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It's parade time!

The 40th annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade will take to Kercheval at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27. Thousands line the route from the Farms through the Village for the parade, produced by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. See pages 3A and 6A for more information.

Ready for Christmas

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — It doesn't take a detective from the North Pole to interpret this evidence:

- ◆ The mayor lit the city Christmas tree in the Village last Friday.
- ◆ It snowed the next morning.
- ◆ This Friday, Nov. 27, Santa comes to town in the parade.

Solution: "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."
"One of my favorite days of the year is to light the Christmas tree," said City of Grosse Pointe Mayor

Dale Scrace, master of ceremonies during the annual Village Aglow Friday, Nov. 20, at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair. More than 200 people attended the launch of the holiday season in the downtown shopping district. They were drawn by tradition, carols sung by the Grosse Pointe South High School Pointe Singers, free coney dogs from Harvard Grill, hot chocolate and warming fires from the Grosse Pointe Boat Club and municipal recreation department, respectively.

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Wrapping up water main work

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — In the ebb and flow of municipal infrastructure projects, the tide is out on water main replacements and it won't come in for many moons.

"This past year, we embarked on the most comprehensive water main program we've had in 50 years, in terms of the amount of water mains replaced and the cost," said Shane Reeside, manager of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The \$3.5 million project involved replacing approximately 3 1/2 miles

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Hollyfest

The Hollyfest benefit for the Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods was held at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Friday, Nov. 20. At right, Diane Strickler, founder of the Family Center, watches as her husband, Ron, bids on a dinner party. Below, back row from left, Dr. Anne McCarren and Dr. Jeanne Lewandowski and front row from left, Dr. Donna Hoban and Dr. Cheryl Wesen enjoy the evening.



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At left, from left, Beth Vernon and Anne Prokop, Hollyfest committee co-chairwomen and Debbie Liedel, executive director of the Family Center.

Santa due at lighting

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Santa Claus rides a fire truck to the annual Village tree lighting ceremony, 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at city hall, at the corner of Lakeshore and Vernier.

Festivities begin on the landing outside the main entrance.

A children's chorus leads a holiday sing-along. Mayor Ted Kedzierski and

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At right from left, Moussa Hamka, Beline Obeid and Tony Obeid. At far right from left, David Dieter and Richard Thomas.



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My Family Dental

My Family Dental is a full-service family dental office specializing in implant and cosmetic dentistry. Celebrating ribbon-cutting ceremonies with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce were, from left, Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Skip Fincham, Sherry Apigo, Dr. Michael Danelia, Mayor Robert Novitke, Bridget Wayman, Michele Frushour, Sandy Corrion and Chamber President Jenny Boettcher. The office is at 21308 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. Visit myfamilydental.com or call (313) 881-8080.



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The Zealous Root

The Zealous Root is a full-service hair salon offering haircuts, color, manicures and pedicures, waxing and styling. Celebrating ribbon-cutting ceremonies with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce were the owners and staff of The Zealous Root. Cutting the ribbon are Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Robert Denner with Nick Nouhan and owner Vina Tocco. The Zealous Root is at 15011 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call (313) 290-2018.

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"I think this might be the biggest crowd we've ever had," Scrace said.

To the city's newest public safety officer, Andrew Prueter, the turnout represented the "close-knit community" that drew him to work here.

"This is my favorite

time of the year, to get everything rolling and have fun," added John Shook, head of the City Foundation, a sponsor of the event.

Next comes the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, on Kercheval from Lewiston in the Farms to Cadieux in the City.

New for this year's 40th edition of the parade, themed "Storybook Christmas," Santa dismounts his

sleigh in the Village and reads stories to children.

Village Aglow was sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Foundation, Harvard Grill, Grosse Pointe Boat Club and City department of parks and recreation.

Support came from Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade and Grosse Pointe Foundation.

Members of the City Beautification Commission and Project Bloom decorated Village flower pots and hung greenery.

"Don't forget to shop

local," Scrace told the crowd. "Shop in the Village, Fisher Road, Mack plus all the other Pointes."

SANTA:

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Christmas Carol introduce Santa.

Inside the building, members of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation serve complimentary hot cocoa.

Santa meets children beside a Christmas tree in the public safety department lobby.

City hall administrative offices are closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27, for Thanksgiving.

Donations

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Donations to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit are accepted through Friday, Dec. 18, at Grosse Pointe Shores city hall.

Drop off non-perishable food items, sample-sized toiletries, new men's and women's underwear and socks, new or gently used winter garments, including gloves and mittens, at the ground-floor public safety desk or upstairs at the administrative offices.

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Snow friend

Emma Jarvis, a second-grader at Maire Elementary School, took advantage of the City of Grosse Pointe's scant snowfall to make her first snowman of the season.



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WATER:

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of water pipes and, in addition, some sanitary sewers.

"We probably won't have another major water main project for several years, but we are televising and mapping the sanitary sewer system," Reeside said.

Crews snake a miniature camera through sewers to identify areas needing repair.

"We're trying to complete as much as possible this fall," Reeside said. "That may spill over to spring, depend-

ing on weather conditions."

Water mains were replaced in areas known for higher frequency of breaks.

"When we have a water main break, the location is mapped," Reeside said. "We addressed our most problematic areas."

In addition, about one mile of pipe dating to the 1920s was replaced under Provencal from Kercheval to Chalfonte.

He thanked residents for putting up with inconveniences in work zones.

"Hopefully, those areas won't have to be touched for another 90 years," Reeside said.

Friday's Santa Claus parade lineup

The following is the order of participants in the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, which is 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27. The parade is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

1. Honor Guard
2. Detroit Mounted Police
3. City, Farms, Park, Shores and Woods fire and police trucks/cars
4. City, Farms, Park, Shores and Woods fire and police trucks/cars
5. Wayne County Community College District banner
6. WCCCD MES University Center fire trucks
7. ServPro truck
8. Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce banner
9. I Heart GP float
10. Grosse Pointe mayors banner
11. Grosse Pointe mayors trolley
12. Parade marshal banner
13. Parade marshal Devin Scillian and family/Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors trolley
14. City of Grosse Pointe Woods banner
15. City of Grosse Pointe Woods trolley
16. Grosse Pointe Farms foundation banner
17. Military Missing in Action
18. Flint Scottish Pipe Band
19. Grosse Pointe War Memorial banner
20. Grosse Pointe War Memorial trucks/tank
21. Mumford High School marching band
22. Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Foundation banner
23. Puppet float
24. Christian Financial Credit Union banner
25. Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology car
26. Model A car
27. Model T car
28. Grosse Pointe Lions Club float
29. Grosse Pointe Democratic Club banner
30. Grosse Pointe News
31. Grosse Pointe North marching pep band
32. Grosse Pointe Woods Shores Little League 11U state champions with truck
33. Ray Laethem Motor Village banner
34. Grosse Pointe North homecoming king/queen and Grosse Pointe South homecoming queen.
35. Wesley Orthodontics banner
36. University Liggett School banner
37. Solar car from Grosse Pointe schools
38. Hupmobile and Detroit electric car
39. Grosse Pointe South High School band
40. Bolton-Johnston Realtors banner
41. Our Lady Star of the Sea school float
42. Grosse Pointe Power Squadron
43. Edsel & Eleanor Ford House banner
44. Faircourt Dental Big Smile float
45. Sine & Monaghan banner
46. St. Paul Catholic School
47. St. Paul Catholic School Girl Scouts
48. St. Paul Catholic School Cub Scout Pack 61
49. Belding Cleaners banner
50. Shrine Lancers mini cars
51. The Hill Association banner
52. De La Salle High School marching band
53. Monteith Girl Scouts
54. Jumps Restaurant banner
55. Relay for Life Grosse Pointe
56. Capricious banner
57. Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe banner
58. Morning Glory banner
59. Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe float
60. Connell Building Company banner
61. Grosse Pointe Farms/City Little League 10 year old District 6 winners
62. Grosse Pointe Farms/City Little League 12 year old District 6 winners
63. Small Favors banner
64. The Shoe Tree banner
65. Casali School Dancers
66. LaLonde Jewelers banner
67. Grosse Pointe Academy
68. Suntastic Swim School banner/group
69. Grosse Pointe Theatre group and vehicle
70. Aitken & Ormond banner
71. Detroit Fire Department clown team
72. St. John Providence banner
73. Chandler Park Academy band
74. Ferry Brownie Troop 71293 with float
75. Defer Girl Scout Troop 70993
76. Trombley School Brownie Troop
77. Grosse Pointe Times/C&G banner
78. Mason Girl Scout Troop 71141
79. Mason Girl Scout Troop 71059
80. John F. Martin Photography banner
81. Maire Brownie Troop 71018
82. Kerby Girl Scout Troop 76012
83. Camp Bow Wow SCS group and banner
84. Kennel Club float with Mary Reinman singing
85. Golden retriever rescue group
86. Grosse Pointe Historical Society car
87. Big Heads
88. TCBY banner
89. Lakeside Baseball Club truck
90. Pointe Magazine banner
91. Fitzgerald High School marching band
92. Grosse Pointe City Foundation banner
93. Junior League of Detroit car
94. Scott Shuptrine Interiors banner
95. Art Van Furniture banner
96. Art Van float
97. Pointe Capital Management banner
98. Emerald Dance Academy truck/trailer
99. Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage banner
100. Detroit Circus Jugglers
101. Sanders Fine Chocolatiers banner
102. Regina High School student outreach
103. Eastside Tennis and Fitness float
104. Grosse Pointe Public Library banner
105. Backer Landscaping Inc. banner
106. Cousino High School marching band
107. Robert Loomis & Associates banner
108. Bulldogs Hockey Club
109. Talmer Bank and Trust banner
110. Lakeshore Longhouse truck
111. Theramatrix Physical Therapy banner
112. Grosse Pointe Geek car
113. Grosse Pointe Schools Gearheads Robotics Team
114. The Dragich Law Firm banner
115. Redford Unicycle Group
116. Fifth Third Bank banner
117. 1917 Detroit Electric Car
118. Trombley Cub Scout Pack 86
119. Mason Cub Scout Pack 290
120. Defer Cub Scout Pack 147
121. Kerby Cub Scout Pack 481 with float
122. Monteith Cub Scout Pack 85
123. Maire Cub Scout Pack 19
124. Ferry Cub Scout Pack 34
125. Grosse Pointe Florist banner
126. Ecorse Mighty Marching Raiders band
127. K-9 float
128. Christmas Carol float
129. White carriage with Hannah Ayrault singing
130. Wellness Train float
131. Santa Sleigh

Public Safety

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing doing

There were no reports. —Brad Lindberg
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

City of Grosse Pointe

59 suspensions

A motorist violating 59 driving suspensions attracted a patrolman's attention last week by operating a black GMC truck with an expired license plate on Mack near St. Clair.

During a traffic stop at 2:47 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, officers took the man, of unspecified residence, into custody.

"(He) was very cooperative," said the arresting officer.

Drunken driver

Police arrested a

21-year-old St. Clair Shores woman for driving while under the influence of alcohol on eastbound Jefferson near Fisher at 1:13 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21.

A patrolman pulled her over for speeding 10 mph above the 35 mph limit.

Noting signs of intoxication, the officer described her eyes moving "like windshield wipers on a dry pane of glass."

She admitted consuming "maybe one" drink "three hours" earlier, then registered a .115 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

Bins taken

A woman living in the 400 block of Lakeland said her refuse cans, including a large, blue municipal bin, were stolen from curbside between 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, and 8:30 a.m. the next day.

Wallet stolen

A Village shopkeeper in

the 17100 block of Kercheval reported her wallet stolen from the premises mid-afternoon Sunday, Nov. 15, and found a short while later, minus \$100, in the vestibule of a nearby business.

"(She) stated she

observed a suspicious (heavyside) female in her store who possibly was involved, although (there is) no evidence directly linking her," reported an investigating officer.

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Christmas tradition 60 years of signatures on tablecloth

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

Mary Sullivan Rosell

was 31 when she made a stop at J.L. Hudson and bought four yards of green material at 79

cents per yard. She stitched up its ends and laid it over her dinner table, a festive feature for the holidays.

Her aunt Agnes was visiting that year, 1955.

"I thought it would be nice for her to sign it," Rosell said.

Rosell used a sewing machine to stitch the autograph onto the fabric and from there, a tradition was born.

"Every year I got it out and every year people put their names on it," Rosell said. "I never get tired of looking for people's names There are



Mary Sullivan Rosell has displayed her holiday tablecloth for 60 years.

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so many old friends on here. Everybody likes to come and look for their names."

For the past 60 years, the tablecloth has never been washed, rather is covered in plastic during the holiday mealtimes to keep it clean. Rosell, 91, estimates it bears the signatures of 300 to 400 family members and friends.

After each holiday, new signatures were stitched onto the fabric via sewing machine. After Rosell got rid of the sewing machine, guests signed their names in chalk and Rosell traced over the chalk with white paint.

"I can't believe myself how many names are here," she said. "We've had so many happy times when I would serve a

meal."

Among the collection are the signatures of Detroit Free Press journalist and editor Neal Shine and his wife Peggy, onetime Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh, a few St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church priests, former Michigan Court of Appeals Judge

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Tempers flare as Bashara hearing continues

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

DETROIT — Bob Bashara, walking with a noticeable limp, took the witness stand Friday, Nov. 13, the continuation of a hearing he hopes will convince Judge Vonda Evans to grant him a new trial for the 2012 murder of his wife.

And even though Bashara told the court he wanted to be "100 percent honest" in his testimony, it didn't take long for both

prosecuting attorney Lisa Lindsey and Evans to question Bashara's honesty and his behavior around the time of Jane Bashara's murder Jan. 24, 2012.

Even when shown cell phone tracking records indicating Bashara's cell phone was in Grosse Pointe the afternoon of the murder, Bashara stood by his story that he was in Trenton.

He also accused local real estate agents of lying when they said he had

stopped by their office that afternoon to pick up a closing packet for a house he was buying with his mistress, Rachel Gillett.

"I was not at all serious about buying that house," Bashara told the court, claiming he made a purchase offer and had the house inspected because "I wanted to know what was wrong with the house because I thought Jane and I could buy it."

When confronted with phone records showing Bashara had called the same realtor the morning of Jan. 25, about 12 hours

after he notified police his wife was missing and about an hour before he was notified by police her body had been found in the backseat of her SUV in an alley in Detroit, Evans asked why.

"Your wife is missing and you called a realtor?" Evans asked.

"I had nothing else to occupy my time," Bashara replied.

Bashara admitted he lied to his mistresses and his family, saying he lied to protect them, maintaining his wife had given him permission to do anything, as long as it did not

embarrass his family.

"I wanted to keep my lifestyle private," Bashara said, referring to his immersion into the BDSM alternative lifestyle he shared with several mistresses, or "slaves," as he called them.

"I loved my wife," Bashara told the court, while also saying he had brought his mistresses to family functions and actually got them involved in volunteer activities in which he and Jane participated.

Evans questioned that. "I want you to think about this," she told

Bashara, "Would it have been embarrassing to Jane to find out that one of your mistresses was serving on a committee at church with her?"

Bashara stood his ground.

"If Jane had not been brutally murdered, I would still be in the lifestyle and I would still have gone on our second honeymoon," Bashara said.

Bashara will resume testimony Thursday, Dec. 3, allowing his attorney, Ronald Ambrose, to review hearing transcripts.

Free weekends in Village lots

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- ◆ Dec. 19 and 20.

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"The city estimated each free weekend will cost the city's parking fund a reduction of budgeted revenue of approximately \$5,000," according to Peter Dame, city manager. "The DDA will reimburse the city parking fund half of the estimated cost as part of its marketing budget."

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Maureen Reilly, Focus: HOPE Co-founder Eleanor Josaitis and many others.

Of course, family takes up more than half of the cloth, including Kathy Lewand and Tim Sullivan — Rosell's children with late husband Joe B. Sullivan — her four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, as well as her current husband, Bob Rosell, along with many of his family members.

"But I've never signed it," said Rosell, a retired teacher. "The names,

they make it come alive. Someone you completely forgot about, you see the name and you can remember the face ... We've had some wonderful conversations over this tablecloth over the years."

This year's holiday season will be bitter-sweet for the Rosells, who are moving from their Grosse Pointe Park home into The Rivers. Space will be limited, "so this is the last year for the tablecloth," Rosell said.

"So many things I start and I don't follow through, but with this I did," she continued. "This is the story of my life."

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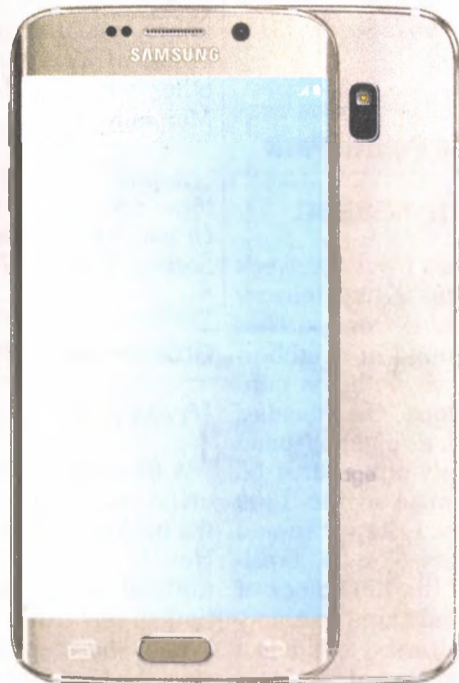


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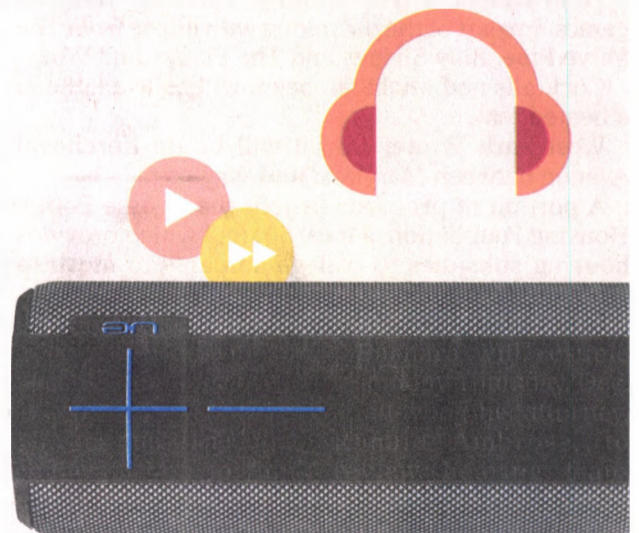
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OUR VIEW

Grosse Pointe loves a parade

Not just any parade.
The parade.

On Friday, Nov. 27, the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade officially ushers in the holiday season. Thousands of people, each year for the last 40, line the route on Kercheval from the Hill to The Village.

It doesn't matter if it's rain, sleet or snow. It's hardly ever sunny and warm.

We invite you to enjoy this Grosse Pointe tradition. It's one of the best parades you'll see.

Kudos to the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. They make the parade happen. The dozens of volunteers, hundreds of hours of work - it's truly pure Grosse Pointe.

Toys for Tots

Wesley Orthodontics is a Toys for Tots collection point, taking in new, unwrapped toys for children. Those leaving a toy will be given an entry slip for a Dec. 23 drawing for a Trek bicycle.

Shop locally

Grosse Pointe has great Christmas shopping deals and opportunities. There's no reason to drive elsewhere to fight the crowds.

Our holiday gift guide in this issue features dozens of local businesses with great deals, all in Grosse Pointe and the immediate area.

We ask you support them this Christmas season.

West Park Winter Social

This event takes place 4 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, offering a holiday market inside a heated tent. Vendors will sell a variety of wares, including art prints, ceramics, photography, apparel, home goods, health goods, confections and more. Numerous Grosse Pointe small business and organizations will feature family-friendly activities at the Winter Social.

Food trucks, a tree lighting, caroling, outdoor games are part of the day, along with music from The Verve Pipe, Billy Strings and The Flutter and Wow.

Cocktails and Michigan beers will be available in a heated tent.

West Park Winter Social will be on Kercheval Avenue between Maryland and Wayburn.

A portion of proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation, a local 501(c)3 which provides housing subsidies to college students to move to Grosse Pointe Park.

Other events include designing holiday cards with the Grosse Pointe Mompreneurs to send to The Detroit Institute for Children, a sing-along with Grosse Pointe Music Academy, hands-on building experience with The Robot Garage and cookie decorating with Savvy Chic.

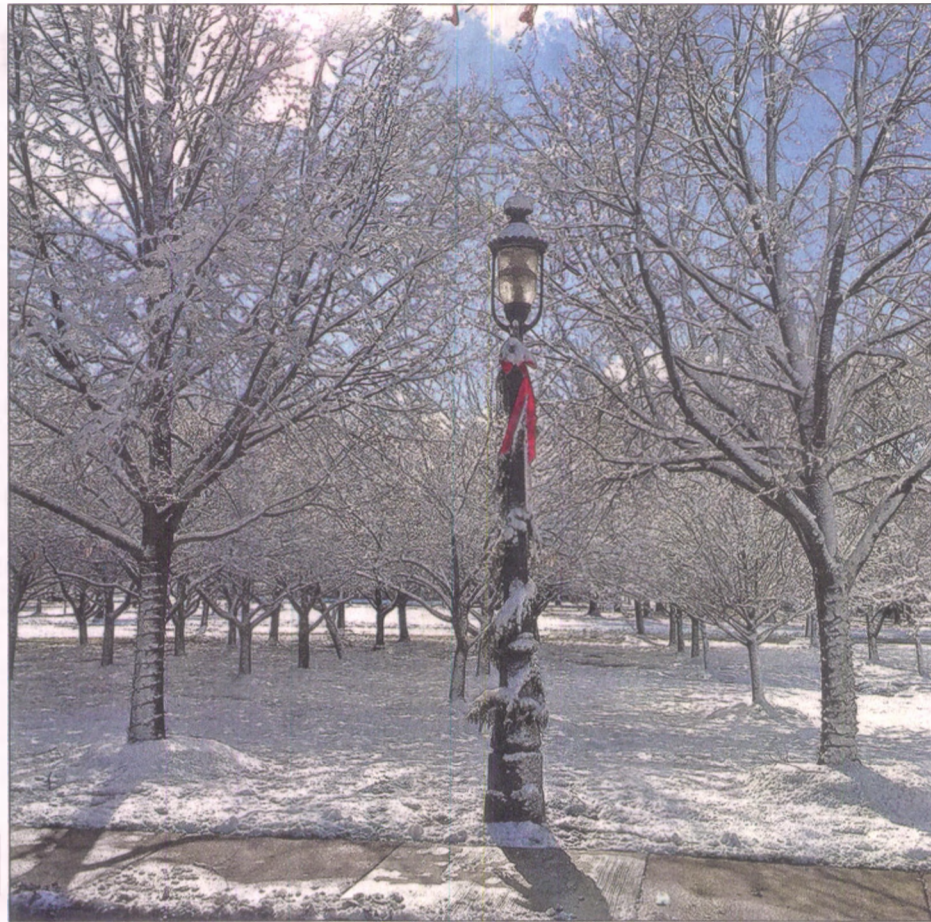


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Pure Grosse Pointe

The first snow of fall was light for the Grosse Pointes compared to other Metro Detroit communities, some of which moved 15 inches Saturday, Nov. 21. It was still a beautiful, albeit chilly, scene.

LETTERS

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Thank you

On behalf of the board of the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the businesses in the community and the many members of our Club who contributed to our annual scholarship benefit held on Nov. 18, to raise funds to provide scholarships for a Grosse Pointe North and a Grosse Pointe South student.

The Woman's Club celebrated our 65th anniversary this year and

have given scholarships for most of that time.

Thank you to: Atwater Brewery, Belding Cleaners, Buscemi's in the Park, Chico's of Grosse Pointe, Circare, City Kitchen, Jan & Jim's Hallmark, The Loop Hair Salon, The Park Grill, Ram's Horn Restaurant, TCBY, Village Wine Shop, and numerous members and friends.

Without your kind generosity, we would be unable to provide these scholarships every year.

PAM ZIMMER
President and
benefit chairwoman

SAFETY:

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

Grosse Pointe Park

'tis the season

At least twice last week packages left by delivery services on front porches were found in neighboring yards with the contents gone. On Tuesday, Nov. 17, a neighbor found an empty box addressed to a house in the 1300 block of Lakepointe and on Friday, Nov. 20, a resident of the 1300 block of Maryland found an empty box addressed to him in a neighbor's yard.

No entry

Sometime overnight Thursday, Nov. 19, an unknown suspect attempted to break into a business in the 15000 block of Kercheval by breaking a window and a door handle. No entry was gained.

Larceny

Two duffle bags and two boxes of shotgun shells were taken sometime overnight Tuesday, Nov. 17, from a car parked

in the 1400 block of Maryland.

MDOP

Obscene messages were found the morning of Friday, Nov. 20, spray painted on two garage doors, one in the 1200 block of Wayburn, the other in the 1300 block of Maryland.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Prowler

A Bournemouth homeowner parked her car in the backyard Wednesday, Nov. 17, but at 6:30 p.m. noticed the headlights had been turned on. When she stepped outside, she found two young men in her yard, one holding her dog, the other in the car. The suspects, described as two black males in their late teens, fled on foot down Bournemouth.

Immigration call

A routine traffic stop at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Vernier and Charlevoix resulted in the arrest of a Detroit resident who had never acquired a driver's license, but did try to pass off a document called an International Translation

Don't agree

As a long time resident of Grosse Pointe Park and a dog owner, I feel compelled to comment on Kathy Ryan's article in the Nov. 19 issue of your newspaper. The article entitled "Its not about us anymore" concerns itself with the ongoing discussions and decisions made regarding the creation of a dog park in GPP.

To describe the "hundred or so" dog owners who lobbied the GPP city council to create a dog park within Patterson Park as a "majority," while referring to the GPP city council who are attempting to represent the interests of all residents of GPP as a "minority" is inaccurate and misrepresents the facts in this discussion.

Further, to compare those residents who want to maintain the current activities and character of Patterson Park to a grandmother keeping her china collection safe but unused is also

inaccurate. Residents visit Patterson Park daily and enjoy the variety of activities available there. It is anything but an unused resource of our community. Ms. Ryan goes on to hint that "young people" may not want to consider living in GPP if the city does not have a dog park. I find it hard to believe that the existence or absence of a dog park will play a significant role in anyone's decision to live in our city.

Finally, to suggest that it is primarily "old people" that don't want a dog park and perhaps it's time we turn over decision making in our community to our children and grandchildren is insulting. At what age do our values and opinions no longer count?

I believe most GPP residents don't actively oppose a dog park.

They just don't want it located within Patterson Park. It's as simple as that.

DICK LIGHTBODY
Grosse Pointe Park

of Foreign Driver's License as an official document. After determining the man had entered the United States about 20 years ago and was not a citizen, he was turned over to the U.S. Border Patrol.

—Kathy Ryan

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Fake \$100

A valet on the Hill granted a pedestrian's request to exchange a \$100 bill for lesser denominations, not noticing the C-note was a two-bit imitation.

"(He) didn't realize the bill was counterfeit until he went to the BP station (at Mack and Moross) and had the attendant check the bill with the counterfeit detector pen, revealing it was fake," said a public safety officer.

The exchange occurred shortly before midnight Friday, Nov. 20, according to the valet.

A patrol officer said the fake currency was too thin, had an odd texture, blurred images on the borders, no watermark and more.

The victim described the pedestrian as a 6-foot-1, 200-pound black man with a goatee wearing a

red hooded sweatshirt and brimmed baseball cap.

Wanted

A man soliciting house-to-house without a permit on Kerby near public safety headquarters was arrested and escorted to jail shortly before 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20.

"(I) walked (him) up the ramp of (the) station and in the front door," reported the arresting officer.

The man, 20, of Eastpointe, was wanted in Warren for violating probation related to aggravated domestic assault, according to police.

B&E

Two television sets worth a combined \$3,000 were reported missing last week from an unoccupied house in the 300 block of Chalfonte.

The late owner's daughter suspects the items were stolen between 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, and 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Her husband, a retired police officer, noted damage to the front screen door enabling someone outside the house to reach through and unlock the door.

—Brad Lindberg

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Maire teacher brings history to life

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

For Barbara Davis, fifth-grade teacher at Maire Elementary School, history repeated itself. In 2014 she was named Michigan social studies teacher of the year. This year she received national recognition from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History as Michigan history teacher of the year.

"Barb is very passionate about her subject," said Maire Principal Sonja Franchett. "Her students flock to her and come back and rave about her for many years afterwards."

The recognition has garnered Davis more than just accolades; Maire is designated a Gilder Lehrman building and the school and district have access to a library of primary resources in history.

"I have to admit I was kind of a history hater when I was in school," Davis said. "I realized as a teacher I didn't want that to be the students that I was teaching. I wanted them to understand ... how history really connects with their lives. It's not something old and dusty and of the past."

Davis blends literature

with historical facts to help students view history within a larger picture rather than as isolated people and events. She also immerses them in primary sources and exposes them to physical representations of history.

For example, framed in her classroom is an authentic chad from the 2000 presidential election from the manual recount in Broward County, Fla.

"Truly this is a piece of history," Davis said. "We talk about the importance of voting and how one day that will be their right and responsibility as U.S. citizens."

Another artifact is an American flag autographed by Bob Heft, designer of the 50-star flag. Heft signed the flag Sept. 11, 2002, at Ground Zero.

"This flag hangs proudly in my classroom

and we say the pledge to it every day," Davis said.

Davis also establishes personal connections. An example is Maire's International Expo. Students research a country of ancestry and talk about the importance of immigration and diversity in the United States. Students go home to talk with their families about their own family's history.

Technology is another way Davis engages her students. She took the class on a virtual tour of the Magna Carta monument along the Thames River near London to help students see the monument as an actual place, not just something written in the history books.

Finally, Davis connects her students with historical characters. For example, as part of a study of the Declaration of

Independence, Abigail Adams — in the form of Davis — visited the class Wednesday, Nov. 18, to share with students the importance of the document from the perspective of a Colonist married to one of the 56 signers.

"It's June 1776," Davis said to the students. "There are rumblings of an independence." She lowered her voice to barely more than a whisper. "We cannot say that loudly for if we are overheard, we could be accused of treason."

Davis discussed concepts such as taxation without representation, the importance of trials by jury, free trade and other rights of citizenship.

"How can we deal with



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Barbara Davis, dressed as Abigail Adams, shows her fifth-grade students how to use The Spirit of 76 app on an iPad to research the lesser known signers of the Declaration of Independence.

the unfairness?" Davis asked the students. "Is it time for us to declare our independence not quietly, but loudly and boldly? Are we not British citizens? I tell you, my young friends, that we are not."

Davis learned the dramatization technique as a

2013 recipient of a Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute Scholarship. Davis knew this was something she could recreate for her students to bring history to life in her classroom.

"I love what I do," Davis said.

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Granted

Foundation distributes \$17.4 million

By Jody McVeigh
 Community Editor

Four Grosse Pointe organizations, as well as 16 others from metro Detroit, were awarded a combined \$17.4 million from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation as part of its 2015 transitional legacy grant program.

Grants ranged from \$25,000 to \$2 million and will fund projects and initiatives that reflect the personal passions of Ralph C. Wilson Jr., a Detroit native and former owner of the Buffalo Bills football team.

"We are proud to announce these grants in collaboration with charitable organizations throughout southeastern Michigan," said Mary Wilson, life trustee of the foundation and Wilson's widow. "I know Ralph would be eternally grateful to see his passion for his hometown continue in this way and it is wonderful to know his legacy will endure through the tireless efforts of so many organizations and people."

"It fills our hearts to be able to continue Ralph's spirit of generosity that meant so much to him throughout his lifetime," she continued. "This legacy grant program is just the beginning of what we hope will be a lasting, positive

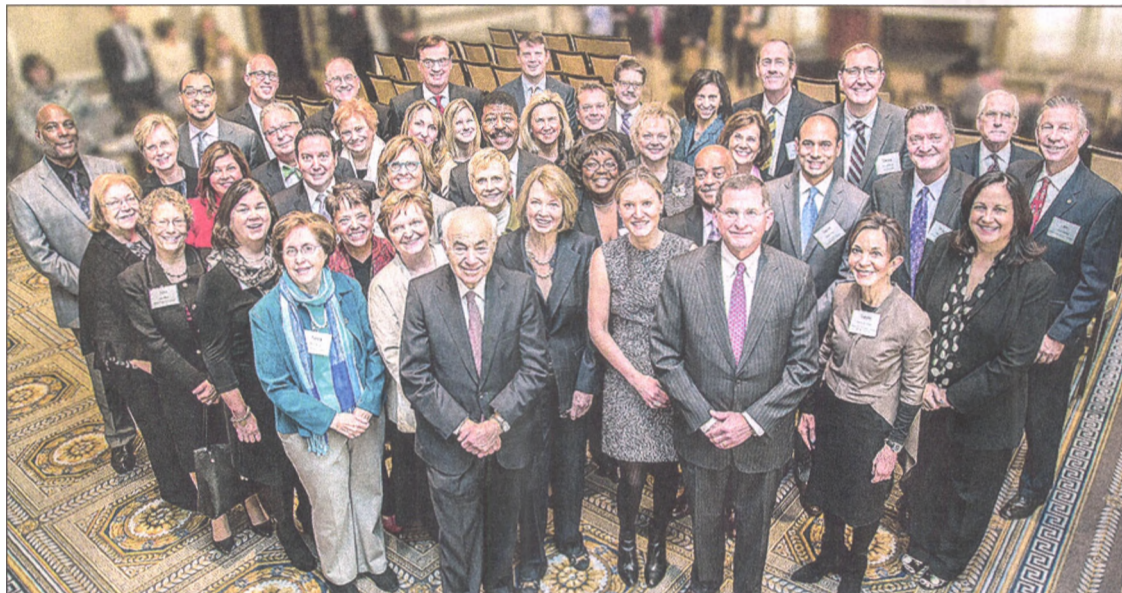


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Recipients from 20 organizations gathered for the distribution of legacy grants from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation.

impact in his name on southeastern Michigan."

Among this year's recipients are the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, University Liggett School and Services for Older Citizens.

"We are thrilled," said Stuart Grigg, historical society vice president for development. "As a small, volunteer-led community nonprofit, we depend each year on the support of foundations, businesses and individuals to carry on our work: preserving and sharing the his-

tory of the Grosse Pointes."

Grigg said the historical society plans to carefully spend its \$25,000 grant, based on recommendations on ways to protect and preserve its collections following a conservation assessment program review it received last year from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

"I read it as a sign that our work and efforts are taken seriously in important circles," Grigg said. "Local historical societies are a critical component of the cultural life of com-

munities. We are gratified that the Grosse Pointe Historical Society is seen as a Grosse Pointe community asset."

The historical society wasn't the only recipient with gratitude.

"We're incredibly grateful to the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation for their generosity, not only to the War Memorial, but to the entire southeast Michigan area," said Grosse Pointe War Memorial President and CEO Charles Burke. "This is a testament to a legacy that will affect change and connectivity to the

entire Grosse Pointe region."

Burke said the War Memorial is still planning how it will use its \$50,000 gift, adding he was surprised by the generosity of the foundation.

"This doesn't happen every day," he said. "It's truly a testament to an outstanding figure."

Liggett, the only K-12 school to receive a grant, also received \$50,000 from the foundation. Wilson was a 1936 graduate of Detroit University School, one of Liggett's predecessor schools. Liggett will use the grant to enhance its academic and extracurricular programs and support faculty enrichment opportunities.

"We are grateful for this grant and that we are recognized by this important foundation which is committed to making a lasting impact on southeast Michigan," said Kelley Hamilton, associate head of school for advancement. "As an alumnus, Mr. Wilson has made a strong impact on our school and his contributions have inspired generations of students, faculty and alumni. This legacy grant demonstrates how his spirit and generosity will continue to leave a positive impact on our school and throughout

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Grosse Pointe Farms author Jayne Rose-Vallee and her premiere release "Dinosaurs Living in My Hair" have had a busy and successful Summer and Fall since last featured as our May 2015 Pointer-of-interest.

Since May, Rose-Vallee has received numerous awards, including Mom's Choice Gold Award for Children's picture book, two Florida Authors and Publishers President's Awards; Gold for Poetry and Silver for Cover Design and, Gold in the New Book Awards.

She has done readings in Florida, Ohio, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania, with Colorado, North Carolina, Texas, and Illinois, currently scheduled for Winter 2016.

Aimed at children ages 2-8, Rose-Vallee's book "Dinosaurs Living in My Hair" centers around Sabrina, a child who's untamable curls may or may not be harboring dinosaurs. The book was inspired by her own daughter, Lauren, who also encouraged her mother to finish and publish the story.

Filled with charming and engaging rhymes, and darling illustrations by award-winning artist Annie Matsick, it is easy to see why "Dinosaurs Living in My Hair" has been such a success. A portion of all profits are donated to the National Alopecia Areata Foundation, which supports individuals dealing with the autoimmune disease that causes hair loss, a cause close to Rose-Vallee's heart.

During the upcoming 40th Annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, Rose-Vallee will be signing books and giving away grab-bags and balloons at her office lobby in the village, located at 16845 Kercheval Avenue in Grosse Pointe between the two "Treasure Trove" awnings. The parade begins on Kercheval and Lewiston, continuing to Cadieux Rd. November, 27th starting at 10am. Look for the big red t-rex dinosaurs!

To learn more, visit the website at rosevalleecreations.com and the Dinosaurs Living in My Hair Facebook page. Books are available on her website and Amazon.

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Grosse Pointe Farms resident Jayne Rose-Vallee, multi-award winning children's author and publisher, is having great success with "Dinosaurs Living in My Hair." Jayne credits her mother's love of poetry and quick-witted humor, which sparked an early appreciation for a good rhyme. She received the Florida Authors and Publishers Association President's awards in Poetry (Gold) and Cover Design (Silver). "Dinosaurs Living in My Hair" has also been awarded the Mom's Choice Gold Award.



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AREA ACTIVITIES

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The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts its 40th annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, "A Storybook Christmas," at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27. The route follows Kercheval from Lewiston in Grosse Pointe Farms to Cadieux in the City of Grosse Pointe. Devin Scillian serves as grand marshal. Call (313) 881-4722.

BNI

Business Network International meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack,

Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikelek at (313) 884-4201.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, shows the movie "Unbroken" at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30. Cost is

\$2. Call (313) 882-9600.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Academy eighth-grade handbell choir, under the direction of Bob Foster, performs at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at Services for Older Citizens. Call (313) 882-9600.

◆ The center hosts a card-making party for school-aged children 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9. The cards will be delivered to seniors in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. Parents should register their children by

Friday, Dec. 4, by calling (313) 882-9600.

Performance

The Grosse Pointe North and South high school choirs present the 2015 Holiday Concert and Tea at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the Grosse Pointe Community Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Admission is free. The event is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe North Parents' Club and the Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club.

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets at 1:30 p.m. Friday,

Dec. 4, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 882-9600.

St. John Hospital

St. John Hospital & Medical Center hosts a free World AIDS Day event, featuring a quilt panel from the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt and handmade dolls from STITCHES: A Doll Project, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the hospital cafeteria, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

Belle Isle

The third annual "Light up the Aquarium" fundraiser takes place 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the Belle Isle Aquarium. The event

includes food, libations, a silent auction and entertainment. Tickets range from \$65 general admission to \$250 for a champagne preview and donor recognition. Online tickets are available until Friday, Nov. 27, at belisleconservancy.org/annual-events/luta.

Libraries

◆ The Grosse Pointe Library's Central Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts Manhattan-based saxophonist Daniel Bennett at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4. His group performs modern jazz fused with elements of American folk and experimental classical music. Call (313) 343-2074.

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our region."

Services for Older Citizens received a \$525,000 grant, which is earmarked as follows: \$300,000 deposited at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan as the Ralph C. Wilson Endowment Fund for Services for Older

Citizens; \$100,000 set up as an optional reserve, which will be available to assure continuation of programs in the event of loss of government funding, provide stability during low cashflow months or assist with unanticipated capital needs; \$25,000 to fund operations; and \$100,000 to fund development efforts in the next several years, including a community needs assessment and the development of an

endowment program to create dependable and sustainable funding.

"This generous grant could not have come at a more important time for Services for Older Citizens," said the Rev. Dr. David Dieter, SOC executive director, noting by 2035, the senior population in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods is projected to be 30 percent.

"Far from a crisis, though, our elder boom

should be a blessing," Dieter said. "Living longer means more time we get to spend together, learn from each other and love one another. Now is the time to invest in a care infrastructure that is evolving, adapting, cutting edge and relevant, so that this generation and generations to come can age in community."

The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation was funded by a \$1.2 billion irrevocable trust created by Wilson. Longterm grant cycles begin in 2016. This year's one-time legacy grant program will help establish the foundation. Per Wilson's directive, the \$1.2 billion corpus will be spent during the course of 20 years in the hopes it will be immediate, substantial, measurable and overseen by those who knew him best.

"Ralph C. Wilson Jr.'s compassion for others is demonstrated by these legacy grants ... for organizations he cared about so deeply over the years," said Miriam C. Noland, president of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

Updates on future grant-making priorities and the application process will be shared as the foundation moves closer to accepting applications for 2016 grants.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Mike Kelly

Handling real estate after a loved one's death

Q: A loved one recently passed away and we are not sure how to handle the real estate left behind. How do we know if we need to go to probate?

A: Oftentimes families are left with property due to a death of a loved one that is only transferrable through a probate court proceeding. Sometimes the family can access and use the property without going to probate. This often occurs where other persons are part owners of the property but there is no right of survivorship

transfer of title on the death of a co-owner. This most often happens with real estate.

Family members continue to live in or rent the property out with no apparent adverse consequence. At some point they go to sell the property and find they cannot pass a clear and good title. They then have to scramble to clean up a mess before the buyer moves on to another property. Additional co-owners

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may also die in the meantime, causing further complications. For these reasons, kicking the can down the road is not the way to go.

These problems can be prevented with effective probate-avoiding devices such as trusts, various forms of deeds or a combination of both, as cir-

cumstances dictate. If the death has already occurred, a probate proceeding should be commenced immediately to transfer the title to the appropriate persons who can then institute preventative measures to provide non-probate transfer when they die. Elder law, estate planning and probate attorneys can be instrumental in putting these measures in place and should be contacted immediately to assist in

this endeavor.

Michael Kelly is an attorney whose practice focuses on estate planning, elder law, special needs planning and probate. He works with older adults and families to get their personal affairs in order, regarding legal, financial and long-term care matters. His practice includes an adult care advisor who assists clients by connecting them with resources, helping coordinate care and with many other issues. Kelly may be reached at (313) 884-7838 or kellmich@kellydr.com. He is a member of the Family Center's Association of Professionals.

Experts articles on a variety of topics online at familycenterweb.org.

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GP library system gets new AD

Peggy Kitchel has been a part of the Grosse Pointe Public Library system for 30 years, a part of youth services at the Park and Woods branches, as well as adult services and technical services at Central Branch. She now joins the administrative team as assistant director at Central.

Earlier this month, Kitchel accepted the position, which includes supervising and scheduling librarians and overseeing substitute librarians. But her main duty, she said, is helping people.

"I love people. I love helping people. And now I get to help my librarians do a better job of helping people," said Kitchel, who lives in Grosse Pointe Woods and received Bachelor of Arts and Master of Library Science degrees from the University of Michigan.

Kitchel still interacts with patrons in her new post. As an avid reader, patrons often ask her what she's reading. Others bringing their



Peggy Kitchel recently was named assistant director at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch.

PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

"I want to keep the library relevant in this community," she said. "With the changes in technology, with the overflow of information, I want people to still come in and read books. We have a wonderful collection. I want the library to be vibrant in this community, not just for families, but for the entire community, all ages."

— Jody McVeigh

children to the library tell her they remember her from storytime years ago. "This is a very rewarding job on all counts," she said. "I'm happy. That's why I've stayed for so long. I've been here, lived almost 30 years here,

raised my kids here. People have seen me at lots of events."

Kitchel has a plan and it includes giving back to the community. She said she wants to make a difference in an ever-changing world.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Last-minute sweet potatoes

Happy Thanksgiving. Hopefully you're ready for the big day. There's still time to add another side dish. Sweet potatoes are a must at the table of bounty. This recipe turns the earth-grown sweets into a yummy soufflé with simple ingredients and a simple execution. You probably have most

of the ingredients on hand.

Sweet Potato Soufflé

- 2 lbs. sweet potatoes
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/3 cup whole milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup butter, melted

Peel the sweet potatoes and cut into 2-inch chunks. Place them in a large pot of water, bring the water to a boil and



cook until the potatoes are tender, about 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350

degrees.

Drain the potatoes, place one stick of butter in the pot with the potatoes, cover and let it sit for 5 minutes. Mash the potatoes with the butter, then stir in the half cup of brown sugar, eggs, milk and vanilla. Turn the mixture into a greased 2-quart baking dish or divide the mixture into greased individual ramekin cups.

Place the pecans in a small bowl and toss with the flour and 2/3 cup brown sugar. Pour the melted butter over the mixture, toss and stir to combine well. Spoon the pecan mixture over the mashed sweet potatoes. Bake 45 minutes or until the potatoes are set and the topping is beginning to brown. If using the

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ramekins, place them on a baking sheet or pan and bake for 25 minutes. Serve warm.

Unlike traditional soufflés, this take on sweet

potatoes won't cave after you remove it from the oven. Some folks call it dessert, others enjoy this flavorful soufflé straight up next to the bird. Either way, it's awfully tasty.

This recipe was published many years ago. It comes from the kitchen of

my gal pal Suzy Wilson. I have passed it on to many many friends and family members.

Making individual soufflés was new this year — a unique presentation for sure. And fun.

There's still time and so much to be thankful for.

Donations needed

St. John Hospital & Medical Center and Cornerstone Village host a coat, hat, glove and scarf drive to benefit Marquette Elementary, Ronald Brown Academy, East English Village Preparatory Academy and Chandler Park schools. Donations of gently used or new outerwear in children's

and young adult sizes are needed. Drop-off dates and locations are:

◆ Now to Sunday, Dec. 13, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center North/Main Lobby or Professional Building One Lobby; and

◆ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 28 to Dec. 19, at Santa's Workshop on Kercheval in The Village.

Beautiful Beginnings



WEDDING

Koski — Gordyan

Karen Suzanne Koski and Ryan James Gordyan were married May 30, 2015, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, by the Rev. Fr. Joseph Kirkconnell and the Rev. Richard P. Schubik.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Koski of Grosse Pointe Shores are the bride's parents. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Gordyan of Hudson, Ohio.

The Grosse Pointe

Yacht Club hosted the reception.

The bride wore her mother's wedding gown from 1982. Made of a layered silk design with beaded Alençon lace, the gown featured a Queen Anne neckline, lace sleeves, lace sash belt and a 5-foot train. The 12-foot cathedral veil was trimmed in satin and Alençon lace accents, matching the lace on the bride's gown. The bride carried a bouquet of ivory peonies with light pink and

peach garden roses.

The bride's mother wore a Nile blue full-length gown, layered in allover silver sequins and a sheer hemline. The scoopback was enhanced with a silver and rhinestone vine trim. She wore a corsage of light pink roses which matched the roses in the bride's bouquet. The groom's mother wore a gunmetal gray V-neck long-sleeved sequin and lace gown with a godet skirt. She, too, wore a corsage of light pink roses which matched the roses in the bride's bouquet.

Anne Marie Kerby, friend of the bride from Cincinnati, served as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Jaelyn Phenicie, sister of the groom of Chicago; Amanda Koski and Natalie Koski, cousins of the bride of Rochester Hills; Jen Rickle, cousin of the bride of Austin, Texas; Andrea Baker, friend of the bride of West Des Moines, Iowa; and Anumeha Galloway, friend of the bride of Des Moines. Carly Hanna, friend of the bride of Madison, Wis., served as greeter.

Each wore blush pink sleeveless lace and chiffon gowns.

Russel Gordyan, brother of the groom of Hudson, Ohio, and Sasha Telesman, friend of the groom formerly of Hudson, Ohio, served as

co-best men. Groomsmen were Michael Koski, brother of the bride of Grosse Pointe Shores; and Nick Staudt, Brian Lewis, Matt Huber and Peter Davis, friends of the groom all formerly of Hudson, Ohio. Nick Georgopoulos and Matt Wall of Chicago served as ushers.

Each wore steel gray tuxedos with black trim, gray vests and black bow ties.

Lawrence Przybysz played organ accompanied by vocalist Marie Boyle Reinman. Michael Koski, brother of the bride, and Melissa Gordyan, sister-in-law of the groom, served as readers.



Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Gordyan

The bride and groom both are employed as actuaries at Towers Watson in Chicago, where they reside. They honeymooned in Florence, Rome and Sorrento, Italy.

Lankford - Gaydos

David and Ruby Lankford of Grosse Pointe Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenna C. Lankford, to Eric C. Gaydos, son of Ronald and Carolyn Gaydos of Elizabeth, Pa.

Miss Lankford is a 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and a 2011 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. She works for an international commercial real estate firm in Chicago.

Mr. Gaydos is a 2008 graduate of Elizabeth Forward High School and a 2012 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. He works for a technology company in Chicago.

A November 2015 wedding is planned.

Rutkelis - Anderson

Mark and Jane Rutkelis of Fraser announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Rose Rutkelis, to Jason Adams

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Anderson, son of Gerald and Fran Anderson of Grosse Pointe Farms and the late Pamela Anderson.

Miss Rutkelis is a graduate of Fraser High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Wayne State University and a master's degree in physics assistant studies from the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. She is an emergency room registered nurse.

Mr. Anderson graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School and earned a bachelor's degree in automotive marketing and management from Northwood University and a Master in Business Administration degree through DeVos Graduate School's accelerated MBA program. He is a Lincoln digital performance manager for Ford Direct.

A July 2016 wedding is planned.

Rader - Green

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rader Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Elizabeth Rader, to Scott David Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Green of Baltimore.

Miss Rader earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in economics and political science from the University of Michigan and is a Masters of Business Administration degree candidate at Northwestern University's J.L. Kellogg School of Business. She is an executive compensation consultant at Towers Watson in Chicago.

Mr. Green earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from U-M and a Juris Doctor degree from DePaul

College of Law in Chicago. He is an attorney with Childress Duffy in Chicago.

An August 2016 wedding is planned.

Aitken - Meyer

Daniel and Dianne Aitken of Grosse Pointe Shores announce the engagement of their daughter, Katelyn Aitken, to Steven Meyer, son of Arthur and Sandy Meyer of Saginaw.

Miss Aitken earned bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Michigan State University and is the vice president of operations at Aitken & Ormond Insurance Inc.

Mr. Meyer earned bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from MSU and is a senior auditor for the Michigan Gaming Control Board.

A September 2016 wedding is planned.



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PASTOR'S CORNER By Father Rich Bartoszek

Reflecting on our thankfulness

In Luke, 17:11-19, we hear the story of Jesus healing the 10 lepers. In this story, Luke talks about how the 10 lepers call to Jesus to heal them and how he sends them on their way, to show

themselves to the priests who could declare them healed, thus enabling them to return to society and their loved ones.

On the way, they realized they were healed. All but one continues on their way. One returns to find Jesus and thank him.

This gospel story is one of many churches will use this week for their Thanksgiving services. Where do we find ourselves in this story most days of our busy lives?

How many times in prayer do we plead to God for our families, our friends, ourselves — then get caught up in the business of life and forget to thank him for all the many blessings He bestows on us on a daily basis?

How many times do we

neglect to thank God for all the basic things we have been given — and especially for the people who are a part of our lives?

On the flipside, how many times has our experience mirrored that of Jesus' in this story?

So often we do for others, be it family, friends or strangers, but never hear the words Jesus failed to hear in that gospel.

The nine lepers were ostracized from everyone (except other lepers) and society and then they received the gift of healing. It meant freedom

and new life. Yet they failed to say "thank you" to the one who gave them that gift.

Maybe when we feel neglected or used by others, it is perhaps then we can identify with Jesus in a very human and personal way.

The one leper who does return to Jesus to thank him also happens to be a foreigner.

How often do our actions reflect this one leper, the foreigner, who came back to give thanks?

During this week of Thanksgiving, may we take time to reflect on how God has blessed our lives.

We can easily take so much for granted.

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starving, we can take food for granted. We can take for granted the warmth and shelter of our homes if we have never spent a night in a shelter or been homeless.

We can take for granted all the people in our lives if we have never been homebound or in a nursing home.

We can easily take our health for granted — until it is compromised.

With so many gifts we have been given, may we all take some time this week of Thanksgiving to thank the source of all blessings.

Bartoszek is the chaplain at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe's Bon Secours Chapel.

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OBITUARIES

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

Gary Klann

Gary Klann, 62, passed away at his home from a heart attack Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015. He was predeceased by his father, Robert Klann and is survived by his mother, Doris; brothers, David, Steven, Timothy, Kenneth (Lynn) and Thomas (Patricia); niece, Hannah and nephew, Kyle.

Donations may be made to the 700 Club at cbn.com/700club.

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Stephen John Roney

A funeral Mass was celebrated for Stephen John Roney Nov. 25, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Mr. Roney, 58, a long-time resident of Grosse Pointe Farms and Gaylord, and most recently Littleton, Colo., died Friday, Nov. 13, 2015, of natural causes.

Born Feb. 8, 1957, in Detroit, to Edward Charles Roney Jr. and Eleanor Couzens Roney, he was one of seven brothers. He attended St. Paul Catholic School and Austin Preparatory High School in Detroit. He also attended John Carroll University in Cleveland.

Stephen had a long career in real estate, most recently owning his own brokerage firm in Gaylord. Over the years, he was an agent in Grosse Pointe and Gaylord, before moving to Colorado in 2012. He belonged to many organizations and clubs through the years, including the Grosse Pointe Club, Detroit Racquet Club and Otsego Ski Club.

Stephen had many friends, loved automobiles, skiing, parties and telling stories. He had a kind heart, a sharp wit, a large gregarious presence and could keep his family and friends laughing for hours. His friends often called him "Roner." He appealed to a wide audience of friends and connected deeply with people. He was empathetic and the person to go to during tough times. He loved helping people and always knew "the right guy" to take care of anything.

Stephen loved spending time with his brothers and their families and celebrated many holidays with them and his two Labrador retrievers, Shooter and Maggie, at his home on Kassuba Lake in Gaylord. He was a

wonderful listener and proud uncle. He would call his nieces and nephews often, but especially on their birthdays. He knew how to make them feel special and was enthusiastically supportive of their endeavors.

He will be deeply missed by family and friends.

Mr. Roney is survived by his brothers, Edward III (Diane), Patrick (Linda), Frank (Nancy), George (Lori), Mark (Susan) and David and 18 nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his nephew, Peter Christopher.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or Right to Life of Michigan, 2340 Porter St., S.W., P.O. Box 901, Grand Rapids, MI 49509.

Dorothy Bernice Griggs

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Dorothy Bernice Griggs died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015.

She was the daughter of Cecil Wallace Griggs and Ann Wynand Griggs and attended Grosse Pointe public schools, attending Richard Elementary and graduating from Grosse Pointe High School. She earned both Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in nursing from St. Louis University.

She spent 55 years as a nurse administrator and nurse educator at Henry Ford, Grace, Detroit Receiving, Doctors and Bon Secours hospitals, as well as the University of Detroit Mercy. As a nurse administrator, she remained involved with patient care, which she loved. As a nurse educator, she taught fundamentals of nursing and medical-surgical nursing, both theory and clinical practice.

Ms. Griggs was a certified instructor trainer in basic life support with the American Heart Association for many years and spent numerous hours certifying others in basic life support. She also spent many years, as an extraordinary minister at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church visiting homebound Monday mornings. She was a member of the St. Paul Altar Society, Grosse Pointe Historical Society and the Father Solanus Guild. She also volunteered as a Eucharistic minister at St. John Hospital until her disability forced her to stop. She

also was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Louisa St. Clair Chapter.

Ms. Griggs loved to garden and entertain friends. She and her sister traveled the world visiting numerous countries on seven continents.

She is survived by her sister Shirley Ann Griggs. She was predeceased by her parents.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 21 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Donations may be made to St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Patricia Lillian Erikson

Patricia Lillian Erikson, a former elementary school teacher and homemaker passed away from natural causes Friday, Nov. 20, 2015. She was 90.

Mrs. Erikson was a native Detroit. She attended Denby High School, where she met Erik Erikson, whom she later married. She attended Michigan State College graduating with a teaching degree and taught in Detroit Public Schools for three years, before starting a family. In 1948, she and Erik married and lived in Detroit, then St. Clair Shores before moving to Grosse Pointe and raising their family there.

Along with raising four children, Mrs. Erikson was active in the Grosse Pointe Garden Club, Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, Quiddlers Book Club and several bridge groups. As a widow, Mrs. Erikson traveled extensively around the world creating great adventures and memories with her dear lifelong friends.

Mrs. Erikson is survived by her children, Ellen Cooper, Erik Erikson II, Emigh Litch and Jon Erikson; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Erik Erikson and parents, Lawrence and Marion Morrison.

A private service will be



Gary Klann



Stephen John Roney



Dorothy Bernice Griggs



Patricia Lillian Erikson



Judith Lubeski



Lillian Gustafson Stewart

held.

Donations may be made to The Fowler Center for Outdoor Learning at thefowlercenter.org.

Judith Lubeski

Judith "Judy" Lubeski, of Cadillac, formerly of the Detroit area, passed away at home Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015, with family by her side. She was 73.

Judy was born May 10, 1942, in Detroit, to Albert and Leona (nee Fiedler) Gagnier. Judy married Tom Lubeski in 1963 at St. Sylvester Catholic Church in Warren.

Judy had a giving heart and a caring hand which allowed her to fulfill the role as a nurse very well. She excelled at showing compassion for not only patients, but many family members and friends at their time of need.

Judy was a loving mother for her two children. In younger years, she showed her support for her children acting as a Girl Scouts leader and

member of the high school band boosters. She often enjoyed trips to the beach or spending time with her children camping. Judy was a volunteer and part of Club Cadillac and will be deeply missed for her outgoing and joyful personality.

Judy is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Tom Lubeski; daughter, Sandra Lubeski; son, Paul Lubeski (Megan) and beloved grandchildren, Andrew Lubeski and Taylor Marie Lubeski.

She also is survived by her brother, David and many other loving family members and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents; sisters, Mary and Kathleen and brother, Albert Gagnier.

A funeral Mass was held Nov. 23, at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Cadillac.

Donations may be made to Munson Hospice, 1150 Medical Campus Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684 or Club Cadillac, 2105 6th Ave, Cadillac, MI 49601.

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Lillian Gustafson Stewart

Lillian Gustafson Stewart, 97, died Friday, Oct. 30, 2015, in Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

She was born in Wethersfield, Conn., and graduated in 1936 from Wethersfield High School. She lived in Grosse Pointe for more than 60 years, was a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and enjoyed gardening. She was a member of the Garden Club of Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Stewart is survived by her four daughters, Lindsey Stewart, Diane Stewart Magary, Nancy Stewart and Barbara Stewart and grandchildren, Diana Peabody, Stewart Peabody, Julie Magary, James Magary, John Magary and Jennifer Magary.

She was predeceased by her husband, James Stewart.

Donations may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at jdrf.org.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2015

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Mayor Pro tem Vivian Sawicki.

MOTIONS PASSED

- To excuse Mayor Pro tem Sawicki from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 19, 2015 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held September 17, 2015.
- To open the public hearing on the 2016 Budget.
- To close the public hearing on the 2016 Budget.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 106889 through 106981 in the amount of \$517,459.01 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$36,419.53 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of September 2015. (3) Approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$6,836.25 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department.
- To adopt the Tax Levy Resolution set forth on page 1 of the budget document hereby establishing the following tax rate for 2016: General 20.000, Refuse 2.5517, Library 1.9168, Debt 1.5000, 25.9568.
- To approve the Budget Adoption and Appropriation Resolution found on Page 2 of the budget document, thereby adopting the 2016 Budget as presented.
- That in accordance with Chapter 27, Article V, Sections 27-120 and 27-15 of the Code of Ordinances, a rate of \$210.00 per residential equivalent unit is hereby established for the storm water utility charge to be billed December 1, 2015.
- To approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$234,943.75 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for October-December 2015 and \$11,138.75 for the City's proportionate share of the SRF Project Pre-funding for a total of \$246,082.50.
- To place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No. 2015-07, entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 27, Article II - Water to Add Section 28-37, Deposit for Water Service and Notification Necessary to Waive Lien" and further, to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- To Approve the Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between Wayne County and the City of Harper Woods for the Improvements to Johnston and Salter Parks and further to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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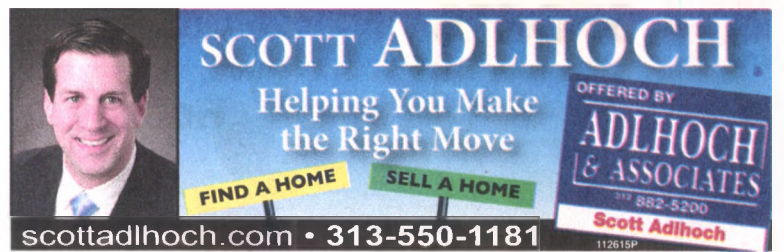
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SWIMMING



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Grosse Pointe North's state qualifiers are, from left, Olivia Asimakis, Julia Gehlert, Angelina Cavaliere, Isabelle Nguyen, Samantha Villani and Hannah Mattes.

Villani earns All-State

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' swimming and diving team, under first-year head coach Alison Scarfone, earned 28 points to finish 19th in the Division 2 state championship meet held at Oakland University.

Sophomore Sam Villani earned 16 of those points by earning All-State honors in the 100-yard backstroke. She had a time of 57.34, which is a new school record.

Villani also earned 9 points with her ninth-place finish in the 100-

yard freestyle with a time of 53.09.

Isabelle Nguyen had 1 point in diving, taking 16th with 327.40 points.

The Norsemen's final two points came from the 200-yard medley relay team of Villani, Hannah Mattes, Julia Gehlert and Olivia Asimakis, which finished 16th with a season-best time of 1:53.58.

North also had a 400-yard freestyle relay team of Angelina Cavaliere, Asimakis, Gehlert and Villani take 19th with a time of 3:44.40.

Asimakis was 28th in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:00.84.

Young earns titles

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South senior Claire Young capped her high school career by winning two state championships in last weekend's Division 2 championship meet at Oakland University.

Young, who recently signed a letter-of-intent to swim at Eastern Michigan University for its women's team, won the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard backstroke.

Her times of 2:04.78 in the IM and 55.20 also earned Young All-State First Team status and 40 points to her team's total of 159.

Dexter won the state title with 256 points and Grosse Pointe South finished seventh as a team. East Grand Rapids was second with 251.

Head coach Eric Gunderson also had other All-State finishes, including the 200-yard medley relay team of Renee Liu, Young, Clarice Fisher and Sarah McCabe, which placed



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Grosse Pointe South state finalists pose for a pic before practice.

fifth with a time of 1:49.01.

Abbey Schuetze made All-State First Team in the 100-yard butterfly with her seventh-place time of 58.49.

Liu also was in line to earn an All-State berth, but was disqualified with a non-simultaneous arms violation, according to the meet official.

Ava Boutrous was another All-State competitor after posting a sixth-place time of 5:07.77 in the 500-yard freestyle.

The Blue Devils had an All-State performance in the 200-yard freestyle relay as Jackie DeLoof, Brigit Jogan, Olivia Frederickson and

McCabe placed seventh with a time of 1:38.48.

Liu was fifth in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 57.43 to make All-State.

The Blue Devils' final All-State performance was turned in by the 400-yard freestyle relay squad of McCabe, Schuetze, Liu and Young. They finished eighth with a time of 3:37.88.

DeLoof and McCabe earned points in the 50-yard freestyle by placing 14th and 16th with times of 24.94 and 25.03, respectively.

Jogan earned a couple of points in the 100-yard butterfly by finishing 15th with a time of 59.08.

In the preliminaries, Boutrous finished 20th with a time of 1:58.60 in the 200-yard freestyle.

In the 200-yard IM, Fisher was 27th with a time of 2:15.68 and in the 50-yard freestyle, Olivia Frederickson was 28th with a time of 25.17, while Sarah Cauvel and Caroline Frederickson finished 31st and 33rd with times of 25.24 and 25.33.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Fisher was 21st with a time of 59.93, while Roslyn Vern finished 25th with a time of 1:00.54.

Cauvel finished 24th in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:00.66 in her event.

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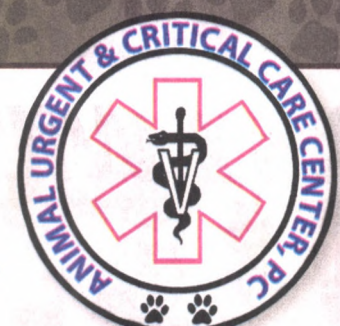
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Hockey

LIGGETT

Knights start fast

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett boys' hockey team started the season with a 6-2 win over visiting Saline last week.

Six different players scored goals for the Knights, who looked to be in mid-season form.

"It's nice to finally have some depth after struggling with numbers last year," head coach Mike Hamilton said. "The guys played a lot of hockey and worked hard in the pre-season, but we still have to work out some kinks and get everyone comfortable with their role."

The Knights led 2-0 after opening period goals by senior Brett Abdelnour and sophomore Spencer Stefani.

In the second period, sophomore Santo Scarfone and freshman Spencer Lukas scored goals to give the home team a comfortable 4-0 lead.

Saline made it a 4-1 game at the 4:02 mark, but 35 seconds later sophomore Dylan Paulsell scored to keep the four-goal advantage.

Junior Jaron Pangborn put the icing on the cake with his tally 50 seconds after Paulsell to give the Knights a 6-1 lead entering the second intermis-

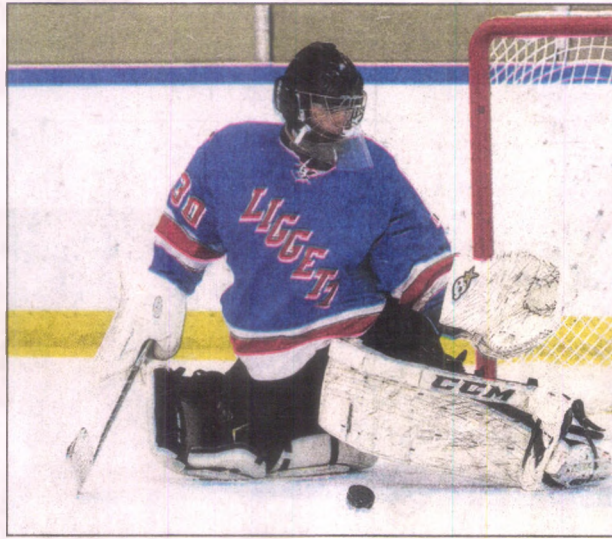


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Liggett senior goalkeeper Alex Grimm played well in the season opener against Saline.

sion.

Saline scored the final goal at the 12:57 mark.

Seniors Alex Minanov and Nick Gawell, as well as Paulsell each had two assists, while freshman Caden Lewandowski, sophomore Mason Campau and Abdelnour

had one assist.

Last weekend, Liggett defeated host Dearborn Divine Child 5-1 to improve to 2-0 overall.

Abdelnour scored twice, while Stefani, Minanov and Pangborn had one goal apiece to pace the Knights.

Volleyball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen fall to Novi

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls' volleyball team faced a tall task in its Division 1 state quarter-final match, trying to beat top-ranked Novi.

The Norsemen fought, but fell short 25-11, 25-15, 25-19 to finish the season 27-12-4.

"Going forward, we will not dwell that we didn't make it to the state semis, but celebrate a district and regional trophy," head coach Chelsea Brozo said. "However, this will give the girls incentive for next year to go further than the previous season. We will lose

four seniors."

The Norsemen came out flat in game one and never got into a groove as Novi took it right at them.

They picked up momentum and eventually played a solid game three, but couldn't earn the clutch points to force a game four.

Senior Erin Armbruster and junior Katie Snow had six kills apiece, while junior Mackenzie Simon and sophomore Abby Kanakry had five kills apiece.

Senior Lucy Dodge finished with 20 assists and two aces, and junior Stephanie Roy had 18 digs.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Girls win twice, boys drop 2

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' hockey team opened its season with a 5-1 win over Ann Arbor Skyron last week.

Five different players scored goals: Elizabeth Gallagher, Caroline Bock, Lindsey Ramsdell, Maddie McIntyre and Rachel Stander.

Bella Welke, Clare Murphy, Lindsay

Gallagher, Elizabeth Gallagher, Kylee Banaszewski and Ramsdell drew assists.

Amber Gieseking was in net and played well. She was also the winning goalkeeper in the Norsemen's 5-3 victory over Plymouth-Canton-Salem in a non-league contest.

Bock had a big game, netting one goal and three assists, while Lindsay Gallagher added

two goals and one assist. Welke and Ramsdell scored the other goals, while McIntyre and Eve Feldman added assists.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 2-0 overall.

The Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team had a tough season-opening assignment last week, playing at perennial state player

Birmingham Brother Rice.

The visiting Norsemen lost 8-1.

The goal was scored by senior captain Brendan Nelson on the power play with 5:41 left in the second stanza.

Three nights later, North lost to another MIHL foe, 4-2 to host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, to fall to 0-2 in the conference and overall.

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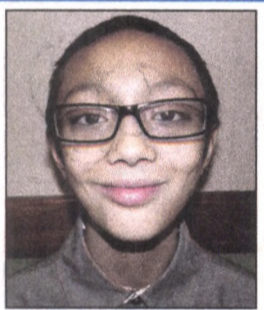
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4C | SCHOOLS

Liggett eighth-graders debate immigration policy

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The topic was U.S. immigration policy. Four policy options were presented to the House subcommittee. After each presentation, members of the subcommittee asked challenging questions about each policy option. Positions ranged from opening the United States to the world to restricting immigration altogether.

The setting was not the Capitol but John Farris's eighth-grade social studies class at University Liggett School. Teachers served as panelists.

Farris divided his three classes into four teams each. Teams, presented with an option not of their choosing, were evaluated on how they represented the strengths of their position and highlighted the weaknesses of their opponents.

For example, when Option 1 team members stated immigrants contribute to the U.S. economy, their opposition questioned how they planned to fund social services such as health care.

"We will send the kids to school and their parents to work," Option 1

team members said.

"We need to focus on educating the citizens we have now and not worry about educating other people coming in," was Option 4's counter response.

At the conclusion of the debate, Congress adjourned to decide which group best presented and defended their position.

The next step is for students to write an essay on the policy of their choosing. Farris's aim is for the eighth-graders to use the knowledge acquired through the debate process to defend and support the position best



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

From left, Margaret Hartigan, Dominic Marchese and William Gregory discuss their debate strategy.

sued to their beliefs.

Farris started the debate when he taught high school social studies in Chicago. This is the fourth year he has challenged his

eighth-grade students at Liggett to research and support positions in a role play/debate forum.

"My middle school students actually do a better

job than my high school students (in Chicago)," Farris said. "The high school students are more risk averse. Middle school students just want to win."

Trombly fifth-graders take steps against bullying

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

"Understanding is a two-way street."

Hannah Reising, Beaumont Community Health Coalition's facilitator of school-based programs, used this Eleanor Roosevelt quote to introduce her presentation to fifth-grade students at Trombly Elementary School.

The program, called Second Step, is aligned with NoBLE — No Bullying Live Empowered — a Beaumont Children's Hospital initiative recognizing all youth exposed to bullying are at risk for both immediate and lifelong problems. Second Step, one of the coalition's four school-based health programs, provides integrated education, guidance and support on bullying.

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◆ **Mindfulness in Schools** — Creates an environment conducive to focused learning and creativity

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Students looked at three illustrations of mice engaging in a variety of behaviors. The purpose of the activity was to help them distinguish between passive, aggressive and assertive behaviors. The aggressive mouse yelled, "Give me my cheese now!" causing the other

mouse to run away. The assertive mouse, according to the students, got his point across but was still polite.

The students also watched video vignettes representing different communication styles.

"What does passive look like?" Reising asked. "I'm small and crunched up," said one student.

Aggressive behavior involved yelling and standing with hands on hips, one student said.

"You're taking up a lot more space when you're talking aggressively," Reising said. She described the behaviors as a straight line, with passive on one end, aggressive on the other and assertive in the middle.

"We don't want to be so passive that we let bad things happen to our classmates or ourselves,"

Reising said.

She described how being assertive helps at school and with social skills, such as standing up for oneself.

Communication aggressively can lead to fights, Reising said, but the difficulty is being able to recognize the difference.

Reising concluded the session by saying communication styles help not just in school, but throughout life. "We don't want to fly off the handle but be confident, stand up for yourself and be respectful to others."

Giving thanks to a personal hero

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Each November, eighth-grade students throughout Michigan submit their essays to the America & Me Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. The topic is "My Personal Michigan Hero" and students are encouraged to think about people in their life who have helped, guided or inspired them. Examples are a family member, teacher, coach, neighbor, friend, local business person or anyone in their community.

For Lilly Hall, an eighth-grader at St. Paul Catholic School, that hero is her grandmother, Patricia Stumb. Hall's reasons? Her grandmother "is an all-around extravagant grandma and also a life-changing educator."

Stumb was a teacher and principal at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School for 39 years. "She was the life of the school," Hall wrote. "Everyone there loved her and said she changed the lives of many children and families. She initiated so many traditions and programs, like forensics and flag football, just to name a few. Those programs still

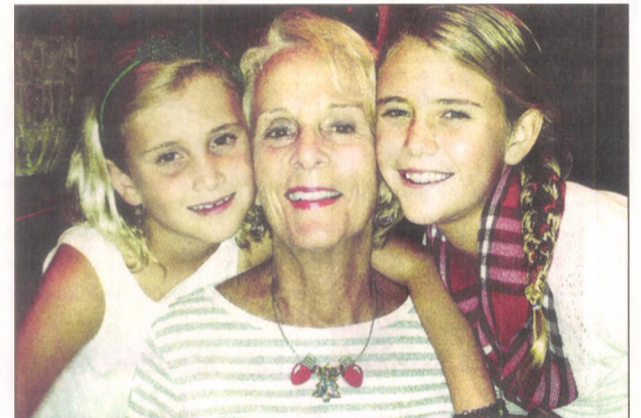


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St. Paul eighth-grader Lilly Hall, right, with her grandmother, Patricia Stumb, the subject of her "My Michigan Hero" essay, and younger sister Emma.

enrich children every day." Hall also noted the impact her grandmother has had in the community as a volunteer.

"Sometimes I don't realize how blessed I am to be the granddaughter of a real-life hero," Hall wrote. "Thank you is something I could say to her a mil-

lion times and it still wouldn't be enough."

Hall's essay has been submitted as a finalist for St. Paul's school essay contest. First, second and third place awards will be announced in May, with the winner advancing to the state level competition.

Excerpt from "My Michigan Hero"

Aside from continuously being the wind beneath our family's wings my grandma is also an active volunteer in our community. She is the past president of the St. John Fontbonne, a tour guide at the D.H.M. and also volunteers at St. Jude Soup Kitchen. Everyone in this community knows and adores my grandma We can't go out together without at least five people stopping to thank my grandma for the genuine impacts she's made on their lives. Everyone reminds me of how amazing my grandma is and how lucky I am to have her.



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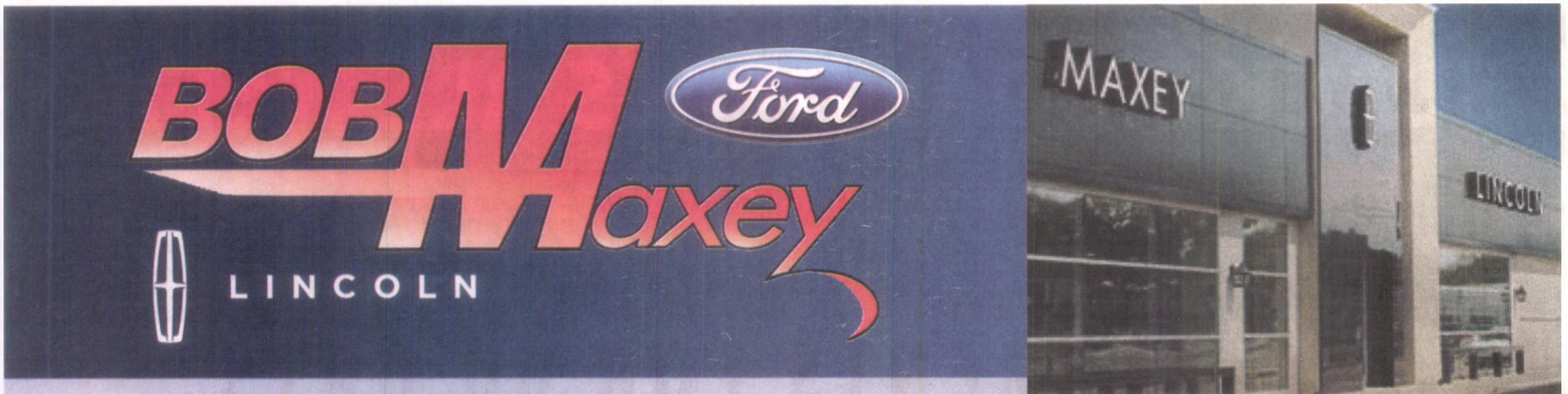
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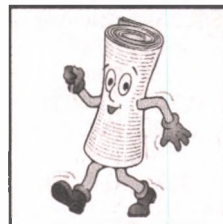
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- ACROSS**
- State leader (Abbr.)
 - Donkey
 - Talks on and on
 - First victim
 - Homer's interjection
 - Lecher's look
 - Had on
 - Make a mistake
 - Greek vowel
 - Skewered entree
 - Swerve
 - Namely (Abbr.)
 - Paid escort
 - Shameless hussy
 - Andrea — (ill-fated ship)
 - Tiny particle
 - Fix the soundtrack
 - -do-well
 - Horses' neck adornments
 - Ardent
 - Laundry whitener
 - Female sheep
 - Cowardly one in Oz
 - Work
 - Game played on horseback

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- DOWN**
- Stare stupidly
 - Reed instrument
 - Precipitate part
 - Summery quaff
 - Kind
 - Unspoken "I dunno"
 - Taking time off, GI-style
 - Past
 - Diner order, for short
 - The Red or the Black
 - "Get lost!"
 - Baby's meal-time garb
 - Disencumber
 - Londoners' last letter
 - Sandwich cookie
 - Stead
 - Rowing tools
 - Door-frame part
 - List-ending abbr.
 - Region
 - Light (Sp.)
 - Spelling contest
 - Biol. or bot.
 - Puncturing tool
 - Jack up
 - 3-Down's counterpart
 - Actions at auctions
 - Bread spread
 - Tenant's expense
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