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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

DPW site gets 2nd look

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — In a standing-room-only council chambers, the newly elected mayor and members of council were sworn in Monday, Nov. 13.

After a few understandable hiccups as first-time Mayor Christopher Boettcher learned the nomenclature and process of running a council meeting, council discussed the proposed move of the city's Department of Public Works to Canyon Street in Detroit.

In September, then-councilman Boettcher motioned to have the city explore alternate sites for DPW on existing city-owned property. That motion failed 2-3, with councilmen Donald Parthum Jr. and Chris Walsh absent.

However, now with Boettcher in the driver's

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Honoring veterans

The War Memorial's annual Veteran's Day Breakfast took place Nov. 10. Boy Scouts from Troop 96 led the Pledge of Allegiance. The event also included the video "Until Such a Time," breakfast, a speech by Col. Rolf Mammen and the awarding of three Patriot Initiative grants. Above, World War II Army Air Corp veteran Jack Huckins shares stories with Lt. Cmdr. John Noto of the U.S. Coast Guard. Right, Grosse Pointe elementary school children hand made cards for veterans.

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Curb-appeal honors to residents, businesses

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The Woods Beautification Advisory Commission recognized 18 homeowners and eight business owners for exceptional care poured into beautifying their house or place of business at the 44th annual Beautification Awards Night Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Lochmoor Club.

The BAC approximates that over the years owners have planted the Woods beautification stake on their front lawns for this distinction of celebrated curb appeal.

Among those, Anthony and Kristy Schena, who won the renovation and residential awards for beautifying their previous home on River Road, received their third Woods beautification

stake with accolades for their new home on Sunningdale — what Kristy calls their "up-north house in Grosse Pointe." The work at the previous home, she explained, was 15 years of developing a vision for their dream home, which was realized in their current home.

"We wanted to create a house of warmth, a house that feels like you're away on vacation," she

said.

Her husband, Anthony, said when they took possession of the Sunningdale house, there was so much water damage they built a new structure on the location from the foundation. Construction began July 2016, concluding July 2017.

"We were trying to keep in mind the archi-

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To the future

Park making progress

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Mayor Robert Denner is proud of the direction and momentum the Park has garnered in recent years.

Improved communication, infrastructure updates and expansion of business districts are all signs the city is in good shape, Denner said. He also said the healthy population of young professionals and families is a vote of confidence in the current state of the community.

Approximately 14 percent of the Park population is aged 20 to 34, according to the 2015 American Community Survey, an annual survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. Only the Woods boasts more millennials. The median age of the Park also is the youngest of the Pointes at 43.

Denner attributes the youthfulness of the Park to its location, affordable housing, amenities the city provides and walkability.

"I think the Park has always been a good value," Denner said. "If you look at the quality of the housing stock at a

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Ford House breaks ground for construction

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House broke ground Nov. 14, for two new facilities, a visitor center and an administration building, marking the start of the first major construction on the historic estate in more than 25 years and the largest new construction since the home was built. The new facilities are part of a long-term restoration and rehabilitation plan for the National Historic Landmark estate.

"My grandmother wanted her home to be a place where people could come to enjoy the estate and

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left, Edsel Ford II, chairman; Lynn Alandt, board member, Ford House; Martha Ford, board member, Ford House; David Hempstead, board member, Ford House; Lindsey Ford Buhl, board member, Ford House; Benson Ford; Jason Rewold, construction manager, Frank Rewold and Son; Kathleen Mullins, president and CEO, Ford House; Bob Varga, architect, SmithGroupJJR.

Public safety launches smart emergency services

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — When residents call in emergencies using cell phones, dispatch personnel are unable to automatically detect who is calling and from where the individual experiencing an emergency is calling. Smart911 allows residents to be proactive in receiving emergency services when they need them by creating a Smart911 profile accessible by 911 call takers. Caregivers can also cre-

ate profiles for those unable to enter the data themselves.

The Smart911 system's profile data fields include name, address and contact information and options to include information about structure of the home, security system, children in the home, pets and medications taken by residents of the home. Smart911 profile data are protected in the secure Smart911

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Emilea Zingas
Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
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Local teen seeks top ranking in U.S. Figure Skating



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Fostering healthy relationships with food

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

City of Grosse Pointe resident Marielle Heidebrink, 27, said she's on mission to "positively impact 10,000 women in 10 years."

"I believe in my mission," said the certified holistic health and wellness coach. "What drives me are the success stories."

Heidebrink specializes in counseling individuals grappling with issues leading them "not to treat food as food anymore." She estimates she has worked with more than 500 individuals in Grosse Pointe since launching her health and wellness coaching business in May 2014. She said most of her clients are women in their 30s, 40s and 50s,

many of them premenopausal and menopausal and "sort of going through their second puberty."

The alumna of Grosse Pointe South High School initially became health and nutrition conscious while suffering from symptoms of celiac disease, a condition with which she was diagnosed at age 16. In high school, Heidebrink said the effects of the disease led her to feeling "insecure" and being "closed off" from high-school social life.

"And so much of that was because I was in pain," she said. "I was physically ill."

Heidebrink said her personality progressively thrived as she felt better as the result of changes she made in her health

regimen, including a gluten-free diet and exercise.

"I was blown away at how my relationship with the entire world changed," she said.

While attending Chicago's Shimer College, Heidebrink became a registered yoga teacher, receiving RYT 200 certification from CorePower Yoga in 2011. In 2013 she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and earned certification in Integrative Nutrition Health Coaching from New York's Institute for Integrative Nutrition, a curriculum of studying "hundreds of dietary theories," she explained.

Following college, Heidebrink decided to offer services rooted in the cry of her heart —

helping women realize "self-improvement through self-love." In today's busy society, it starts with self-love, she said, individuals loving themselves enough to take the time to eat well and exercise.

Heidebrink's coaching model involves guiding her clients in individualizing their wellness needs; overcoming emotional eating and digestive issues due to glucose intolerance and other conditions; and achieving weight management and stress relief. She offers one-on-one coaching, virtually for clients living outside the area and in-person at H3 — Hope, Healing & Health, LLC — on Greater Mack in St. Clair Shores.

In addition, Heidebrink hosts cooking classes and

healthy-eating support groups, such as her "Eat Well Support Circle" at H3 the third Thursday of each month. She also offers a "wellness cleanse" three times a year — a 21-day clean-eating program that includes her meal plans, guidebook, recipes and protocol for eating well. The cookbook she authored, "The Complete Recipes of Marielle," is available for purchase on her website, marielleheidebrink.com.

"You are what you eat," Heidebrink said. "Literally, that is what our bodies are made of, what our cells are formed from. It's really important to make sure that our food is high quality."

The first thing to teach often, she explained, is getting women to eat

more, which is counterintuitive. From there, she works to improve the quality of the food they eat and the quality of the mealtime, eliminating "distracted eating."

"There's this language around food that creates this negative relationship with food," she said. "Food is first and foremost sustenance and nourishment."

Repairing individuals' relationships with food is not only Heidebrink's profession, but also her passion, which makes her work a labor of love.

"This is absolutely my baby," she said.

In addition to health and wellness coaching, Heidebrink teaches yoga at Full Lotus in Grosse Pointe Woods, a role she's enjoyed seven years.

"There are a lot of ways to be healthy," Heidebrink said. "So what I do is I open up the field of vision."

Sotheby's to open on The Hill

Birmingham's Signature Sotheby's International is expanding to Grosse Pointe Farms, moving into the former Grosse Pointe News

building at 96 Kercheval. According to TCN Worldwide principal John E. De Wald, the lease was signed Thursday, Nov. 2, by

the real estate firm's owners. Planning for the new offices is underway with building renovations expected to be completed

January 2018. The business will occupy the first-floor space early next year.

—Melissa Walsh

U.S. Senate candidate Bob Young to address ERC

Bob Young, former Michigan Supreme Court justice and current U.S. Senate candidate, speaks at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, to the Eastside Republican Club at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

After 18 years of service, Young retired from the court April 2017, and is campaigning for the Republican U.S. Senate nomination. Winner of the August 2018 GOP primary will face incumbent Sen. Debbie Stabenow in the November general election.

Young and his family were residents of Grosse Pointe Park many years.

"We are excited that our former neighbor and recent Michigan Supreme Court justice is bringing his Senate campaign to Grosse Pointe this month," said Dr. Annette DeSantis Feldpausch, club chairwoman. "He is a speaker who always connects with everyone and delivers his message with wit and charm."

The ERC Forum meets monthly September to May at The War Memorial. Admission is free and the public is welcome.



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Randy Evans drives the crane while Dave Embree and Steve Embree of Embree Sign Co. put the sign in place.



Evans and Dave Embree prepare to move the old sign into storage. The War Memorial will re-purpose the scroll work and sign somewhere on the property.

War Memorial replaces aging sign

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, updated its aging signage along Lakeshore, just in time for Veterans Day.

The sign, the location's third, was produced by Embree Sign Co. of St. Clair Shores. The War Memorial worked with brothers Steve and Dan Embree to develop it.

"We're happy to work with a local company in the process," said Kara Noto, director of media and communications at The War Memorial. "They have a history with The War Memorial,

as the grandfather of the current owners did the original sign."

The new sign, Noto said, is easier to read and be seen by passersby. It also covers the same footprint of the previous sign.

"The new sign increases driver visibility for everyone from a wedding guest visiting The War Memorial for the first time to an old friend of The War Memorial returning for another year of classes and everyone in between," Noto said.

The outgoing sign will be retained and repurposed in the building's interior.

Changes to the Lakeshore signage is one element in ongoing capital improvements The War Memorial is making to enhance accessibility to its grounds and building. When complete, other improvements will include a main entrance featuring Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant pathways and lighting.

—Jody McVeigh

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seat, the issue could be reexamined. To conduct a feasibility study of city-owned properties, council would have to reverse the failed September motion, approve City Manager Peter Dame to extend the purchase agreement with St. John Hospital & Medical Center, who owns the Canyon property, as well as approve Dame to work with the architects, Boettcher and newly pro-

moted Director of Public Service Pete Randazzo to explore alternatives.

"I still feel that we might want to take one more look at the feasibility of moving into Detroit," Boettcher said. "We really should take one more look at our own facilities and own space."

None of the council members opposed another round of due diligence; however, Walsh said an enormous amount of due diligence already was conducted. Walsh described the current DPW yard behind city

hall as "nothing short of deplorable." He also said a committee was formed earlier this year to explore the feasibility of the current site versus moving to a new location. The committee included Walsh, Boettcher, former Mayor Dale Scrace and city administrators.

"We had about seven meetings and we included Partners in Architecture who went over the feasibility study of whether or not a facility on the current district works or does not work," Walsh said, "what the projected

associated costs would be moving forward here and moving forward in another area would be. There's a lot of complexities in the situation, including the power lines, the width of the facility, the turning radius for the facility, et cetera."

That committee, in a unanimous decision decided moving to a new location would be the best option, Walsh said. He also said, through this process the council has learned just how valuable city property is and "if (the current lot) is a \$4

(million) to \$5 million parcel of land, I can't imagine why you would build a dump yard on this particular piece of property."

"If I could take a facility into Detroit for 10 to 15 cents on the dollar versus what it would cost to use valuable neighborhood property to put our public works in, I think that's a heck of a deal," Walsh said.

Newly-elected Councilman Daniel Williams agreed with Boettcher for two reasons, the first being new information on operating costs provided by St. John.

According to Dame, the operating costs would run approximately \$33,000 annually at the Canyon facility versus approximately \$20,000 at the current facility. However, Dame noted the current facility is six times smaller than Canyon and the operating costs fall within the estimates made by the architects during the feasibility stage.

The other issue Williams raised was the tax burden on city employees who would then be subject to Detroit income tax.

According to Dame, the tax burden would be minimal. City employees would be taxed for time spent in Detroit which, according to Dame,

would be on average 13 percent of their day. Estimating at a \$50,000 salary, that would equate to \$78 per year in income tax paid to Detroit.

After discussion, all motions passed unanimously granting Dame permission to enter into a 30-day extension with St. John and explore alternative DPW sites with city officials and Boettcher.

Monday's council meeting was the first after a contentious election and council members addressed the issues they witnessed. Councilman John Stempfle voiced strong words of dismay for what he saw during the election.

"I was embarrassed and disappointed in the seedy tactics used in this election," Stempfle said. "I was also disappointed in the anonymous letters that would appear in doorways attacking the council and its decisions as well as city staff. Anyone who refuses to sign their name, as far as I'm concerned, is a coward."

"Now comes the challenge," he continued. "We all have to work together to do what's in the best interest of our residents. I know everyone here and I know we can do that despite some problems in this last election. I'm convinced we are going to do that."

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tectural design of the houses there on that street and that we should have some consistency in the design," he said. The result was a traditional craftsman-style home rendered in stone and wood detailing with rustic characteristics with modern amenities.

Owners of Grosse Pointe Stoneworks, Nick Notarianni and Frank Cognito, received their fifth consecutive business beautification award.

"We wanted to one-up ourselves," said Notarianni.

Each year, Notarianni and Cognito and their wives team up to enhance their business' curb appeal. This year, they added a stone bench and brought in additional plants with new colors to make it pop.

"We all contribute our own piece to the puzzle," Notarianni said.



Heather and Matt Wettstein posed with Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Bob Novitke when they received their residential beautification award.

In the early weeks of summer, when landscapes are sprouting leaves and blooming color, BAC members evaluate their assigned section of the Woods community to recommend homes and businesses for beautification accolades, according to BAC chairwoman Linda Stephens. Following a selection process, recommendations are vetted

and approved by the BAC and city representatives according to criteria for overall quality and pleasing presentation, healthy landscaping with elements of balance, proportion and harmony with the structure and ongoing maintenance throughout the season.

This year's residential award recipients were Michael Burton, Kevin and Denise Castile,

Dennis and Carol Herman, Gregg and Marie Huskin, Amanda Josefiak and Michael Snyder, Gary and Laurel Lombardi, Glenn and Sherrie McCullough, Cora Michael, Jack and Julie Parent, Denise Passalacqua and Bill Hadley, Wilson and Margaret Rogers, Sarah Jo Schwartz, Rodger Smith, Bob and Sue Ternes, Matt and Heather Wettstein and Brent and Lindsey Wilde.

Kristy and Anthony Schena and Mary and Rick Young received residential renovation awards.

The business beautification award was bestowed to Flagstar Bank, Garrido's Bistro and Pastry, Gratitude Salon, Grosse Pointe Stoneworks, The Little Blue Book, Moehring Woods Flowers, Spa in the Woods and Viviano Flower Shop — all located on Mack Avenue.

The commission honored Edwin Paul Salon with the Legacy Award.

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make memories, just as she and Edsel had done," explained Edsel B. Ford II, chairman of the Ford House board of trustees. "Both of my grandparents would be very pleased with the opportunities that our new buildings will bring to the thousands of visitors who come every year."

The new 40,000-square-foot visitor center will be a two-story building in the location of the current visitor center. It will feature dedicated space for enhancing the orientation, education and overall experience for Ford House visitors. It will include space for traveling and changing exhibits, as well as indoor and outdoor classrooms to expand education opportunities. Social spaces include an expanded restaurant and retail shop, as well as second-floor event space overlooking Ford Cove.

The new 17,000-square-foot administration building will remove Ford House operations from the main house and other historic buildings, allowing the organization to better

preserve its historic core. It also will enable the staff wing of the main house to be restored and incorporated into the tour and educational program.

"We're calling this initiative Ford House Forward," said Kathleen Mullins, president and CEO of Ford House. "This new construction is about being a relevant, experience-driven site where communities come together to experience something uniquely grounded in the history of this iconic American family who, themselves, have always been forward thinking."

Designed by SmithGroupJJR, a nationally recognized integrated design firm, both new buildings are intended to demonstrate sustainability best practices. The administration building has been designed to LEED platinum standards and to be net-positive energy to create more power than it consumes and contributing to the energy supply of the visitor center. It is anticipated the building will be one of a few buildings in Michigan to be net-positive. The visitor center has been designed to LEED Gold standards.

SmithGroupJJR incor-

porated sustainable strategies, such as solar panels, natural ventilation, highly efficient geo-thermal heating and cooling, automatic shades and bird-safe glass into the design.

From an aesthetic standpoint, according to Bob Varga, SmithGroupJJR's lead designer for the project, the buildings' architectural design is a modern interpretation of the Cotswold style original architect, Albert Kahn, adopted in 1927.

"We studied the Cotswold villages from England, working to complement the original house and campus with our new designs," Varga said. "We went back to the traditional architectural roots to bring a refreshed design to address the modern needs of the campus."

Frank Rewold and Son, based in Rochester, was selected for construction management.

The buildings are scheduled to open spring 2019. Ford House will continue to offer tours, events on the grounds and special programming during construction.

"We invite people to enjoy the estate just as the Fords did," said Mullins. "For our visitors and for the future of the estate, we are enriching their opportunity to be part of the historical environment when they visit. We want to use the work we are doing as a means for understanding and learning about good stewardship to the Ford family legacy."

For more information, visit fordhouse.org/about/master-plan.



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Woods residents may sign up for Smart911 to create their safety profile at smart911.com. Residents also will receive more information about the service from Woods public safety.

—Melissa Walsh

The Week Ahead

FRIDAY, NOV. 17

◆ City of Grosse Pointe Village Tree Lighting, 5:30 p.m. in The Village.

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Holiday Tree Lighting and Gift Market, 3 to 7 p.m. at Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe Drive.

MONDAY, NOV. 20

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack.

TUESDAY, NOV. 21

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizen Commission Meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack.

◆ 'Woods Aglow' Annual Tree Lighting, 7 p.m. on the city hall lawn, 20025 Mack.



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Farms teen vies for top ranking in U.S. Figure Skating

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

Emilea Zingas took her drive and years of conditioning to Bloomington, Minn., this week, where she is competing in the U.S. Figure Skating Midwestern Sectionals competition to secure a spot in the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Championships this January. Zingas, 15, is among the 12 Midwestern skaters earning top rankings out of regionals competitions this fall.

"I just love performing so much," said Zingas. "I look forward to expressing that through my programs every single day."

From 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, the Grosse Pointe South High School junior undertakes a grueling training routine that is a mix of on- and off-ice conditioning. The training schedule is divided into practicing jumps and run-throughs on the ice and balance-, agility- and strength-conditioning off the ice via the disciplines of ballet, jazz, yoga and weight-lifting.

Online classes and an



PHOTO BY KEVIN DEVINE

Emilea Zingas competing in U.S. Figure Skating regionals in October.

accommodating course schedule and staff at South allow Zingas to end her school day at 11:40 a.m. Yet her demanding figure-skating schedule doesn't alienate Zingas from high school life. A member of South's Student Association, she also participates on the girls high school lacrosse team in spring. Because Zingas contains her training hours to Monday through Friday, she is available most weekends to spend time with friends.

"Some skaters are just

skating, skating, skating," Zingas said. "But I think having a balance is really important."

Zingas' coaches — Lindsay O'Donoghue and Brooke Castile-O'Keefe, both Grosse Pointe Park residents — "push her really hard," according to O'Donoghue. The veteran competitive figure skater, who has been a coach for the St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club since 1999, said what differentiates Zingas from her peers is her energy.

"She's always been a bundle of energy," said O'Donoghue.

O'Donoghue first began working with Zingas as a tot in St. Clair Shores' Learn-to-Skate program. She became her figure skating coach when Zingas joined the figure skating club at age 7. She said Zingas "is extremely talented and she's very hardworking and she has very high goals." O'Donoghue coaches Zingas in jumps, spins and run-throughs, while Castile-O'Keefe choreographs routines.

"She's improved a ton this past season," added

O'Donoghue. "And I think she's just starting her career."

After a hard session of skating, Zingas said she feels "really good after."

"Some days if I'm really tired or I have so many tests," she said, "I say I just gotta get through the day, just gotta push through, gotta work hard. But skating is definitely an emotional escape for me."

"I never realized how really strong they are," said Zingas' mom, Marsha. "There's a lot of training, not just on the ice, but off-ice."

Unlike hockey players, figure skaters race and jump on the ice without protective equipment. Zingas, who played hockey from age 5 to 8, takes that toughness into her figure skating.

"Skaters fall really hard. I get bruises all the way up the side ... but it's worth it," Zingas said.

As for confidence with falls, O'Donoghue said, Zingas is "very daring."

"Sometimes we have to hold her back a little bit," she added. "She's never been afraid to have a new challenge. She loves

learning new things, learning new jumps."

Marsha and Christopher, Zingas' parents, don't skate, but their four children have all spent time on the ice. Cole, 21, who attends the University of Michigan, played travel youth hockey and high school hockey for South. Callie, 19, also at U-M, dropped hockey for soccer at a young age. Sister Elena, 17, a senior at South, still plays hockey, rostered with the 19U Belle Tire Girls Hockey Team and committed to playing college hockey at Cornell University next fall. After her young years playing hockey, Zingas decided at age 8 figure-skating would be the ice path for her.

"Actually, I thought Emilea would be the hockey player and Elena the figure skater," said Marsha Zingas, "but it just didn't work out that way."

This week marks Zingas' second time reaching sectionals. In 2014, she took sixth place in the juvenile division, two rankings shy of the top four moving on to

nationals. Placing in the top four in this year's novice division competition will qualify Zingas to compete in the 2018 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships Jan. 2 to 7, 2018, in San Jose, Calif. This would be her inauguration into the international circuit of figure skating.

Of the nine U.S. Figure Skating regions, Zingas won the Eastern Great Lakes Region in October in Nashville, Tenn. Out of 25 skaters, she placed in the top four selected to enter sectionals, which is broken into three sections — Eastern, Midwestern and Western. The top four rankings in each section will compete in nationals.

Midwestern is a tough section, Zingas said, which includes the Michigan hub and other competitive regions, such as Colorado. Yet O'Donoghue, who is accompanying Zingas to Bloomington this week, is confident Zingas' work ethic and bright personality will earn her success.

"She's really entertaining," said O'Donoghue.

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broad range of price points, it's very good. If you look at the amenities that have been developed over a long period of time in our park system, that was done with young families in mind."

Denner said Realtors he's talked to will bring prospective buyers to the parks, show them what they have to offer and afterward buyers only want to look at houses in the Park.

He said he's also seen a lot of improvement in the Kercheval corridor. With new businesses popping up in that area, the draw for young people has only increased. He said

when he was first settling down, the Cabbage Patch, the northwest sector of the city, was a place for young families and professionals to get their start. It's back to that now, he said.

"I think the vitality of (the Cabbage Patch), the developments along Kercheval, the interest of this generation in having walkable neighborhoods, walkable cities — Grosse Pointe Park is a very walkable city — I think that's a value to many people."

The Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation also has been a major incentive for college students and young professionals to live in the Park. Established in 2011 by the Cotton family, GPHF

provides housing grants to students and professionals living in GPHF-approved rental properties. More than \$1 million has been awarded by the GPHF and has been an influence on the Park's positive momentum. While every Pointe has lost population since the last census in 2010, the Park has seen a net increase of millennials.

Denner also said a good working relationship with the city of Detroit has afforded the Park positive change. The Park hasn't always been viewed as a beacon of inclusivity — the controversial flower pots at the foot of Kercheval and misconduct from police officers as examples from recent years — but it appears Denner and the Park are making strides to rectify those wrongs.

Denner said the city has been an active participant in a number of non-profit community groups whose focus is the Detroit neighborhoods adjacent to the Park. Denner sees the value in developing a strong community, not only in the Park but across the border into Detroit as well. Right now, Mack is the big focus for Denner.

"We hope with some synergy between Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park, that will continue to spur further development

along Mack," Denner said, "which I think is a street that is important to focus on right now. There's been a lot of success on Jefferson in both Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park and there's a lot of vitality in our Kercheval business district. While Mack has had some recent significant improvements, there is a lot of room for further work. And, I think both cities are focused on trying to do that."

He said the Park's focus now is creating an appealing streetscape. One block, between Maryland and Lakepointe, has been completed with plans to continue work on the entire stretch of business district.

Denner also points to three major developments currently in discussion as signs of not only positive growth, but a good relationship with Detroit.

Huntington Bank is planning to put a branch at the corner of Mack and Alter. The city had been proactively buying up distressed property in that area, even before Denner's time as mayor, in hopes of developing the corner, Denner said. Now, because the majority of the lot is in Detroit, Huntington Bank is awaiting final approval from Detroit.

The other two developments in talks are at the corner of Kercheval and Alter and on Jefferson near the border. Both are still a little too early in the process to release details, Denner said, but both promise to tie the city of Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park together.

However, even with all the positive momentum happening in the Park, Denner admits there is still a lot of work to be done. Issues with the sanitary sewer system are at the forefront of Denner's mind. He is happy with the progress made in terms of "drying out the system" and upgrades to pump stations, but knows more improvements have to be made.

"We haven't forgot about improving our sanitary sewer system," Denner said. "In the last two rainy seasons, we've had two of the biggest storms to hit Grosse Pointe Park in decades. That may be a precursor of what the new normal is. So, what was designed as an excellent solution for our stormwater and sanitary system has to be reevaluated in light of these unexpected, extreme events."

He said improvements are incremental and include disconnecting downspouts and parking lots still connected to the sanitary system, smoke testing and televising the sewer lines to find holes and continued upgrades to the pump stations. Denner said he understands the devastation brought on from the flooding — one of his family members was affected in 2016 — and

he rode his bike through the neighborhood after the 2016 flood and talked to residents.

"That was difficult," he said, "but it gave me a feeling for how devastating that flooding was. Not that I needed too much more encouragement, but that certainly strengthened my resolve to keep focused on continued improvement in that area."

Denner said another area he would like to see improve is the Park's use of technology. He said he is proud of how far they've come since he took office in 2015, but knows there's always room to grow.

"Whether it's more effective use of social media or better use of the Nixle alert system or more convenient technology to pay parking meters to apps you can use to communicate with the city administration about any concerns or questions," Denner said, "there's a number of things on the technology front that we are just scratching the surface of now."

Overall, Denner is happy with the progress being made in the Park and hopes to see it continue.

"I think that we want to keep the momentum in the direction it's headed," he said. "You never sit back satisfied and say, 'Well, we accomplished that.' There's always the next idea and the next thing to do, whether it's city services or amenities or development of commercial districts. That's something you always want to improve on and focus on."

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Distress to OWI

Officers noticed a car parked on the shoulder of Jefferson at Lincoln with its hazard lights activated approximately 3:20 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. When officers approached the disabled vehicle, they noticed a flat tire and a confused North Carolina woman with bloodshot, glassy eyes and a slight odor of intoxicants who was slurring her words. She said she was on her way home from a dinner but was unsure where she was. After questioning the woman, officers administered a field sobriety test, which the woman failed. She refused to take a preliminary breath test. She was arrested for operating while intoxicated as well as cited for refusing the PBT.

Stalker

An employee at a business in the 600 block of St. Clair called police approximately 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, to make a complaint about a possible stalker. When officers arrived, the victim stated she had an ongoing problem with the suspect going back about two years. In fact, officers had responded to a similar call in April at the same business when the victim reported the suspect sitting in his car in the parking lot. In April, officers responded and advised the man he was no longer allowed in the business or on its property. However, on Nov. 7, the suspect entered the business and yelled "I need your help." He was told to leave and he

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quickly left in a silver van in an unknown direction before officers arrived. The victim stated she was afraid for her safety and officers advised her on taking out a personal protection order on the suspect.

Bike stolen

A women's purple Kent Terra bike was stolen from an unlocked garage in the 700 block of Grosse Pointe Court sometime between noon and 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Bikes stolen from Pierce

Three bikes were stolen from the bike racks at Pierce Middle School. Two bikes, a locked blue and white Pacific mountain bike and an unlocked blue Giant mountain bike, were taken during the school day Friday, Nov. 10. The other bike, a blue and black Trek mountain bike, was stolen during the school day Monday, Nov. 6.

Nap time

A Grosse Pointe Woods resident was found slumped over his steering wheel at the corner of Mack and Cadieux just before 3 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. After investiga-

tion he was found to be intoxicated and arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Gun stolen

A .38-caliber Smith and Wesson revolver was taken from a residence in the 1300 block of Lakepointe sometime between Sunday, Oct. 15, and Monday, Nov. 6.

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A Grosse Pointe Park resident was stopped for running a red light at Charlevoix and Cadieux approximately 3 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13. He was found to be intoxicated and arrested for operating while intoxicated.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Stolen bike

A father reported his 11-year-old son's mountain bike stolen from Brownell Middle School Friday, Nov. 10. The middle schooler did not lock his bike.

Suspicious driving

Public safety officers responded to a call of probable driving while intoxicated at 9:36 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10. The caller said a Honda without its headlights on

nearly struck his vehicle. He forwarded the vehicle's license plate number to the dispatch officer.

Responding officers caught up with the vehicle, making a traffic stop at Mt. Vernon and Chalfonte. As the 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident handed over his driving documentation, the officer detected the odor of marijuana. A search uncovered a bag of marijuana. The youth was detained at the police station until family members arrived to pick him up and receive instructions for following up in juvenile court.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Driving while high

A 65-year-old resident was arrested 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, for operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs.

Patrolling officers pulled the man over for an illegal turn at east-bound Vernier and south-bound Mack. The man could not produce a driver's license, vehicle registration or proof of vehicle insurance. He also was driving with an expired license plate.

The officer observed slurred speech, glassy eyes and dilated pupils. When the officer asked the man where he was, he said, incorrectly, he was on Oxford Road.

After failing several sobriety tests, officers

obtained a warrant for a blood draw. The man was transferred to Henry Ford Hospital for the procedure.

Officers found marijuana and 10 pills believed to be muscle relaxants in the man's pockets. Another 24 pills believed to be Alprazolam also were found on the man. Found in the vehicle was an unmarked pill bottle with five pills believed to be muscle relaxants.

Drunken driving

Patrolling officers responded to two vehicles stopped due to a minor traffic accident involving one vehicle striking another at a red light on Mack and Kenmore. The driver of the struck vehicle requested medical attention, while the driver of the striking vehicle did not.

The 31-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms male in the striking vehicle told officers he was looking at a message on his phone when the accident occurred. Detecting the odor of intoxicants on the man, officers conducted sobriety tests. Found in the vehicle were an open bottle of vodka and an empty 24-ounce can of beer.

The man was arrested. Following processing, a

breath test indicated the man's alcohol level was .19.

Home invasion

A couple reported a break-in at their home in the 20000 block of Morningside at 12:55 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, estimating the crime occurred between 10:15 and 11 a.m. the same day while the 79-year-old male occupant of the home was sleeping downstairs. He reported being awakened by noises upstairs. Investigating the source of the noise, he saw a subject fleeing his home into the front yard.

Shortly after, the 69-year-old female occupant arrived home from shopping, discovered her bedroom in disarray and valuable items missing.

Missing objects included collector coins, watches, items from a locked briefcase the subject allegedly pried open and jewelry estimated to be worth \$100,000.

The male victim described the subject as a dark-skinned male wearing a grayish/white hoodie.

—Melissa Walsh
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OUR VIEW

City seats new mayor, council

The new City of Grosse Pointe mayor and council took their seats Monday night after being sworn in by City Clerk Julie Arthurs. Chris Boettcher took the center seat formerly held by Mayor Dale Scrace for 16 years. Chris Walsh and Sheila Tomkowiak retained their seats, and newcomer Dan Williams took the seat left vacant when Mr. Boettcher decided not to run for re-election to council and ran successfully for mayor instead.

Following comments from council, all of whom congratulated the winners and pledged to move forward for the good of the City, Mayor Boettcher did a classy thing. He congratulated former Mayor Scrace for all his years of service to the city. He said he did not run for mayor because his predecessor had done anything wrong during his tenure, but rather because he felt it was time for a change.

Councilmembers Tomkowiak and John Stempfle, however, did express there were unwarranted hostility and personal attacks during the runup to the election. During public comments, some residents concurred and wondered if websites and social media could be required to indicate who is responsible for the content. Obviously, that is largely out of the council's control. But they were good observations just the same.

The first order of business was reopening discussion of moving the department of public works to Detroit. In order to do that, council had to rescind a Sept. 17 motion that unanimously ruled out the current Maumee site as use for a future DPW yard and facilities.

Complicating the matter was a scheduled Dec. 1 purchase agreement signing with St. John Hospital & Medical Center, owner of the Canyon property in Detroit. City Manager Peter Dame reported St. John is cognizant of the change in leadership following the election and willing to postpone the signing for 30 days.

Prior to approving motions to rescind the Sept. 17 motion and allow Mr. Dame to proceed with the 30-day extension with St. John, the councilmembers went around the table concurring they had no problem continuing due diligence regarding the DPW site for another 30 days.

Mr. Walsh pointed out while he is willing to take another look at the move, he wanted residents attending the meeting to be aware a great deal of due diligence and public hearings already occurred, and the prior council unanimously approved the Detroit location for the DPW. "I don't want anyone leaving here thinking due diligence had not been done regarding public works," he said.

Councilmen Williams and Don Parthum indicated "new information" has come up that requires a further look at the site. The new information regarded higher projected utility costs at the Detroit site. The \$13,000 increase in projected utility costs, however, were accounted for by the city's

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The Village at Kercheval and St. Clair, photo taken from the rooftop of the Standard Gas Station.

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architects and are not unexpected considering the DPW is going from 5,000 square feet to 30,000 square feet.

Another point of concern was Detroit income taxes to be borne by City employees. Again, our follow up with the city indicates some 13 DPW employees will be required to pay Detroit income taxes based on the amount of time they spend working at the Detroit facility. The projected cost to the workers is \$78 a year.

The mayor and city manager also were directed

by council to look for other properties owned by the city that can be used for public works to remove congestion from the Maumee site. These properties include the transmission tower site and the city parking deck in The Village.

While we do not believe this "new information" warrants abandoning the Detroit site for the DPW, we are pleased to see the mayor and council coming together amicably to determine what is best for the City. We hope that teamwork and cooperation continues.

OUR VIEW

Theros becomes new Farms mayor

Louis Theros garnered 67 percent of the vote in Grosse Pointe Farms for mayor compared to Joe Ricci's 32 percent. Mr. Theros' commanding lead no doubt is due to his 16 years serving on the city council compared to Mr. Ricci's four years.

Fortunately, Mr. Ricci has two more years left to his council term and many of the concerns he expressed during the campaign he can continue to bring before his colleagues on the council.

The city council, of which the mayor is one vote, has a lot of work to do in the Farms. First there is the elimination of basement flooding that plagues most older cities with combined storm and sanitary sewers.

The Farms basically has two storm systems — the lakeside and inland districts. The city already separated the storm and sanitary systems in the lakeside district; however, continued vigilance needs to be done to prevent stormwater from seeping into the sanitary system via home foundation weeping tiles and such.

The inland district remains combined. The difficulty in separating the inland district is that the terrain drains toward Mack Avenue at Ridge Road (hence the name). So storm water cannot be naturally detoured to the lake and must be pumped out.

Remediation methods include separation and retention enclosures and ponds. The country club has been mentioned as a possible stormwater retention pond, which would have the benefit of providing irrigation for the golf course.

Another major project facing the Farms in the near future is a new water main to run through The Hill. The work will be major and disruptive and it will be the city's and council's job to see it impacts the businesses and area residents as little as possible.

On the far horizon, we favor Mayor Theros' idea of moving the Farms' municipal and police and fire and court facilities to city-owned property at Mack and Moross.

The City of Grosse Pointe is in the process of moving its public safety facilities to Mack on the Alger Deli & Liquor site. Farms elected officials should follow the City's relocation of its public safety to Mack Avenue closely.

(On a side note, we think the City should look at relocating its municipal court to the Mack site as well. This would eliminate transporting suspects from the public safety location to Maumee.)

We wish Mayor Theros and his fellow councilmembers godspeed and wisdom the coming months and four years. There is much to do.

LETTERS

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An open letter
to the community

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Public Library board and administration wish to address the matter of our ongoing contract negotiations with the Grosse Pointe Public Librarians Association, MEA/NEA and Grosse Pointe Public Library Support Personnel Association, MEA/NEA.

We began meeting to negotiate new contracts in May. We had five meetings between May and June without reaching an agreement. In July, we had two additional meetings with a mediator appointed by the state, which were unsuccessful in bringing us to an agreement.

The associations opted to file for fact-finding, a

non-binding dispute resolution process, in late-July. The library hoped to complete the fact-finding process in September. However, the associations were not available or prepared to meet until October. This process included two hearings. At this time, we are awaiting the report of the Fact Finder.

The library is prepared to meet with the associations at a time mutually agreeable between parties upon receipt of the Fact Finder's report. We are disappointed the association made claims in their Nov. 9 letter to the editor of the Grosse Pointe News regarding the results of the fact finding when no report has yet been issued.

We participate in an annual salary survey of libraries in southeast

Michigan and our librarians are currently the fourth-highest paid in the region among participating libraries. During the negotiations, we have offered two raises and a signing bonus to the staff, demonstrating our commitment to fair and competitive compensation. We also have offered two additional paid holidays, a retirement incentive and paid parental leave.

The library's proposal includes a Platinum Blue Cross Blue Shield zero-deductible plan for all employees eligible for benefits. This is the richest plan we can offer our employees from Blue Cross Blue Shield. The library has offered to pay 80 percent of the premium in lieu of the "hard cap," the most we can contribute to their healthcare costs under current state law.

It would be an understatement to say the library board and administration are bewildered and frustrated by the union's refusal to accept our offer. We remain committed to being good stewards of public funds and providing exceptional library services.

JESSICA KEYSER,
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Knowledge
is power

To the Editor:

As a career librarian and retired administrator of the Grosse Pointe Public Library system, I wish to express my deep concern with the present impasse in contractual negotiations between the library board and staff.

It is the duty of the community-appointed members of the library board to set policy. The policy they have currently adopted is to refuse to negotiate, compromise or bargain in good faith. This is an irresponsible and unjustified position to take.

The Grosse Pointes enjoy an excellent and enviable library system. This is due in great measure to the dedicated staff, who represent the library and its extensive services and programs to the public on a daily basis. However, the intransigent stance of the administration has alienated virtually all

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I SAY By John Minnis

Veterans Day speakers moving

I was fortunate to hear two excellent speeches this past Veterans Day. One was by Grosse Pointe Woods resident Col. Rolf Mammen, the guest speaker at the annual Veterans Breakfast at The War Memorial, and the other from Mike, a young veteran who without the help of Julie, a Guardian Angels Medical Service dog, would not be among us today.



Trophy for the best Flying Wing in the Air National Guard.

Introduced by event emcee Ted Everingham, chair of The War Memorial board, Col. Mammen is treasurer of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association and a member of its board of directors. He is the director of operations for the Michigan Air National Guard and has served nearly 30 years in the active Air Force and the Michigan National Guard. Before his current assignment, he was the vice commander for the 127th Wing at Selfridge, leading nearly 1,800 military and civilian employees. While he was vice commander, the 127th was awarded the prestigious Spatz

Mammen's last combat deployment to the Middle East was in 2004-05, where he was director of flying operations at Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait, responsible for the base air assets in the Iraq and Afghanistan theaters. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

In his civilian capacity, Mammen is a pilot for United Airlines, currently flying the Boeing 777. He graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School and Michigan State University with a degree in physics. He is a graduate of the Air Force Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College

and the Joint and Combined Warfighting School at the Joint Forces Staff College.

But as amazing as his credentials and service record are, that was not what President and CEO Charles Burke of The War Memorial wanted him to talk about. Rather, he asked his friend and colleague to talk about where he was on 9/11.

To older veterans and guests at the breakfast, including a few who served in World War II, their "9/11" — the day America was attacked — was Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor Day. But Mammen's was Sept. 11, 2001.

He was flying a commercial flight from London Heathrow to JFK Airport in New York City. Long before it became popular on cellphones, many messages to and from pilots and ground station were in the form of text messages. The morning of Sept. 11, 2001, his cockpit received a strange message: "Are you OK?"

Later text messages indicated a plane had flown into one of the World Trade Center tow-

ers. While they were pondering how that could even be possible, they received a message that a second plane had struck the second tower. And while they were puzzling over that, they learned airspace over New York City was closed. They were directed to land in Syracuse, N.Y.

They were approaching the east coast of Canada. Bangor, Maine, was more direct; so Mammen asked to land there. "Please proceed to Syracuse," was all the response he received. While enroute to Syracuse, they learned all U.S. airspace was now closed. They were then directed — along with 47 other jetliners — to Halifax. In all, some 8,800 passengers were stranded in Halifax, along with some 240 flights and more than 33,000 passengers throughout Canada.

"That is one of the great, not-often-told stories," Mammen said, "of the hospitality shown us by our Canadian friends."

The father of two boys and a young daughter in elementary school at the time, Mammen recalled

his daughter's school decided not to tell the children what had happened on the morning of 9/11. They thought it best the parents tell their children. "However, they did not account for children who go home for lunch."

Sure enough, one boy returned from lunch reporting that planes were flying into buildings and we were "at war." "My daughter did not say a word and struggled through the afternoon at school not knowing if her father was alive. When my wife picked her up, she burst into tears and asked if her dad was alive. She grew up quite a bit that day," Mammen choked, eyes tearing — as did mine and everyone's present. "That is why, for her and for all veterans here, I continue to serve our country."

Mike, the young veteran who spoke at the Veterans Day open house at Stahl's Automotive Museum, described how when he came home, he lost his wife to divorce. How he suffered post-traumatic stress disorder, seizures and other mental disorders. How he had suicidal thoughts contin-

uously, with many attempts.

Following one close call, he was contacted by Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, who match veterans with specially trained dogs as companions and protectors. Locally, the organization is championed by Mary Lamparter, who attended the Stahl's event, as well as at The War Memorial, which presented Guardian Angels with a check.

Mike's Guardian Angel dog is Julie, a German shepherd. "If it weren't for Julie and Guardian Angels, I would not be here today," he told the crowd gathered around the Wurlitzer organ platform in the museum. Again, I and others were moved to tears.

Immediately after his very personal and graphic speech, Mike could be seen behind the organ, kneeling and hugging Julie for security.

Veterans Day 2017 will be one I will remember always. Thank you, Col. Mammen and Mike, for sharing your personal stories. They were heartfelt tributes for Veterans Day.

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staff, creating dissatisfaction and dissension between these two bargaining units, which traditionally work closely together. Inevitably, this alienation, unless ended, will grow on both sides, proving detrimental to the quality of our library.

I am aware of one librarian, a mother of a special needs baby, whose costs for medications will escalate tremendously under the board-dictated contract. Other staff will suffer to varying degrees and at a greater expense to the taxpayer than what the staff is requesting. I urge all concerned residents and library lovers to visit the library staff's informational page at [face book.com/gpplssa](http://facebook.com/gpplssa).

Knowledge is power.
JAMES MOFFET
Grosse Pointe Park

GPPL considered gold standard

To the Editor:
As a Michigan librarian, I am saddened by the lack of support from the Grosse Pointe Public Library board of directors toward their staff. GPPL always has been considered a gold standard in the state for services and staff, a system in which librarians aspired to work.

Grosse Pointe has an excellent library system with an incredible staff. Pay them what they deserve as the incredible professionals they are.

MARYANNE BOYLAN,
MILS
East Lansing

I concur

To the Editor:
As a patron of the Grosse Pointe library system more than 40 years, I can attest to the helpfulness, professionalism, courtesy and responsiveness of the staff at all three libraries.

Whether it was story hour when our children were toddlers, to research aid when they were in middle and high school or reserving books for their adult reading pleasure, the staff has been wonderful.

So, as part of their fan club, it is disturbing to learn of their struggles with the library administration to reach a fair contract. The libraries are part of the resources we so treasure in Grosse Pointe and the library staff is what makes them work.

I concur with letters from other readers who ask the administration to work with the bargaining team and for our local newspapers to report on what is happening.

KATIE ELSILA
Grosse Pointe Park

One fatal mistake

To the Editor:
A couple of thoughts now that the dust has settled a bit from the remarkable City election: Voting a well-respected, long-term mayor out of office is a big deal in the Pointes, because it takes quite a lot to get us riled up. It's just not in our DNA. So this is historic. Maybe unprecedented. And that makes it very important we're clear about why this happened.

First on the checklist, of course, is the hotel saga. Messy and confusing for sure. It's hard to pin blame here. It just

seemed to morph out of control on its own, from a swank boutique jewel to a low-rent, big-box monster nobody loved. No, I think if this were the only election issue, the mayor would have survived.

The key problem is one of the mayor's own making — the costly and silly Mack Avenue police and fire station. Pushed through under cover of darkness without any real public debate, it was a classic case of officialdom run amok. And it left voters grumpy and out for justice.

It looks to me a good man made one fatal mistake.

And the consequences for all of us are just beginning.

BOB KRAUS
City of Grosse Pointe

Woods to require large containers

To The Editor:
There are city council discussions taking place to eliminate our ability to use a simple garbage bag and small recycle bin for our weekly trash pick-up. For those of us without a great deal of refuge, this is a significant inconvenience. I am sure there are many of our older citizens who would find these very difficult to maneuver.

The use of these should be up to the citizens to decide and not forced upon them.

ROBERT SZABO
Grosse Pointe Woods

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1942

75 years ago this week

◆ **RATIONING DELAY BRINGS JOY:** Grosse Pointers breathed a sigh of relief with the announcement gas rationing had been postponed until Dec. 1.

1967

50 years ago this week

◆ **HIGH SCHOOLS NAMED:** The Grosse Pointe Board of Education covered a full agenda at its Monday meeting including the formal naming of the new high school, renaming the present one and announcement of a special meeting to discuss the boundary lines of the new high school. The new high school name, Grosse Pointe North High

School, becomes effective July 1, 1968. The renaming of the present high school takes effect immediately.

1992

25 years ago this week

◆ **POINTERS FIND RIGHT COATTAILS ELUSIVE:** Grosse

Pointers turned out in force in the Nov. 3 election, but with only two GOP exceptions, incumbent State Rep. William R. Bryant Jr. and Wayne County Commissioner Andrew Richner, the candidates chosen here lost in overall tabulations. The Pointes chose the Bush/Quayle ticket by more than 2 to 1, but nationally Clinton/Gore won.

— Karen Fontanive

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Grosse Pointe sets the standard for visitors from Saudi Arabia

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A cohort of visitors from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia arrived in Grosse Pointe last week as part of the country's 2030 transformation project. This was the second wave of teachers, principals and superintendents hand selected as part of a comprehensive vision to transform the country, from its petroleum-based economy to its educational system.

The last cohort visited Grosse Pointe North High School, Kerby Elementary School and Barnes Early Childhood Center during its six-month stay beginning in February. The second group arrived in August and will depart February 2018.

The group is hosted by Oakland University, which was invited to apply to have members partici-



In his overview for guests, Parcels Principal Dan Hartley talked about the district's instructional goals and concepts like culturally responsive classrooms.

pate in its intensive educational program.

"Like other educators, they are being sent to be imbedded in university programs all over the world — the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Finland, New Zealand and Australia,"

said Suzanne Klein, assistant professor in Oakland's department of educational leadership.

The purpose of site visits is for students to experience first-hand, through a series of presentations and observation, the range of services the

Grosse Pointe Public School System offers from preschool through age 26. Klein selected Grosse Pointe schools because she knew they would contain the kinds of examples participants learned about in their academic studies at Oakland earlier in the year.

"I wanted to see some really outstanding examples of schools," said Klein, who served as GPPSS superintendent from 1996 to 2011. "I know these schools well and am very proud to say, come and take a look."

Special education services and supports from birth to age 26 were the focus of visits to Barnes Early Childhood Center and Full Circle Foundation. The group also spent time at Maire Elementary and Parcels Middle schools.

Klein said she brought the group to Maire "because I was interested in having them see what high-level teacher leadership looks like — instruction, libraries, instructional materials and methods. They were thrilled getting a chance to see these different places. They had a wonderful visit with Mrs. (Sonja) Franchett and walked around and talked with teachers."

During a morning at Pierce, visitors learned about the school's counseling, leadership, behavior and study skills programs, among others. Principal Dan Hartley led the presentation with a



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From left, Robert Martin, visiting assistant professor from Oakland University, chats with visitors Ahmed Alghamdi, a math teacher, and Abdullah Altamimi, an English teacher and Ph.D. candidate.

discussion on the middle school focus on climate, behavior and dealing with adolescents in a positive way. Examples of academic support included the Advancement via Individual Determination program "designed for students who fall in the middle," according to English and social studies teacher Brian McDonald, and focuses on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and rigor to help establish a college and career-ready mindset for hard-working students who fall short of traditional honors level.

Counselor Carla Palffy gave an overview of the counseling program and social studies teacher Donovan Golich talked about the three tiers of intervention for the positive behavioral interventions and supports program.

"We can effectively teach appropriate behavior to children by intervening early," Golich said of the PBIS philosophy.

"It's very helpful and we see many things anew,"

said Mansour Albumaidi, chief of accreditation and quality in his district in Saudi Arabia. In his doctoral study of the American educational system, he said he compared the American philosophy of "doing the right things" to the Japanese management system of "doing things right."

"This is like our country. We have many things right, but not the right things, the right way," he said, adding the challenge is to adapt this philosophy to his own country's environment.

Klein said she was grateful to show off the American educational system to other educators dedicated to working "with other people's children like we are here They are doing it with the support of the Kingdom's desire to say, how can we do this whole education piece in a way that will help us step outside of what we already know and help us in thinking what we might do better and how can we plan for the future."

Teacher of THE WEEK



Beth McCreedy

School: St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School
Years at St. Clare: 16
Grade/Subject: 6th-grade language arts, science, social studies and religion; 6th-grade social studies

Nominated by: Ann Tonissen, principal

Principal's quote:

"Beth McCreedy is an accomplished teacher who is liked and respected by her students. Beth has a creative imagination that allows her to make classroom work exciting, interesting and informative for the students. Beth demonstrates the highest level of professional commitment and skill in working with both students and colleagues. Beth also serves as the faculty representative for the Parent Teacher Organization. She gives generously of her time, and often her work extends beyond the school day. We are blessed to have Beth McCreedy on staff at St. Clare School."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

My favorite part about teaching is being with my students. I feel for what they go through in life and work to make their life better academically and

as a person. I enjoy when we are working on a project and see how they light up with enthusiasm and interest. I am big on respect and responsibility. I work on this on a daily basis with my students. It is important to me that when they leave my class, they are able to take these things with them outside of school and be respectful, responsible, caring people.

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

Doing the science animal project has been one of my most fulfilling teaching experiences. The students bring in an insect to take care of for two weeks. The students start the project learning about their insect. Throughout the teaching about caring and feeding their animal, the students take the project to a whole new level. They begin to see nature in a whole new way telling me stories about their outdoor experiences with nature the night before. The first question I get on the first day of class is, "Are we doing the animal



COURTESY PHOTO

project this year like the fifth-grade did last year?"
Please share a book or person that has inspired you or your teaching.

The person who inspired me to become a teacher was my son's fifth-grade teacher, Lori Quaranta. Watching the way she inspired her students in so many different ways made me want to be just like her. She let me come in her classroom and help on student projects. She would always tell me that I would make a great teacher one day.

Favorite quote:

"There is a brilliant child locked inside every student."

— Marva Collins

Facilities committee digs deeper in planning process

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The fourth meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Blue Ribbon Facilities Committee focused on costs, utilization of school buildings versus capacity and real estate values.

Representatives of the 50-member committee met Nov. 2, at Grosse Pointe North High School's library to continue the planning process for the future of the district, which includes analyzing the results of the Plante Moran Cresa facilities study.

The critical questions for the committee to address, according to Superintendent Gary

Niehaus, are, "One, is the Plante Moran report reliable, credible, sustainable? Two, what's the plan going to be and three, how are we going to pay for it?"

The meeting kicked off with a review of Grosse Pointe values based on discussions in previous meetings. These included walkable/bikeable neighborhood schools, small class sizes, a feeling of community in school, traditions and history, robust curriculum with many choices and offerings, competitive athletics, quality and quantity of extracurricular activities and clubs and a highly regarded arts program. Group members prioritized neighborhood schools, meeting the

needs of all students and high quality teachers and staff at the top of the list.

At the previous meeting, committee members requested more information on building costs to determine potential savings in the event of a school closure. Members were given handouts with average building costs for GPPSS elementary and middle schools based on the cost of a principal, clerical and custodial support, computer lab, property insurance, technology and utilities. Building costs for each elementary and middle school were broken down into critical needs and deferred maintenance. Building costs also were provided for the administration office at 389 St. Clair.

One observation during small group discussions was the relative lower costs of both operations and total critical needs and deferred maintenance at 389 St. Clair compared to the school buildings.

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National essay contest winner donates check to local library

Claire Juip, state and national winner of the grade 4 to 6 division of the Library of Congress Letters About Literature Competition, is happy to share her success and give back.

Encouraged last year by her fourth-grade teacher, Kristin Perlin, to enter the competition, Juip, a student at St. Paul Catholic School, wrote a letter to author R.J. Palacio about her book, "Wonder." Like Auggie, the protagonist in the book, Juip was diagnosed with a chromosomal disorder — in her case Friedreich's ataxia, a degenerative neuromuscular disorder.

As a national winner, Juip had the opportunity in August to travel to Washington D.C., for the National Book Festival at the Library of Congress and meet Palacio. She also received a grand prize of \$1,000, which



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From left, Kristin Perlin, St. Paul fourth-grade teacher; Randy Riley, state librarian, Library of Michigan; Jessica Keyser, director, Grosse Pointe Public Library; Elizabeth Vogel, president, GPPL Board of Trustees; Claire Juip; and Catherine Lancaster, youth services coordinator, Library of Michigan.

she donated to her favorite research organization, Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance.

As a state-level winner, Juip received a \$50 gift card and a \$250 reading promotion grant for the

library of her choice. Joined by members of the Library of Michigan, she presented the check to the Grosse Pointe Library at its board meeting Thursday, Oct. 26.

— Mary Anne Brush

PROCESS:

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plete picture of building utilization, Sara Delgado, Kerby Elementary School principal, and Roy Bishop, Mason Elementary School principal, gave individual presentations on the use of space in each of their buildings.

This caused some confusion among committee members. Based on the presentation and charts provided, the buildings appeared to be fully used, contrary to the numbers provided in the PMC analysis.

Paul Wills, PMC partner, said the report referred to utilization based on capacity rather than the full use of existing space at Kerby and Mason, as demonstrated in Delgado's and Bishop's presentations. Each elementary school's capacity was based on the maximum number of students according to Board of Education guidelines — 24 in kindergarten; 27 in grades 1 to 3; and 29 in grades 4 and 5. While Mason has a total capacity of 450 students based on square footage and classroom space, its enrollment is currently 292, or 65 percent utilization. PMC recommends 85 percent utilization as the industry standard.

"These numbers on utilization and capacity are being misinterpreted," said committee member John Shook. "When somebody says you're only using 60 percent of the school it's misleading, because you are actually utilizing it to

'One, is the Plante Moran report reliable, credible, sustainable? Two, what's the plan going to be and three, how are we going to pay for it?'

GARY NIEHAUS
Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent

deliver the education the community expects."

Brian Summerfield, GPPSS Board of Education president, suggested looking at school utilization globally.

"If we look at each school individually, we're going to say everyone's using all the available space," he said.

"The terminology everyone is getting stuck on is utilization," said Michael Rennell, Grosse Pointe Education Association president. "What it really should be is potential capacity per classroom. Are our classrooms really being utilized to potential? That's the question."

Several members agreed more information on the long-term cost savings of closing a building would be beneficial.

"Over the next 30 years, what is the cost we'd be saving if we closed a building?" Alger LaHood asked.

Others were interested in the real estate value of properties and restrictions on residential and commercial use. Robert Stempien, PMC senior vice president, presented a real estate market overview with a GPPSS portfolio site and building cost analysis based on median prices for all 14 school buildings, 389 St. Clair, Barnes and Elworthy Field. Real estate considerations include current zoning, the municipalities master plan and highest and best use.

The next meeting, 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, in the Parcels Middle School library, will focus on options for financing needs — general fund, sinking fund or a potential bond; information on bonds and sinking funds in GPPSS and peer districts; and an update on the 2002 bond.

All meetings are open to the public.

Liggett names head of school

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A national search for University Liggett School's next head of school concluded the right person for the job already was in place at the school's helm. Bart Bronk has served as interim head of school since Joseph P. Healey retired in June after a decade of leadership.

"After an extensive national search, the Head of School Search Committee unanimously concluded that Bart Bronk is the right person to lead Liggett into its next chapter," said Trustee David Nicholson, head of the search committee.

The recommendation was made official by a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees at its meeting Nov. 7.

Bronk has been at Liggett since 2013 and held a variety of positions including provost, chief operating officer and dean of faculty.

"During the search process, it became clear to the search committee that no one is more capable to lead University Liggett School than Bart," Board President John W. Stroh III wrote in an email to Liggett faculty and staff. "He is well respected within the Liggett community and his extensive background both as an academic leader and a non-profit executive will ensure that we continue to grow as a community and as a leader in independent school education."



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Bart Bronk

A Philadelphia native, Bronk joined Liggett from the Church Farm School in Exton, Pa., where he served as director of admissions for six years. Prior to that, he served as director of institutional giving and government relations at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, one of the top 10 science centers in the country. Bronk earned a Master of Science degree in educational leadership from the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, also from the University of Pennsylvania.

Bronk said he is thrilled to continue to serve the school and embrace the Liggett philosophy of working with faculty "to continue to innovate and create an educational environment that excites kids and continues to engage them and make them excited to be here every day."

His long-term vision for the school includes

continuing to implement and refine the school's innovative approach, focusing on whole-child wellness and social-emotional learning and expanding the school's regional footprint and connections to the city of Detroit.

"As the city comes back, I'd love to see Liggett positioned as the finest independent school in the greater Detroit region," Bronk said. "Fantastic cities have fantastic independent schools and that's our opportunity proposition right there."

Bronk has more practical and immediate priorities as well, including the completion of the school's 31,000-square-foot John and Marlene Boll Campus Center and the initiation of a master planning process for the school's academic campus on the south side of Cook Road.

"It's a grand old building and we really need to start to plan for its future," Bronk said.

Bronk thinks big when it comes to Liggett students as well.

"As an institution, we want to continue to dream big about what our students are capable of," he said. "When you don't place a limit on (a student), you continue to be surprised at what they're capable of doing."

"We want the sort of outcomes that shape the world," he continued. "My sense is I rub shoulders every day with kids that are going to change the world."

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Bringing the past to life Digital media lab opens at Ewald

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Stacks of untouched albums, crammed with fading, curling photos.

Collections of cassette and VHS tapes with nothing to play them on.

Boxes of photo slides, but no way to view them.

Often times people hold on to items rendered useless with the dawn of the digital age. Everything is MP3 this and PowerPoint that these days. As digital horizons expand, precious memories of days gone by simply collect dust.

The Ewald branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library aims to change that by moving people into the present day — and removing clutter from basements and attics — with the opening of its digital media lab.

“It’s essentially where you can create, copy and execute things into a new format,” said John Clexton, Ewald branch coordinator. “For example, you can turn VHS tapes into MP4s, which can play on YouTube. Then we get into scanning pictures. Once the picture is in the computer, you can do touch-ups,



John Clexton works on a project at Ewald’s digital media lab.

embellish, whatever. We’re starting off small, then we’ll go big.”

The “lab,” which is housed in a locked cabinet, includes a variety of equipment for use by library cardholders. Patrons can transfer VHS tapes onto DVDs, cassettes to CDs or MP3s and photo slide images to a computer.

“Slides can’t be reproduced,” Clexton said,

explaining patrons can use a machine that takes a “screenshot” of a slide and sends the image to a computer. “Then you can zoom in on slides, draw on slides Once you take these old formats and put them on the computer, you can do anything with it.”

A record player specifically designed to hook up to a computer is perfect for transferring vinyl to a

digital medium.

“Even though vinyl is alive and well — and I’m a big proponent of it — some people want to put (old records) on their iPhones,” Clexton said. “Once you download, it’s like you’re in the studio. You can change equalization, take out pops, add in sound effects.”

A 3D printer also is available, though is limited to librarian use.



The digital media lab is housed in Ewald’s quiet study room.

“But the patron can come in with a 3D design on a computer or USB,” Clexton said. “We’ll charge them a small fee — probably less than \$20 You can make a game piece, a piece to a storm window, a prosthetic hand. No weapons, guns or knives; this is for educational, home and consumer use. We anticipate kids coming in and doing something for a project, from a toy to a working object.”

Soon the lab will be able to convert 60 mm and 8 mm film. In the new year, Clexton said, he’d like to expand the lab with a maker space, complete with sewing machines, a green screen with a video camera and other items.

“We’re trying to make the library not your old Mom and Dad library,” he said. “We still love that

library, but we want to do something for younger generations.

“Times change, formats change. So we’re trying to change with the times and at least try to stay relevant,” he continued. “No one wants to see their stuff in a box.”

Use of lab equipment is free, but patrons are asked to bring their own blank DVDs, external hard drives or other necessary accessories.

The lab currently is open by appointment only, but eventually the library will host open lab hours, Clexton said. The 3D printer is available by appointment only.

GPPL cardholders ages 13 and older with a valid library card are welcome to use the lab upon completing orientation. Users ages 12 and younger may

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Old records can be converted to MP3s using this phonograph.

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use the lab with adult supervision.

"Essentially I can see someone doing this for Christmas gifts," Clextion said. "A patron can come in, we'll give them a tutorial on how to do a slide or do a VHS. They can book a time to come in and do their stuff."

Clextion said the library hopes to have either a librarian or a student available to assist patrons with the lab, which is located in Ewald's quiet study room. The room will continue to host quiet study when the lab is not in use.

"Once it's out, every-

one's going to want more of it," Clextion said. "It's going to continually expand. Rapidly. Patrons are just thrilled about it. The library's not just about books anymore."

"Once it's established here, we'd like to expand to the Woods and Central (branches)," he continued. "Nobody wants to get rid of their stuff, but it's no good if it just sits in a box and you can't watch it."

For more information or to book an appointment, call (313) 821-8830, Ext. 200.



A 3D printer also is part of the lab.

Run director seeks sponsors for 48th annual event

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Park resident Jeanne Bocci has two more years before she passes the reins of her New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk.

Since 1970, Bocci has organized the daytime run and watched it grow from 14 participants to more than 3,000.

"I'm the only race director who has kept a race for this long in the state of Michigan," Bocci said.

In its early years, the event was hosted at Windmill Pointe Park and was followed by a homemade spaghetti dinner at Bocci's house.

The last 40 years, Belle Isle has hosted the race. The post-run spaghetti dinner has evolved into fresh fruit, bagels and juice.

Throughout the years, the race has seen its share of corporate sponsors, from Hughes & Hatcher to Little Caesars to Fifth Third Bank. Dollars helped cover costs for T-shirts, food and trophies for children.

"You cannot do this without a sponsor," Bocci said. "You can't do this without 50 to 100 volunteers, either. Everybody thinks you just wink your eye and a race happens."

This year, however, Bocci has yet

to find a corporate sponsor and she is asking for the community's help.

"It was never meant to make thousands," she said. "It was meant to be a fun run where everyone gets an award."

Annual expenses include facility rental, insurance, ambulance rental, T-shirts and awards, race logistics and refreshments. Bocci said she's had to cut some costs this year, but still needs financial assistance.

"Many years ago when I lost Little Caesars (sponsorship) and searched for another sponsor, I paid over \$6,000 from my personal salary from Grosse Pointe Public Schools to keep this event going," she said. "I just had my heart set on doing an alternative healthy activity on New Year's Eve."

The recently retired teacher said she does not have personal funds to keep the event afloat. While donations have come in from Hansons Running Shop and Costco, more is needed.

Sponsorship opportunities are available, with incentives ranging from a table at the event to distribution of handouts to company logos on T-shirts. Sponsors have until Nov. 27 to get their names on the T-shirts Bocci will order for the event.

Vendors are welcome to set up tables at the event for a fee.

"All the money goes back to the runners," she said. "We want a safe event, so we need security and an ambulance, timers, chipped bibs."

"I'm not giving up," she continued. "I started it and I've stuck with it and it has not been easy. But it's a way of bringing everybody together."

Bocci said she expects 1,500 to 2,000 participants this year. Entry for ages 12 and younger is \$20. Cost for ages 13 and older is \$40.

If there is a profit, it goes to Special Olympics of Michigan.

The 48th annual Belle Isle New Year's Eve Family Fun Run takes place Sunday, Dec. 31, at the Belle Isle Casino. Children begin running at 3:30 p.m., followed by the adult run/walk at 4 p.m. Early registration begins at noon. Entry fees include a long-sleeve T-shirt, food and beverages and medals for 5K and 1-mile finishers. The top three men and women finishers receive gift certificates from Hansons Running Shop. Children 12 and younger receive trophies.

For information or to register, visit belleislefunrun.com.

To become a sponsor, call Bocci at (313) 715-5560 or email bocci.jeanne@gmail.com.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center presents "Back to Eden, Landscaping with Native Plants," 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Frank Porter leads this Berry Memorial Lecture. Cost is \$15. Call (313) 499-0743.

The Garden Center presents a Native Plant Design Workshop with

Frank Porter 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$35 and includes a book. Call (313) 499-0743.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore,

Grosse Pointe Farms. Ezekiel Harris, executive director of Mack Avenue Christian Church, speaks. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

Wild Birds

Wild Birds Unlimited, Grosse Pointe Woods hosts bird walks this fall at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Led by Wild Birds owner Rosann Kovalcik, the next walk is scheduled 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. Cost is

\$5. Purchase tickets online at fordhouse.org/ events.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, St. Joan of Arc Catholic School, 22415 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Lions host 20th annual Jingle Bell Fun Run

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A Grosse Pointe tradition that started in 1997 has grown to become a family favorite among residents.

The 20th annual Grosse Pointe Jingle Bell Fun Run kicks off at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24, at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The event serves not only as a warm up for the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's annual Santa Parade, but also as a fundraiser for fun run sponsor, the Grosse Pointe Lions Club.

"We were looking for a fundraiser," said race organizer Bob Kitchen, who was the Lions Club president when the event first came to fruition. "Our main fundraisers were a golf outing or two during the year and the Goodfellows paper sales. The average age of our club was getting up there. More and more clubs were doing street sales, too We were looking for something to get these guys off the streets."

Lions Club member John Sarvis suggested the fun run and members decided to host it during



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe Lions Club members Chip Gibson, Chace Wakefield and Mike Kennedy meet with 20th annual Jingle Bell Walk Run emcee, Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police of Grosse Pointe Farms Dan Jensen.

another community event, the Santa Parade. The club received cooperation all around, from the Village Association to the Grosse Pointe Public School System and everyone in between.

"Right from the very first race, it became a loved community and family event," Kitchen said. "We've got families that come every year; they wouldn't miss it for the world. People come from out of state. They bring their kids, their dogs, their grandkids. It's a family tradition now."

"It's become one of our biggest fundraisers," he continued. "And we still

do the Goodfellow paper sale the following Monday."

Packet pick-up begins at 8 a.m., followed by the run, which begins at 9 a.m. sharp, Kitchen said. The event concludes with raffles and prizes in South's gymnasium. The most popular contest awards a prize for the person wearing the most bells.

"It's a fun family event," he said. "They really do a great job with the race. We have a lot of fun. That's why it's called a fun run."

On average, around 200 people take part, give or take depending on the

weather.

"We get hardcore runners, people just out for a walk, people walking their dogs," said Kitchen, a 31-year member of the club.

Proceeds go to Lions Club charities, including Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, Full Circle Foundation, Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Kids on the Go, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Paws with a Cause and

The Arc of Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods, among many others.

Cost to participate is \$25 in advance for adults, \$30 the day of the race, and \$10 for ages 10 and younger.

To register, see the Lions Club special section in this edition of the Grosse Pointe News or register online at tinyurl.com/lionsfunrun.

"There's great joy when you have families who say, 'Thank you for putting this on,'" Kitchen said. "Please come to the race, bring your family and don't forget the following Monday to buy a Goodfellow paper."

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Chamber Music

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music hosts a concert 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$14, free for students with photo ID. Call (313) 881-7511 or visit warmemorial.org/gpchambermusic.

Audubon

The Grosse Pointe Audubon Society hosts its next meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, in the annex of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Social hour begins at 7 p.m. The past four decades, the Anchor Bay Christmas Bird Count circle has become famous for its rarities and the huge numbers of species and individuals. Join avid birder and Anchor Bay count compiler Mike Florian as he shares his look at the data from the annual count. The meeting and refreshments are free and open to the public.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside

meets 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

SOC

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

◆ 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, "Senior Moments: Laugh a Little ... Learn a Lot," with Lisa Ficker Ph.D. Reservations are required.

◆ 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, the movie "Fences" is shown. Cost is \$2 and registration is required.

◆ 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, "Building Mental Muscle," facilitated by Lake Shore Senior Living. Reservations are required. For information, call (313) 882-9600.

Senior Ladies

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

Report: Little being done to protect water quality in Lake St. Clair

Keith Matheny, who covers environmental issues for the Detroit Free Press, spent the summer investigating longstanding water quality problems in Lake St. Clair. His series of arti-

cles was published early October.

The startling bottom line: Less is being done about the lake's water quality now than a decade or two ago.

The Grosse Pointe

Artists Association and Services for Older Citizens are hosting a presentation by Matheny at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at SOC, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. The public is invited.

The presentation is in conjunction with GPAA's 11th annual "Our Rivers, Our Lakes" exhibition, which celebrates fresh waters and is displayed

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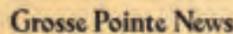
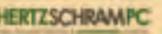
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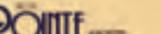
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PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

The Sabbath

I was at the monthly Ministerial Association meeting and a friend, Fr. Andrew of St. Clare of Montefalco, commented on a recent trip to the Holy Land, Israel. He told me one of the most amazing things happened Friday evening: the whole country shut down. Streets were empty, no cars, no telephones, etc. There are ways around this in case of emergencies, but the Shabbat had begun. It lasts from sunset to sunset, since that is the way a day is described in the opening sentences of Genesis.

"Remember the Sabbath day to make it holy (Exodus 20:8). This is the fourth of the 10 utterances (commandments) and one of the 248 positive commandments in the Torah. The laws regarding the Sabbath are extensive, insuring it indeed will be a special day. It is of academic interest and much rabbinic commentary

that the second rendition of the commandments says to "keep or guard" the Sabbath Day (Deuteronomy 5:12). Often people, and Jews, think the High Holy Days are the most important holiday. Actually, the Sabbath is the most important of the Holy Days ordained in Torah for Judaism.

A "midrash," rabbinic interpretations that contain commentaries on the written Torah and oral Torah in addition to non-legalistic or mythological information, portrays God as saying, "A precious jewel have I in my possession, which I wish to give to Israel and Sabbath is its name." The Sabbath is given for study of Torah and no work may be performed that day, by man or beast. This was surely a surprising thing for its time, that even the beast of your field must have a day of rest.

The author, Herman Wouk, has made the point the Jewish Sabbath

is still far ahead of its time. It is what is needed most by contemporary man. In our hectic, rushed life, time is needed for contemplation and rest from the hustle of our society.

Even the early American Puritans, who, in their Sunday observance came closest to the Sabbath of scripture, did not capture the Jewish joy of Sabbath observance. Theirs was a day of somberness and gloom; Shabbat is a day of joy and delight to the Jew. It is, or should be, a day filled with edifying activities that refresh the mind and body. Of course, it refreshes the soul and, "It shall be a sign for all time between me and the people of Israel" (Exodus 31:17).

Many more Pastor's Corner articles will deal with the laws and benefits of Sabbath observance.

Skully is the cantor at the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue.

CHURCH EVENTS

Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its sixth annual "The Taste" at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, featuring food from 22 establishments along with a selection of beer and wine. Music is provided by the Chris Codish Trio. Reservations are \$35 before Nov. 18, \$40 at the door. For online reservations, visit olsos.org or call (313) 884-5554.

GP Woods Presbyterian

The instrumental ensemble at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, performs during worship Sunday, Nov. 19. The ensemble includes church members and visiting professional musicians,

including theorbist Jeff Noonan.

The church is taking orders for poinsettia plants, which will grace the sanctuary this Christmas, in honor of loved ones. Each plant is \$13.50 and the deadline to order is Tuesday, Dec. 5. Call (313) 886-4301.

St. Paul Evangelical

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

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

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The Board of Evangelism at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, invites the community to Thanksgiving Eve worship and an afterglow at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22. A candlelight reception following worship features holiday desserts and beverages. Call (313) 884-5040.

Exhibit runs through Dec. 11

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts a solo show for Kathleen McNamee through Monday, Dec. 11, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. McNamee earned the show by winning the best-of-show prize in GPAA's "Domestic Interior" show earlier this year.



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Music at Memorial presents 'The Christmas Story' in song

The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Choir presents its annual "The Christmas Story" concert at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, in the candlelit sanctuary. Choir, handbells, strings, woodwinds, harp and organ present an hour of seasonal music, including carols for all to sing.

This year's program features John Gardner's "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day," a 2010 version of "What Child Is This" by English composer Thomas Hewitt Jones and the carol "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

The centerpiece of the program is James Biery's original "The Christmas Story," a musical rendition of the account of the birth of Jesus from the book of Luke.

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OBITUARIES

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Margaret Anter

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Margaret Anter, 92, died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, at ShorePointe Nursing Center, St. Clair Shores.

She was born in Detroit to Zigmund and Sarah Boytor and attended Detroit Public Schools. A homemaker who enjoyed gardening, watercolor painting, sketching, raising houseplants, holiday decorating, embroidery, reading and cooking, she was a member of the St. Maron Church bowling league.

Margaret is survived by her sons, Mark, Allan and Paul; daughters, Sharon and JulieAnn and grandchildren, Eric, Ryan, Lisa, Corey, Anna, Thomas and Julia. She also is survived by her sister, Ana and brother, Andrew.

She was predeceased by her husband, Peter; son, Lawrence; sister, Theresa and brother, Zigmund Jr.

For more information about visitation, contact Verheyden Funeral Home at verheyden.org.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, at St. Maron Church, 11466 Kercheval, Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Loretta M. Ames

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Loretta M. Ames, 64, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, in Poolesville, Md.

She was born Aug. 31, 1953, in Detroit, to Lorraine and Walter Ames. She graduated from Michigan State University in 1975 and Detroit College of Law in 1979. She was a retired partner of Plunkett-Cooney law firm in Detroit.

Loretta enjoyed golf and was a member of the Executive Women's Golf Association. She also liked to sail and travel. She was a member of the State Bar of Michigan, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, American Board of Trial Advocates and served as a director of the Michigan chapter, Association of Defense Trial Counsel and served as its president 2005-06, and the American Bar Association.

Loretta was predeceased by her husband, Michael A. Novak. She is survived by her brother, Timothy Ames (Audrey); nephews, U.S. Navy Lt. Christopher Ames (Adriana) and Jonathan Ames and niece, Kelsey Rose George.

Visitation will be 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

The funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Breast Cancer Research Foundation at bcrf.org.

Eleanor Lowry Grifo

Eleanor "Ellie" Lowry Grifo, of Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., formerly of Grosse Pointe, died Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017. She was 91.

Born Jan. 27, 1926, in Dayton, Ohio, she was the daughter of George and Esther Lowry. Upon graduating from the University of Dayton, Ellie earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Tennessee in 1953. It was in Tennessee she met Jack Grifo. The two wed in May 1955.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Emily and Adam Gilbert, Paul and Mary Grifo, John Grifo, George and Cherie Grifo, Peter and Patty Grifo and Ann and Stuart Zimmerman and her grandchildren, Madison and Miles Grifo, Lily and Charlotte Gilbert, Faith and Jack Grifo and Harry, Madeline and Jack Zimmerman.

Ellie spent much of her time volunteering. For 25-plus years she volunteered at Bon Secours Hospital Assistance League. She also gave countless hours to the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology. Her hobbies included playing bridge, reading books and spending time with her family. She was a member of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church more than 40 years and her faith served as the foundation of raising her family.

Ellie loved her grandchildren. For countless summers, her children and grandchildren would visit for weeks at a time in Grosse Pointe.

For years she would take her family to the Michigan State Fair. No one was allowed on the rides until they visited all the animals and the circle of life tent. Outside of ice cream, no food was bought at the fair, since Ellie loved to picnic and would make a wide array of sandwiches always on white bread with butter, wrapped in wax paper, to take to the fair.

Ellie was proud of her Midwestern roots and a true Michigander. She took her family to tour the River Rouge factory and Greenfield Village. She went to Belle Isle and had many picnics along the river and watched the freighters go by. She made sure there were enough bikes to ride to the village and that all the grandchildren learned to swim in the city pool.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 6 at St. Theresa's Church,

Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.

Donations may be made to Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit, MI 48207.

Martin Thomas McKee

Martin Thomas McKee, 93, passed away peacefully Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, in La Jolla, Calif.

He was born in Springfield, Ill., to Martin Frances McKee and Sarah Sunman Valentine. A longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, Martin was a World War II veteran with the U.S. Army Air Corps serving in the Pacific Theatre.

Martin enjoyed golf, sailing and spending time with his family. He was a lifetime member of the Detroit Yacht Club, Lochmoor Club and Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club. He was a friend to all and loved by many.

Martin was predeceased by his loving wife of 71 years, Edna and daughter, Judy.

He is survived by sons, David (Susan) and Mark (Sandra); grandchildren, Chuck, Kim, Patti, Greg, Ryan, Erik and Connor and great-grandchildren, Ben, Sarah, Carly, Kane, Austin and Cameron.

A funeral service will be in California with interment at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Donations may be made to Kids On The Go, 21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

Thomas P. Sullivan

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Thomas P. Sullivan, 84, died Friday, Nov. 10, 2017.

He was born May 4, 1933, to Edmund and Mary Sullivan and graduated from the University of Detroit with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and an MBA. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he worked as an engineer for Chrysler Corp. at its Highland Park facility.

Thomas enjoyed reading and a little bit of everything. He especially enjoyed spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren and being involved in their activities. He was a former coach and scout leader, past president of the Celiac Sprue Association and served as a lector and Eucharistic minister.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Mary Carolyn, nee Labbe; sons, Tom, John and Jerry; daughters, Karen and Sue and grandchildren, Jes, Tim, Andy, Glenn, Michelle, Christina, Jack and Charlie. He also is survived by his sisters, Noreen and Liz.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters, Kathleen, Mary, Sheila and Joan and brothers, Ed and Pat. Visitation and funeral service are pending. Interment will be in the columbarium at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

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Richard Hanson Carr

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Richard Hanson Carr, 92, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, following a brief illness.

Mr. Carr was born April 22, 1925, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, to Ernest and Ruth Bowers Carr. As a child of U.S. born parents, he held dual citizenship. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army as a medic 1943 to 1946 in the European Theater, including Germany, France and Belgium.

Upon discharge from the armed services, Mr.

Carr attended the University of Michigan graduating in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree. In 1952, he obtained an MBA from the University of Western Ontario.

In 1952, Mr. Carr was hired by the Canadian Diesel Division of General Motors and transferred to GM-USA in 1960. He held various positions in labor relations and personnel, retiring in 1990 as director of personnel administration for service parts operations.

Mr. Carr was a life member and past president of Essex Golf & Country Club in Windsor; past director of the Association of Golf Presidents and served as deacon and usher at Grosse

Pointe Memorial Church.

Mr. Carr was predeceased by his wife, Shirley G. Carr (nee Campbell), whom he married July 7, 1959, as well as his parents; brother, Robert B. Carr and sisters, Ruth McDowell and Joan Farmer.

He is survived by his daughter, Catherine (John H. Mecke IV); son, Robert; grandchildren, John, William and Molly Mecke, and many nieces and nephews.

Donations may be made to Evans Scholars, 1 Briar Road, Golf, IL 60029; Karmanos Cancer Institute, 110 E. Warren, Detroit, MI 48201; or the charity of one's choice.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.



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6B | ENTERTAINMENT

'Figaro' brings sublime wisdom through satire

By Dina Winter
Guest Writer

Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" had its opening performance Saturday, Nov. 11, and will run through Sunday, Nov. 19, with a 2:30 p.m. matinee at the Detroit Opera House.

This was an outstanding performance with excellent singers, appealing sets and superbly

played music from the pit.

When Mozart commissioned Da Ponte to write the libretto for "Figaro," he explicitly requested Da Ponte create words for each character which would strongly define the personality of each particular role. Mozart continued defining in music each particular character, and as a result, we have a clear statement of who

and what each person is through both the words and music we hear.

For instance, we have the page, Cherubino, with his restless, adolescent soul, falling in love with every woman he meets, who sings the breathless "Non so piu' cosa son, cosa faccio" ("I don't know who I am any more or what I am doing"). We have the clever and feisty

Susanna, who is about to be married to Figaro, the manservant to the Count, who has his roving eye on her. We have Figaro himself, the hero of the show, so to speak, who devises a plot by which he will teach the Count a lesson with the help of Susanna, maid to the Countess. And we have the Countess herself, who is desperately hoping to find a way to win

back her wayward husband.

Many characters move in and out of this hilarious satire on the hypocrisy of the world of ignoble nobility, as Mozart saw it. There is Marcellina, an older woman intent on winning Figaro as her husband, by means of a loan she gave him with the stipulation he marry her if he cannot pay it back;

Dr. Bartolo, who pettily seeks revenge on Figaro for having arranged the Count's marriage to Rosina (now the Countess), because he had been bent on marrying her himself; and Don Basilio, the music master, an amused and amusing conduit of the Count's amorous proposals to Susanna.

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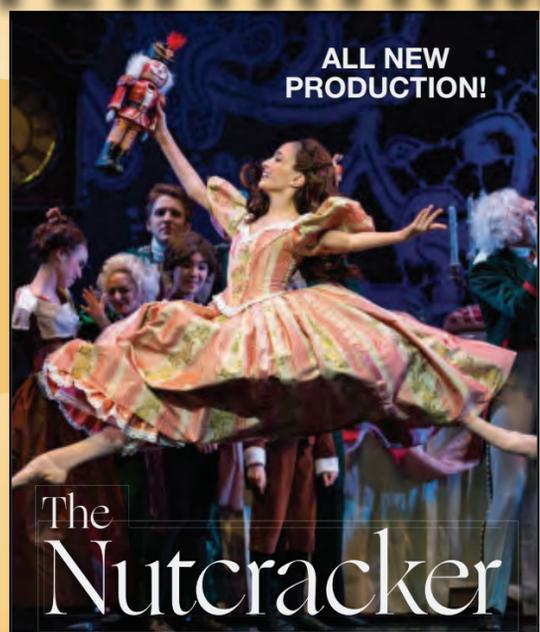
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At the Wednesday, Nov. 8, evening meeting of Rotary of Grosse Pointe, President John Maliszewski, left, presented the 2017 Vocational Service Award to President Kay Agney of Higbie Maxon Agney Inc. The annual award is presented to the individual, company or organization that puts service above self and has implemented policies, demonstrated compassion or other exemplary treatment of employees, customers or the public. Higbie Maxon Agney was nominated by Rotarian Bob Lucas, right.

REPORT:

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at SOC through Friday, Dec. 8.

During the program, Matheny will summarize his findings on water quality in Lake St. Clair based on Michigan Department of Environmental Quality data and interviews with researchers, policymakers and citizen advocates, including Douglas Martz, former chairman of the now-defunct Macomb County Water Quality Control Board, and Michael Gutow, founder of the Facebook page, Save Lake St. Clair.



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“Detroit River Fog,” a photograph by Bruce Giffin.

FIGARO:

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The result is a tapestry of mad escapades, thwarted rendezvous and charming and amusing situations. Among these are some dealing with mistaken identities, as Mozart and Da Ponte trained their perceptive gaze on the society in which they lived, with sometimes blatant and sometimes subtle — but always effective — humor.

After all the crazy confusion of this work is over, we are left with a grand and eloquent gesture of forgiveness, one of Mozart’s major themes, in the sublime finale of the opera. The work ends with a joyful outcry and the decision by all, now that the lessons have been learned, to get on with life and be content.

Among the highlights of the evening were the arias, superbly sung by the Countess (Nicole Cabell), Susanna (Devon Guthrie) and Cherubino (Sarah Coit).

Cabell is particularly to be commended for her convincing portrayal of the Countess and for the Mozartean excellence of her singing. Every note she sang and every gesture showed her complete understanding of this role. How amazing it was to have seen the transition in her bearing and the sound of her voice in the various roles she has been singing at the Michigan Opera Theatre.

She has sung Verdi and Puccini roles superbly. That she was able to master her art in the Mozart style shows what an extraordinary artist she is. MOT is to be commended for bringing her back in these diverse parts. May they continue to do so.

Another happy surprise was seeing Angela Theis as Barbarina. She was thoroughly charming and lovely. Her simple aria, “L’ho perduta, me meschina” (“I’ve lost it, poor me!”) was a small, but beautiful gem of fine singing.

Guthrie, especially in her last-act aria, “Deh vieni, non tardar” (“Come, do not delay”),



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Susanna (Devon Guthrie), Cherubino (Sarah Coit) and the Countess (Nicole Cabell).

created magic with her well-focused and truly exquisite tones.

Susanne Mentzer as Marcellina sang and acted with command and a sense of conviction. Her change from being

the potential wife of Figaro to discovering she was his mother was dealt with masterfully. Figaro (Aubrey Allicock) and Count Almaviva (Stephen Powell), who came in at the last moment to

replace Paulo Szot, sang and acted their parts well, as did Michael Day (Don Basilio), Matthew Burns (Dr. Bartolo) and Sasha Noori (Don Curzio).

You may purchase tickets for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, or 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, by calling the box office at (313) 237-7464 or visiting michiganopera.org.

This opera is a lesson in what once were — and may still be — the frailties of our human condition.

Winter is the opera reviewer for the Grosse Pointe News.

ASK THE EXPERTS

By Dr. Banu Kumar

Is it the flu or just a cold?

Q: How can I tell the difference between a cold or the flu in my child? When should I be concerned?

A: As a parent, your first goal always is to get your child comfortable when they aren’t feeling well. Then you begin to question: How serious is this? Has anyone else been sick lately? Is this the flu or just a cold?

It can be difficult to tell the difference, because flu and the common cold both are respiratory illnesses. They can have the same sore throat, runny nose, congestion and cough. Fortunately, there are some ways to identify which is occurring, but they don’t replace the importance of consulting a doctor.

◆ The common cold is usually accompanied by milder symptoms.

◆ Flu can make you feel more sick, with fevers, body aches, headaches, sore throat, chills and tiredness.

◆ Vomiting and diarrhea also are possible symptoms of influenza.

◆ Flu comes on rapidly and keeps up each day without much progress

toward healing.

One thing to remember, however, is not everyone with flu gets a fever. Do not discount the chance your child has influenza if their other symptoms are severe, but they have no fever.

Prevention is the best medicine. Practicing proper hand washing and sanitization methods at home and in the community can help stave off colds and flu. I also recommend everyone six months and older get the flu vaccination every year.

Kumar is the chief of pediatric medicine at Children’s Hospital of Michigan. Children’s Hospital of Michigan DMC is a member of the Family Center’s Association of Professionals. Visit childremsdmc.org.

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Swimming

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen amped for D2 finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls swimming and diving program is rising like a phoenix, thanks to the dedication and support of each member of the team, the head coach and assistant coaches.

"It's all about the team and about us, as coaches, putting the girls in a spot to succeed," head coach Jim Singelyn said. "I think once the girls saw I was in their corner, they responded to my system. It's been a very positive season and now all their hard work will pay off with when they hit the pool in the state finals.

"This is why they put in all the time and hard work. We believe in them, they believe in each other, and this is a great thing. This is how high school sports is supposed to be. The girls took ownership of their team."

Singelyn brought in assistants Nolan Kroha and Tim Addy to help run practices and motivate the girls.

"Nolan and Tim add a lot to our program," Singelyn said. "They are very positive and they



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe North's state finals contingent includes Sam Villani, Ava MacGillis, Helen Michaelson, Amelia Fly, Angelina Cavaliere, Alyssa Carlino, Sophia Vitale, Olivia Peruzzi, Jaden Payne, Victoria Treder and not pictured, Katie Flynn.

push the girls to get better."

It's been a decade since the Norsemen really had a chance to make some noise at the state finals.

This season, they have a chance to earn major points behind the efforts of Sam Villani, Ava MacGillis, Helen

Michaelson, Amelia Fly, Angelina Cavaliere, Alyssa Carlino, Sophia Vitale, Olivia Peruzzi, Jaden Payne, Victoria Treder and Katie Flynn.

Last season the Norsemen finished 15th with 43 points.

The goal now is to earn more points.

"The potential is there, so now the girls have to go out and get it done," Singelyn said.

Last year, Villani earned All-State honors in the 100-yard freestyle, taking sixth with a time of 53.54 and was All-State in the 100-yard backstroke, taking third

with a time of 56.41.

Villani was also part of the 200-yard medley relay team, along with Peruzzi, which just missed making All-State after placing 10th with a time of 1:50.98. Her fourth event was the 200-yard freestyle relay with Peruzzi and Carlino. They placed 19th with a time of 3:45.92.

The Norsemen finished with a winning record this season, 5-2, and were 2-2 in the vastly improved Macomb Area Conference Red Division. They lost to dual meet champ Utica Eisenhower by eight points, 97-89, and league meet champ Grosse Pointe South by 12 points, 99-87. They were third in the league meet.

"We have our sights set on getting better and better each season," Singelyn said. "We have some dedicated underclassmen and I can't say enough good things about my seniors. They really led the team with leadership and that is what you need from your seniors."

The Norsemen have been behind their rivals from Grosse Pointe

South for a long time. Can that change with this group of underclassmen and future groups of swimmers and divers coming into the program?

"Getting the word out that North swimming and diving is a fun and winning program to be a part of will help us get better," Singelyn said.

"We are heading in the right direction and I see good things in the future because I can see more dedication from our younger competitors."

The contingent of Norsemen compete in the Division 2 state championship meet Friday, Nov. 17, and Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Holland Aquatic Center.

"Just walking into the building gives me goose bumps," Singelyn said. "Some of our girls were here last year, so they know what to expect. It is intense and pressure-packed. This experience will be good for our younger girls to experience."

"They will see what they need to do in the off-season to get to this level. Everyone is fast and it's a great meet to be part of."

Volleyball

Teams go 0-for-3 in regional semis

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen battle, but fall to Tars

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls volleyball team just couldn't get the big point when it needed it during last week's Class A regional semifinal loss to favored Anchor Bay.

The Norsemen lost 25-21, 25-22, 25-21, but had chances to win each game or extend the match to four or five games.

"That has been the story of our entire season," head coach Chelsea Brozo said. "We play well and get close, but can't close it out. We have played some very good volleyball this season, but inconsistency hurt. It did again tonight.

"We knew we could play with Anchor Bay, but we had to play well."

In game one, it was tied 11-11 before the Tars used a scoring burst to take control and earn a slim win.

Game two was tied 15-15, but this time the Norsemen edged ahead 22-19 and seemed to be in position to tie the match at a game apiece. However, the Tars

scored the final six points to put the game in the win column and move one game from moving on to the regional final.

The third game was the same scenario. It was a one-point difference with the Tars up 15-14, but they used a three-point swing to jet out to an 18-14 advantage.

The Norsemen cut it to 22-20, but couldn't get the crucial points to pull out the victory. Instead, the Tars won and swept the match in three games.

This was the third time North lost to Anchor Bay. It lost in three games at Anchor Bay and lost in four games at home during the Macomb Area Conference Red Division slate.

Seniors Abby Kanakry and Meredith Kraus led the offense with seven and five kills. Junior Regan Sliwinski also had five kills.

Senior Kirstin Bessette had two dozen assists, while senior Kelly Brewer joined juniors Evelyn Zacharias and Camryn Simon to lead the defensive effort against one of the top hitters in the state, senior Maria Mallon.

"Maria wasn't as dominant tonight," Brozo said. "We practiced some things to hopefully diminish her effective-



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North senior Meredith Kraus played her final high school match in the regional semifinals against Anchor Bay.

ness, which I think we did. We just didn't play as well as we needed to and that was the difference tonight."

Grosse Pointe North finished 18-24-2 overall and will see Kanakry,

Kraus, Bessette, Brewer, Anna Post and Rachel Malinowski graduate.

Other returning players are Jamie Brewer, Rachel Liagre, Sara Schaden, Riley Puscas and Maria Zaki.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils, Knights ousted

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls volleyball team ran up against Farmington Hills Mercy in a Class A regional semifinal at Farmington High School early last week.

Coaches Krysta Kreyger and Kevin Nugent knew their Blue Devils had to bring their "A" game to beat the Marlins.

The Blue Devils were swept in three games, 25-5, 25-7, 25-20, finishing the season 20-17-4. The team loses seniors Lauren Toenjes and Chandler Duff to graduation.

The coaching staff has plenty of talented players returning, including setter Gretchen Brockway and hitters Charlotte Brecht, Gabby Peruski and Ally MacLeod.

Libero Cindy Hogan joins Cody Conlan, Savannah Srebernak, Caroline Zrimec, Lauren Nemah, Lilly Hall, Shannon Kerry and Kate George.

Liggett results

The University Liggett

girls volleyball team dropped its Class C regional semifinal early last week, losing 25-20, 22-25, 27-25, 25-17 to Detroit Edison High School at Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

"It was a very hard fought match," head coach Derek Arena said. "The third set really decided it. They outscored us by two. We tried to adjust to what they were doing, but we just couldn't find a way to get over the top tonight."

Mary Weiermiller had 10 service points, while Olivia Ponte and Teagan Cornell added nine service points apiece.

Allison Cobb had seven service points. Bella Cubba led the offense with eight kills and Tegan Jones had six kills.

Defensively, Cubba had five blocks and Delaney Bandos added 23 digs.

Liggett finished its season 29-13-1 overall.

Arena loses seniors Bandos, Cobb, Cornell, Jones, Ponte and Kate Zinn to graduation.

Returners are Cubba, Lucy Barnowske, Ava Cipriano, Olivia Fetterman, Alyssa Hamilton, Alyssa Quint, Nicole Rivera, Isabella Tomlinson, Weiermiller and Melanie Zampardo.

Football

ST. JOAN OF ARC

St. Joan of Arc unblemished

The St. Joan of Arc seventh/eighth-grade Catholic Youth Organization football team completed the 2017 season with a perfect 8-0 record, won the C-Division and participated in the Catholic League's Prep Bowl XLV at Ford Field Saturday, Oct. 21.

The 8-0 record included six shutout victories as the team out-scored their opponents 239-12. In the 63 seasons of football at St. Joan of Arc, only five teams (1970, 1973, 1975, 1978 and 2017) have completed the season unbeaten and untied.

Members of the team included Nolan Armstrong, Matthew Ball, Cameron Braithwaite, Derrick Braxton, Grady Cate, Dante Deschaine, William Fannon, Louis Gormely, Jack Hall, Jack



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Players and coaches of the St. Joan of Arc seventh/eighth-grade football team finished the season a perfect 8-0.

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Stevens, Matthew Swaneck, Johnny Williamson, and Joseph Wisniewski. The head coach of the Chargers, Dennis Shubnell, has been with the St. Joan of Arc program since 1983. Assistant coaches included Rick Buckman, Jim Ellis, Sam Hakim, Mark Orlikowski and Kevin Shubnell.

The St. Joan of Arc football team is open to all Catholic school students in grades 3-8 attending St. Joan of Arc, Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Paul and St. Clare.

Public school students who are baptized Catholic and attend faith formation classes at St. Joan of Arc, Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Paul, St. Clare, St. Ambrose and St. Philomena are also eligible to participate in the St. Joan of Arc CYO football program.

College signings

LIGGETT



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The next level

Four University Liggett seniors signed their National Letter of Intent Wednesday, Nov. 8, to play college athletics beginning fall 2018. From left, Kelly Solak will play ice hockey at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.; Noah Miller will play baseball at Wayne State University in Detroit; Maddison Hamilton will play softball at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Mass.; and Will Morrison will play baseball at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

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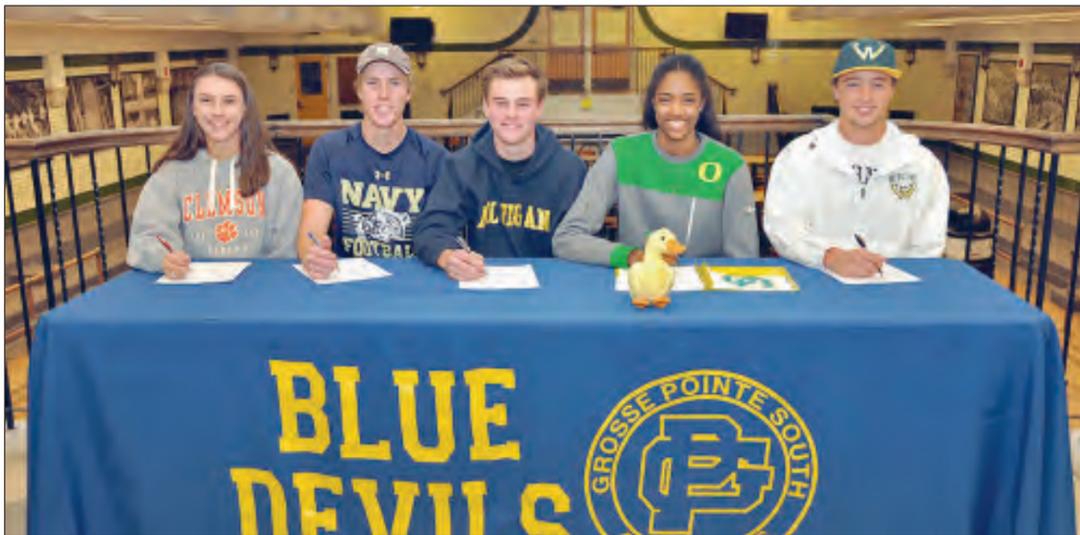


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Bright futures

Grosse Pointe South seniors, from left, Katie Konieczny, Cameron Shook, Patrick Sullivan, Chandler Duff and Davis Graham signed a National Letter of Intent last week. They will be student-athletes competing on the Clemson University women's rowing squad, U.S. Naval Academy football team, University of Michigan men's golf team, University of Oregon women's volleyball squad, and Wayne State University baseball team.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34 Solid Waste Article II Collection and Disposal to Adopt New Standards for Collection and Cart Use and to Amend Certain Sections to Coincide with Refuse Collection Contracts.

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

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A Norse

Grosse Pointe North senior Abby Kanakry, seated center, signed her National Letter of Intent last week to play women's volleyball at Division 1 Northern Kentucky University, located in Highland Heights, Ky. Joining her at the signing were, seated from left, mother, Cammie Kanakry, and father, John Kanakry; and standing from left, North varsity volleyball assistant coach Charlie Ochylski; older sister, Emily Kanakry, and North varsity volleyball head coach Chelsea Brozo. The Norse compete in the Horizon League against Youngstown State, Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis, Oakland University, University of Illinois-Chicago, Wright State, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Cleveland State and University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

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