffs	A	TBA

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6D | FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

Soccer

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights have talent

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Things are looking up for the University Liggett School boys soccer team as it prepares for the 2019 season.

Head coach David Dwaihy has 17 returning players from last year's group of 23, with a good number of juniors and seniors to provide experience and leadership.

"We have a great group of attacking players, led by Stewart Smith (junior, 1st team all-state as a sophomore), Sheikh Manneh (junior) and Nolan Ondersma (senior, all-state honorable mention as a junior),"

Dwaihy said. "They will be supported by midfield general Matthew Summers (senior), Markus Wiegel (junior) and sophomore Dougie Wood, who had an impressive season as a freshman.

"Our back line will be anchored by seniors Will Nicholson, Harry Durno, and Sam Combs, as well Daniel Barta, and we have two excellent goalkeepers in Sam Sword and Alex George.

"Andy (Knote) and I are really excited to see how this team will gel and what we can accomplish in the Catholic League.

"I'd like to think we

will be very competitive this year, and with a challenging league schedule plus some very strong non-conference opponents (Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Lutheran North and Summit Academy), I'm hopeful we will be battle-tested and ready to make a run by the time the state tournament rolls around.

"It's a great group of boys, and they are a lot of fun to coach."

Other team members are James Carron, Stephen Fozo, John Keyorkgy, Adam Serratos and Sawyer Szajenko.

The Knights' division

foes are Detroit Cristo Rey, Riverview Gabriel Richard, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard and Allen Park Cabrini, and their other non-league opponents are Harbor Beach, Lenawee Christian, Novi Christian Academy, Royal Oak Shrine, Ann Arbor Greenhills and Lutheran Northwest.

ULS is once again in a tough state district tournament.

Madison Heights Bishop Foley is the host, and the competition includes Roeper, host Bishop Foley, Shrine, Parkway Christian and Warren Michigan Math and Science.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Nolan Ondersma hopes to help lead the University Liggett School boys soccer team to great things this season.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen ready

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The time is now for the Grosse Pointe North boys soccer team to strive to the top under second-year head coach Brad VandeVorde.

The North graduate is excited about his team, and they have raised the bar in their pursuit of excellence.

"Expectations are limitless," VandeVorde said. "We only lost four to graduation, so we have a lot of returning players. We have high goals, but it's up to the players to reach those. My assistant coaches and I will work

hard to put the players in position to win games. We're excited to start the season."

Team captains are seniors Ronald Latiff and Andrew Sheffield.

Other standouts are senior Ben Amaye, junior Chris Valice and sophomores James Streberger, Tom Sheffield and Ben Sheffield.

Other veterans on the roster are Liam McEnroe, Joseph Tedesco, Joseph Paluzzi, John Latiff, Nick Miller, Shane Campbell, Will Aufedemberge, Brett Abke and George Graham.

Last season, the Norsemen finished 6-8-4

overall and 4-6-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

This season, the Norsemen have the potential to post double-digit victories and compete for a division title against Anchor Bay, L'Anse Creuse North, Warren Cousino, Romeo, Fraser and city rival Grosse Pointe South.

"We have a tough opening schedule, which will get us ready for league season and beyond," VandeVorde said. "If we stay focused, I think we will be OK."

Besides the 12 division games, the Norsemen



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

Grosse Pointe North's John Latiff, left, and his teammates hope this is a title-filled season.

face Port Huron Northern, Chippewa Valley, Utica Eisenhower and Roseville.

In the district tournament, the Norsemen host Dearborn Fordson,

Detroit Cass Tech, U-D Jesuit, Detroit Western International, Oak Park and Grosse Pointe South.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils ready to contend

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys soccer team fell short of its goal of winning a district title last season.

Head coach Francesco Cilano has a dozen returning players who are hungry to reach that goal this season.

Cilano's seniors are John Blake, Matthew Edwards, Connor Stencil and Samuel Tucker.

The juniors on the squad are Joseph Bonahoom, Ryan Caldwell, Joshua Eckert, Garrett Finley, Ian Foy, Rene' Robert, William Simonson, Bennett Smihal and Douglas Tengler; sophomores are

Michael Adams, Charles Davis, Asher Heimbuch, Nicholas Litsas, Emmett O'Keefe and Michael Tengler; and the freshmen are Lucas Frye and Blake Simonson.

One of the biggest thorns in their side the past couple of years has been close defeats where they outplay the opponent, but come up a goal short on the scoreboard. Hopefully, this year's recipe for success turns those close losses into victories.

Last season the Blue Devils finished 8-5-2, and 7-4-1 (third place) in the Macomb Area Conference White Division. It was a tight finish with L'Anse Creuse North winning with a 7-2-3 record and Romeo

taking second at 7-3-2.

This season, the Blue Devils face Anchor Bay, Warren Cousino, Fraser, L'Anse Creuse North, Romeo and city rival Grosse Pointe North.

The games with North are Wednesday, Sept. 18, on the road, and Monday, Oct. 7, at home.

In non-league games, the Blue Devils face Utica, Sterling Heights Stevenson and three foes in their season-opening Detroit Country Day Tournament.

South competes in a Division 1 district tournament against Dearborn Fordson, Detroit Cass Tech, U-D Jesuit, Detroit Western International, Oak Park and host Grosse Pointe North.



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Grosse Pointe South hopes to give opponents the boot this season, thanks to veterans like Samuel Tucker, No. 12.

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Field hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL



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Members of the University Liggett School girls field hockey team learned from a national coach during a pre-season clinic.

Knights defend title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls field hockey team takes to the turf as the defending Division 2 state champions.

Gone are several graduates from that team, including All-Stater Kate Birgbauer, but head coach Jayant Trewn has another deep roster.

The girls on varsity are Katherine Carron, Sophia Filipof, Delaney Garvey, Kaitlin Gray, Allysa Jones, goalkeeper Alexandra Karolak, Ella Karolak, Eliese Kogel,

Aidan McFarlane, Annette Meraw, Brooke Summers, Abi Cone, Isabel Fruehauf, Alexis Gormely, goalkeeper Grace Rahaim and Sophia Kalyvas.

"We work hard at our craft to get better and better," Trewn said. "We play hard and work throughout the season to be at our best at play-off time. We should be pretty good this season."

The Knights finished third in Division 2 last year, but upset No. 2 seed Dearborn and No. 1 seed Wixom St. Catherine in the semi-

nals and state title game.

The Michigan Field Hockey Association went from two divisions to four this year with a Division 1, Division 2 East, Division 2 West and Division 3.

The Knights compete in Division 2 East with Dearborn, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Academy of the Sacred Heart, Farmington, Farmington Hills Mercy and city rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South.

Trewn and assistant coach Amanda Amine

will have their players ready for what will be a highly competitive division slate.

In non-league games, Trewn scheduled Bloomfield Hills Marian, Maumee Valley Country Day, Saline, Novi and Detroit Country Day.

The Knights had more than 30 girls show up for tryouts, meaning they will have a varsity and junior varsity this season.

In addition, their numbers are rock solid at the middle school level, which bodes well for the future.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen set in new division

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's a new era for field hockey at Grosse Pointe North.

Second-year head coach Emma Yee lost a dozen seniors from last year's successful squad, leaving the 2019 version in the hands of seniors Eleanor Martinez, Brenna Marsin, Bella Cooper, Chloe Dobbs and Ruth Fradeneck.

Juniors are Erica Kenzie, Maddie Marsin, Erin Murphy, Caleigh Murray, Ashlyn Senter and Grace Cameron.

There are also a dozen sophomores and freshmen. The sophomores are Ella Maltby, Natalie Gatteno, Clare Ramsdell, Katherine Justice, Lara Huebner, Anneliese Lechner and Harmony Goslin; and the freshmen are Grace Lemanski and Lucy Driscoll, both goalies.

"We are young, but they want to learn," Yee said. "We are working hard at practice. The girls are getting better, and the younger girls know they are the future of North field hockey."

The leaders are Martinez, Murphy and

the Marsin sisters. Lemanski and Driscoll will learn to play goalkeeper on the run, but Yee will give them the opportunity to get the job done.

North finished in the top half of Division 2 of the Michigan Field Hockey Association, and won a playoff game last fall.

The league went from two to four divisions with Division 1, Division 2 East, Division 2 West and Division 3.

North resides in Division 2 East with Farmington Hills Mercy, Farmington, Dearborn, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Academy of the Sacred Heart and city rivals Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School.

"Our division is very tough, and it will be a challenge for our young team," Yee said. "I know we will play hard and give it our best effort."

In non-league play, the Norsemen face West Bloomfield, Warren Regina, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Oakland, East Grand Rapids, Clarkston, Bloomfield Hills and Ann Arbor Greenhills.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

New coach to lead talented team this year

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South field hockey team has a new coach, Jessie Rouleau.

She is the Blue Devils' fourth head coach in four straight seasons.

"We have a nice group of returning players," Rouleau said during the Blue Devils' recent scrimmages at University Liggett School. "I'm excited to coach."

This season her seniors are Meaghan Bojarczyk, Suzanne Breen, Madeleine Grant, Helena Grobel, Maria Haddad, Hadley McSunas, Sofia Remelius, Caitlin Rionda, Kylie Stackpoole and Avery Waterson.

The juniors are Hope Whitney, Veronica Van Rossen, Kathryn Skupien, Lucy Roraff, Emma Riley, Charlotte

Parent, Kennedy Mason, Carly Gesell, Bridget Doyle, Bronwen

Dingeman and Katherine Bsharah, while the sophomores are Kate Adams, Alyse Applegate, Olivia Frye and Katherine Griffin.

Rionda was one of the team's leading scorers as the squad finished in the top four of the Michigan Field Hockey Association Division 2 standings.

They lost in the state semifinals to St. Catherine, 4-0.

League officials reshuffled the divisions, making four instead of two, there is Division 1, Division 2 East, Division 2 West and Division 3.

South calls Division 2 East home, and competes against Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Farmington, Dearborn, Farmington Hills Mercy

and city rivals Grosse Pointe North and ULS.

The division is highly competitive from top to bottom. Earning the No. 1 seed is attainable.

In non-league games, the Blue Devils face Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard, Bloomfield Hills Marian, Hartland, Brighton, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Wixom St. Catherine, Plymouth and Detroit Country Day.

The Blue Devils' field hockey team will be on the road to start the season since the athletic facility is still under construction.

Their first five games of the season are on the road, including Wednesday, Sept. 4, against rival North.

The Blue Devils finally play their home opener at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, against Farmington in a Division 2 East contest.



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Cross country

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Can Norsemen keep mojo going?

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North cross-country program has been a consistent winner year after year, thanks to the dedication of head coaches Scott Cooper and Diane Montgomery.

This year should be another winner, starting with the girls team, which finished second in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

"We finished second in the MAC Red which was very impressive, and we look to equal or better that accomplishment this season," Cooper said. "We have a strong returning core with some new runners who will add to the mix right away for us."

"We just missed making it to the state finals last year and hope to qualify the team this year with a strong showing at the regional race."

The 70-member squad is led by returning letter winners Carolina Mrsan, Elise Nyquist, Lyndsay Kluge, Sarah Seagram, Anna Lisa Lynch, Jackie Albo, Audry Rakozy, Annaliese Thomas, Rhea Janka, Eleanor Bernas, Amelia Shock and Jordyn Foulkrod.

As for the boys, Montgomery's captains



PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT COOPER

The Grosse Pointe North captains for the girls team are, from left, Rhea Janka, Jordyn Foulkrod, Sarah Seagram, Lyndsay Kluge and Caroline Mrsan.

are seniors Jack Day and Andrew Spiteri.

"We graduated the most accomplished group of athletes the program has seen in many years last June. Five of our seniors were in our top seven, so we have some spots to fill this fall," Montgomery said. "Our No. 1 runner last year is back again for his junior year, Preston Navarre. Navarre earned all-state status in cross country as a sophomore and comes in with a per-

sonal best time of 15:52.

If he stays healthy this season, we think he will do great things once again. He had his best summer of training yet.

"He will be followed by a nice pack of three seniors, Andrew Spiteri, Jack Day and Michael Lynch. Spiteri missed his junior season when he fractured his fibula in the first meet of the season last year. He had a solid track season and is back ready to go for this cross-country season. Day

gained valuable experience as a varsity runner last year and Lynch has continued to improve and gain strength. These three should be a solid 2-4 for North."

Rounding out the top seven could be junior Noah Lawson and a couple of sophomores, Max Kluge and Ryan Spiteri. "We have gained a solid group of incoming freshmen and some new sophomores. We are excited to have these young men in the GPNXC



PHOTO COURTESY OF DIANE MONTGOMERY

The captains for the Grosse Pointe North boys team are Andrew Spiteri, left, and Jack Day.

family," Montgomery said. "All of the returners had a good summer of training and they are ready to continue the tradition of excellence we have been building over the last 10 years."

Montgomery enters her 10th season as the Norsemen's head coach, and assistant coach Joe Ciaravino also enters his

10th season.

"Last year was a dream season with MAC conference meet and Region 8 titles, but we are looking forward to having another competitive team this year," Montgomery said. "Our goal, as always, is to qualify as a team to the state finals (top 3 at the Region meet)."

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Hope runs high

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys and girls cross-country teams are looking to stay in contention for league and regional titles this fall.

The boys, under head coach Mark Sonnenberg, are led by seniors Tucker Griffin and Dominic Dulac, juniors Charlie Rulison, Abraham Abouljoud and Jack Corrión, sophomores Jake Vallan and Jack Hurst and freshman Brendan Downey.

Team captains are seniors Halden Stoehr, Noah Hubner, Will Jarvis, Ben Corrión and Dulac.

"The Grosse Pointe South boys would like to challenge Romeo for the league title," Sonnenberg said. "We should be in front of Dakota and Grosse Pointe North, which are also priorities. A regional championship is in our sights."

"We hope to challenge to win the MAC Red,"



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANER

Grosse Pointe South girls cross country team captains are, from left, seniors Ally Vern, Jenna Clark, Mary Jordan and Lizzy High.

said girls head coach Steve Zaranek. "We will likely be very inexperienced this year (lost four of our top seven to graduation) but have a core group returning and a very large, hardworking freshmen class added to the mix. At this point we have 85 girls on the team and that may grow a bit more over the next week."

The Blue Devils' captains are seniors Jenna Clark, Lizzy High, Mary Jordan and Ally Vern.

The top returning runners are seniors High, Clark, Paisley MacKay, Miya Bowman, Maggie Frost, Victoria Gardey

and Grace Miller, as well as juniors Paloma Beacham, Elizabeth Bellovich, Annabella Joseph and Dianne Dollison.

Both teams finished in the middle of the pack of the highly competitive MAC Red, but both excelled in invitational meets, as well as the state regional meet.

This season, the MAC Red is comprised of Macomb Dakota, Utica Eisenhower, Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South, L'Anse Creuse North, Romeo, Sterling Heights Stevenson and Utica.

South hosts a Division

1 regional meet at Chandler Park Golf Course.

Competing teams are Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm, Fraser, Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South, L'Anse Creuse, Roseville, Royal Oak, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Sterling Heights, Stevenson, Troy, Troy Athens, Warren Cousino, Warren DeLaSalle, Warren Fitzgerald, Warren Mott and Warren Woods-Tower.

The state finals are Saturday, Nov. 2, at Michigan International

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights have new coach

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Colleen Mellon is the new head coach of the University Liggett School cross-country program.

She inherits a program on the rise, thanks to the dedication of the previous head coaches, Lindsey Bachman and Alan Parish.

"In my short time as coach, one week, I can see potential in their times from last season with their dedication and the work they have performed this week," Mellon said. "They have shared their pre-season, mid-season and overall season goals that are attainable, which does include state qualifications."

"At this point my focus is on building their base, working them into speed, begin the peaking process at the right time(s) and above all else, avoid injuries as we work together to achieve their team and individual goals."

Leading the boys team are seniors Ashton Pongratz, Kelin Flynn and Ian Shogren, sophomores Jacob Whitton, Garret Flynn and Evan

Provenzano, as well as freshman Ryan King.

For the girls, the leaders are seniors Sadie Ancona, Ava Hennessy and Maggie Dunn, sophomores Emilia Bronk and Grace Govier-LaParl, as well as freshmen Penelope Griffioen and Evelyn Doan.

The Knights compete in the highly competitive Catholic League C-D Division and should hold their own against the likes of Ann Arbor Greenhills and Royal Oak Shrine.

ULS competes in a Division 3 regional meet the final weekend of October at Algonac High School, running against the host school, Academy of the Sacred Heart, Brown City, Burton Bendle, Burton Bentley, Byron, Capac, Detroit Central, Detroit Edison, Detroit Henry Ford, Detroit Jalen Rose Leadership Academy, Detroit Loyola, Detroit Pershing, Durand, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Memphis, Mount Morris, Otisville Lakeville Memorial, Richmond, Southfield Bradford Academy and Warren Michigan Collegiate.

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Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils look to add to titles

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys tennis team is ready to hit the courts, and it will be led by veterans Jacob Harris, Miles Jamieson, Kenny Prather, Will White and Jackson Marchal.

Returning sophomore varsity players are Blake Discher and Alex Prather.

“Once again this year our goal is to win the MAC Red championship,” head coach John Willard said. “We will face very tough competition from St. Clair, as well as the other schools in our division, for this title. We also hope to do well in our regional and qualify for the state championships in Midland. I expect the toughest competition in our regional to come from both Troy and Troy Athens.”

The Blue Devils have won three consecutive



Grosse Pointe South's veterans are, from left, Jacob Harris, Miles Jamieson, Kenny Prather, Will White and Jackson Marchal.

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MAC Red Division dual meet titles. This season,

they have to go through St. Clair, Utica Eisenhower, Port Huron Northern and city rival Grosse Pointe North.

“During the first week

of practice I have been impressed by the improvement I have seen in both our returning varsity players, as well as several of last year's junior varsity players who have earned varsity positions this season,” Willard said. “Their hard work in the off-season is very apparent by the improvement I have seen. We also have two incoming freshmen who will play top spots in our lineup this year with Connor Stafford at No. 1 singles and Corbin Ifkovits at No. 2 singles. I am looking forward to a fun and competitive season.”

South once again hosts a Division 1 regional tournament in mid-October with Chippewa Valley, Dearborn Fordson, Detroit Cass Tech, Fraser, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Troy, Troy Athens, Utica Ford and Warren Mott competing.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights eager to start season

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys tennis team slowly improved last year and cleared a hurdle by making it to the state finals.

Head coach Mark Sobieralski had a very young team, and they improved during the season.

Most of the guys are back, leaving the Knights in a favorable spot this fall.

“We are light years ahead of where we were this time last year,”

Sobieralski said. “We are a good team, and I'm excited about this team. The boys are competitive.”

Junior William Cooksey leads the team at No. 1 singles.

He was the state champ last season at No. 1 singles and enters the year as one of the nation's top players in his age group.

Other returning players are Bennett French, playing No. 3 singles; Vincent Maribao and Jacob Tomlinson, playing No. 1 doubles; Alex Deimel and Rocco

Scarfone, No. 2 doubles; Jack Estes and Bode Neumeister, No. 3 doubles; and Max Wiegel, playing No. 4 doubles.

Newcomers are Campbell Marchal, playing No. 4 doubles; Gerry Sherer, No. 4 singles; George Anusbigian, No. 2 singles; and Tarun Jarial, who will go between varsity and junior varsity.

In their first action of the season, ULS won the Portland Tournament with 19 points.

North Muskegon was second with 12 points, followed by Portland

with 11 and Paw Paw with 6.

“We only won three matches in this tournament last year, so to come out here and win it is something positive,” Sobieralski said.

The Knights finished unbeaten in five flights and runner-up in two others.

At singles, Anusbigian and Sherer were 3-0, while French was 2-1 and Jarial was 0-3.

Maribao and Tomlinson, Estes and Neumeister and Marchal and Wiegel finished 3-0. Scarfone and Deimel fin-

ished 2-1.

The Knights are still in the Catholic League Central Division, competing against Birmingham Brother Rice, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Novi Catholic Central, U-D Jesuit and Ann Arbor Greenhills.

The Knights also host four quads, as well as Port Huron Northern and Grosse Pointe North in dual matches. They also host an eight-team tournament Saturday, Sept. 21.

ULS also hosts a Division 4 regional tournament in mid-October. Teams competing are Almont, Armada, Center Line, Imlay City, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Sandusky, West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy, Yale and host ULS.

“I would like to think we can contend for a state title and at least get into the top four,” Sobieralski said. “We'll continue to work hard and work on our game. Our goal is to play our best at the regionals and state finals.”

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen have solid foundation

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys tennis team heads into action this season with a host of veterans, and that has optimism running high.

Head coach John Van Alst's returning players are seniors Adam Naimo, Charlie Ramsdell, Zach

Rockwell and Jonathan Hartley, juniors Luke Deskin and Ben Zoila, and sophomores Simon Stallings and Mitchell Mills.

Newcomers to the team are senior Henry Rozewicz and freshmen Sahith Nannapaneni, Alex Muawad and James Mousiaux.

“This year's team has

several returning players. What is nice from the coaching end is that the team mostly know each other already and are very team oriented,” Van Alst said.

The Norsemen finished in the bottom couple of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division a year ago, but that should change in 2019.

“I think St. Clair and Grosse Pointe South are going to be vying for the top spot in the Red with Grosse Pointe North not far off in third,” Van Alst said. “Our lower singles will be pretty solid with the addition of the freshmen to the team, where as the doubles lineup is solid with seasoned players. North is looking for-

ward to a great season.”

North's other division foes are Utica Eisenhower and Port Huron Northern, and its non-league dual match foes are Ann Arbor Greenhills, U-D Jesuit, Grosse Ile and University Liggett School.

The Norsemen also play five quad matches, as well as the annual

ULS Tournament Saturday, Sept. 21.

North hosts a Division 2 regional tournament with L'Anse Creuse, Port Huron, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Sterling Heights, Warren Cousino, Warren DeLaSalle and Warren Woods-Tower competing. The top two make the state finals.

Better to play multiple sports

Nearly 43 percent of athletes at Michigan High School Athletic Association member high schools continued to participate in two or more sports in 2018-19, according to the Multi-Sport Participation Survey, reinforcing similar data collected for the first time two years ago and providing a foundation for work by the MHSAA's Multi-Sport Task Force as it prepares to continue efforts this fall to promote the multi-sport high school experience.

Early and intense sport specialization has become one of the most serious issues related to health and safety at

all levels of youth sports, as overuse injuries and burnout among athletes have been tied to chronic injuries and health-related prob-

lems later in life.

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Swimming

SOUTH, NORTH & LIGGETT

Swim teams prepped for success

Blue Devils ready to rock & roll

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls swimming and diving team is coming off one of its best seasons in program history, finishing third in the Division 2 state finals with 214 points.

Rochester Adams won with 250 points and Birmingham Seaholm was second with 220.

Thanks to a vast number of talented underclassmen and several good newcomers, head coach John Fodell and his Blue Devils might just be battling for that elusive crown come November.

The Blue Devils cruised to another Macomb Area Conference Red Division regular season and league meet title.

Chippewa Valley, Utica Eisenhower, St. Clair and city rival Grosse Pointe North are the division competitors. Eisenhower has been a close rival with the Blue Devils the past few seasons, and this year South hosts the Eagles Oct. 1.

Several swimmers earned All-State last year as underclassmen.

Olivia Yoo and Hannah Blanz were members of the 200-yard medley relay team that took first with a time of 1:46.61.

Yoo was second in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:53.10, and Hayden Barry finished 10th with a time of 1:56.36 in the same event.

Elizabeth Klepp was 24th in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:16.35.

Yoo once again was All-State, taking fourth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 57.71, and Morgan Palace was 23rd in the same event with a time of 1:00.84.

Barry was All-State in

the 500-yard freestyle, finishing eighth with a time of 5:17.53.

Phoebe Bedsworth, Lily Bates and Blanz helped the Blue Devils' 200-yard freestyle relay team take 12th with a time of 1:41.64, and Klepp placed 11th in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:00.91.

Yoo rounded out her state finals appearance by helping the 400-yard freestyle relay team earn all-state by taking second with a time of 3:33.03.

Barry also was an underclassman on the relay.

If all of these all-state performers return, Fodell and company will be in a great spot heading into the league meet and state finals.

Besides the four division foes, the Blue Devils face Anchor Bay and Farmington Hills Mercy in a dual meet, plus host a quad meet at the end of October.

The league meet is Nov. 7 and 8 at Chippewa Valley.

Knights have solid team

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls swimming and diving team might be small in numbers, but they provide quite a punch when it comes to winning events.

Coaches Nick Valice and Lisa Cornell had nine underclassmen compete last fall, junior Sophie Housey, sophomores Harisen Davis, Ariana Herman, Isabella Kalyvas and Reese Martin and freshmen Ginger McMahon, Sophia Herman, Emilia Bronk and Hannah Wheatley.

Several of the girls qualified for the Division 3 state finals. They enjoyed a ton of success, helping the Knights take sixth as a team with 125 points.

Earning first-place finishes and all-state was Housey in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle with times of 1:48.37 and 50.23, and McMahon in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:04.94.

McMahon also was runner-up in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:07.94.

The Knights' 200-yard medley relay team of Housey, McMahon, Ariana Herman and Davis earned all-state by taking sixth with a time of 1:50.26, and the 400-yard freestyle relay squad of Davis, Ariana Herman, McMahon and

Housey also was all-state after finishing eighth with a time of 3:40.07.

Others who competed in other events included Davis, who was 30th in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:03.26, and Arianna Herman, who was 32nd in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:12.77.

"Our girls practice with their club teams and come together for meets," Valice said.

Newcomers to the team are Courtney Mecke and Grace Wesley.

The Knights have a tough Catholic League schedule, competing against Dearborn Divine Child, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Warren Regina, Farmington Hills Mercy and Bishop Foley.

Norsemen have new head coach

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls swimming and diving team has a new coach, Danielle Woody.

"Mrs. Woody brings both experience and passion to our swim program," Grosse Pointe North Athletic Director Michelle Davis said in a letter she sent to the North family. "She prides herself on teaching the proper techniques of swimming to prevent injury, and serving as a mentor to build better and stronger swimmers."

Woody was a collegiate swimmer, competing at Wayne State University and the University of Tampa.

Her coaching career includes being an assistant at Chippewa Valley and assistant at L'Anse Creuse North. She also is the head coach of Fraser's boys swim team.

The Norsemen finished below .500 last season, but that should change this year as Woody should have a long list of returning swimmers and some talented newcomers fill out the roster.

The girls on the roster as of Friday, Aug. 23, are Elizabeth McMahon, Jaden Payne, Amelia Fly, Victoria Treder, Katerina Pirker, Sophia Vitale, Diana Muccioli, Shayla Andrews, Luci

Michaelson, Leah Salisbury, Tatum Bastien, Ava MacGillis, Miki Farah, Mariah Loper, Alexis Richardson, Elizabeth Cosio, Ava Nowacki, Vanessa Ciaramitaro, Kelly Heywood, Carys Rees-Baker, Abigail Gretkierewicz and Amanda Nguyen.

The Norsemen compete against Chippewa Valley, Utica Eisenhower, St. Clair and city rival Grosse Pointe South in division meets.

They also have non-league meets against L'Anse Creuse and L'Anse Creuse North.

The MAC Red Division league meet is Nov. 7 and 8 at Chippewa Valley.

The Norsemen finished fifth last season, and could be middle of the pack this fall.

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Golf

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils shine

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Expectations are high for the Grosse Pointe South girls golf team under head coach Rob McIntyre.

Last season, the Blue Devils finished eighth in the Division 1 state finals after winning a regional championship.

McIntyre's new assistant coach is Evan Feringa.

Leading the squad are All-State performers Kaitlin Ifkovits and Audrey Becker. Ifkovits is the captain and Alston

Smith is the assistant captain.

Others who competed in last year's state finals tournament were Gray Rahm, Mia Rancilio and Jennifer Crowley.

"There isn't pressure to perform," McIntyre said. "There is opportunity to excel. If we do things the right way and to the best of our abilities, we will end up where we should be."

South finished second at 6-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division in 2018. This season, the Blue Devils are in the same division

and face Macomb Dakota, Utica Eisenhower, Grosse Pointe North and defending division champ Port Huron Northern.

The regional tournament is the first full week of October, and competing teams are Woodhaven, Dearborn, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Dearborn Fordson, Detroit Cass Tech, Detroit Western International, Farmington, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn and South.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Loflin leads North

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Beth Loflin is the new head coach of the Grosse Pointe North girls golf team.

Loflin played college golf at Xavier University, and then spent several years working as a golf professional in Cincinnati and Atlanta.

She now works at Parcels Middle School, and is excited to teach golf to her players.

"We're excited to get going and see what we can do," Loflin said.

The underclassmen who competed in the

regional tournament were Bianca Clark, Ava Gallant, Evelyn Stahl and Emme Simpson.

Seniors on this year's squad are Claire Cameron, Cailin Empson and Alyssa Micks.

Sophomores Ana Todesco, Ava Danna and Sammy Lucido are on the squad, as is freshman Rita Shemmai.

The Norsemen compete in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division against Macomb Dakota, Utica Eisenhower, city rival Grosse Pointe South and Port Huron Northern.

North remains in Division 2, and plays its regional tournament Thursday, Oct. 10, at Farmington Hills Golf Course.

Competitors are Auburn Hills Avondale, Birmingham Groves, Seaholm, Detroit Renaissance, Mercy, North Farmington, Port Huron, Port Huron Northern, Royal Oak, St. Clair Shores Lakeview and Walled Lake Western.

"Our goal is to play better in the regionals and try to get a couple of girls to the state finals or the team," Loflin said.