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Library moving closer to resolution

By Mary Anne Brush
 Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — While contract negotiations between the Grosse Pointe Public Library and its employees have been contentious, all parties agree on two things: The community values

library employees and all parties hope to reach an amicable resolution soon.

That resolution may be around the corner. Following the submission of an impartial fact-finding report Nov. 16, parties met at the bargaining table Tuesday, Nov. 21, with two tenta-

tive dates scheduled in December. While the report's recommendations favor employees, it is not binding.

Contract negotiations on successor agreements for both bargaining units — the Grosse Pointe Librarians Association and Grosse Pointe Library Support

Personnel Association — began prior to the June 30 expiration date, with no agreement reached. Two meetings with a state mediator in July failed to resolve the issues. As a result, the bargaining units filed for fact-finding, a process

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Santa Claus returns to Grosse Pointe as part of the 42nd annual Santa Claus Parade Friday, Nov. 24.

Coming to town

42nd annual Santa Parade is just around the corner

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Leaves change, crisp, fall air settles over neighborhoods and pumpkin spice mixes with coffee and cream. It can mean only one thing: The holiday season is just around the corner.

To kick off the most festive time of year, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts its 42nd annual Santa Claus parade 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24.

The parade starts on Kercheval at Lewiston in

Grosse Pointe Farms, travels down Kercheval through The Hill ending in The Village in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"The streets of Grosse Pointe will be filled with sweet sounds of local marching bands, carolers, floats, local performers and more," said Jennifer Boettcher, chamber president.

Parade participants will be decked out in holiday cheer following this year's theme "A Fairytale Christmas."

"Entrants for the 2017 event will create unique

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Resolution honors Farquhar's service

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Marking the conclusion of James C. Farquhar's 14 years as Farms mayor, city council members passed a resolution during the Nov. 15 council meeting recognizing his "achievements and dedication to the residents of Grosse Pointe Farms." The resolution noted unique aspects of Farquhar's tenure, including the lifelong Farms resident's founding role and participation in the Beautification Commission, contribution to restoration and enhancements at Pier Park as former chairman of the Parks and Harbor Committee and title as "first elected Mayor by the vote of the people in 2003."

Minutes following the oath of office for his first term as Farms mayor, Louis Theros read the resolution in the public forum portion of the meeting and presented Farquhar with a plaque to be placed at Pier Park in honor of his dedication to "creating the beautiful amenities that residents enjoy today." As a keepsake gift from city council, Theros also gave Farquhar a new gavel.

Later during the meeting, council member Peter Waldmeir moved to select Farquhar to serve as Farms Mayor Pro Tem for the next two years. The motion was passed unanimously.

— Melissa Walsh

Moms Demand Action on gun safety

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — "We are tired of feeling helpless and we wanted to do something," Sandra Bucciero said Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church. "This night is about community action."

After the Las Vegas

shooting Oct. 1, Bucciero attended a Pointes for Peace event where it was decided something needed to be done.

WE GP, Pointes for Peace and Moms Demand Action, a national gun violence prevention group, collaborated to light a fire of community action in Grosse Pointe.

"Before we were even

able to get (Tuesday's event) off the ground and have all of our ducks in a row, the Texas shooting happened," Bucciero said. "That gives you an idea of the enormity of the situation."

Even that night, five people were murdered at the end of a gun, seemingly at random, in California.

According to the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2014, 33,594 people were killed by firearms. On average, 92 people per day die by firearm and 59 of those people commit suicide, more victims than the Las Vegas shooting.

Because of the staggering statistics and seemingly

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Bright lights, little city

The City of Grosse Pointe hosted its annual tree lighting Nov. 17, at the corner of St. Clair and Kercheval. The event included hot chocolate and coney dogs, roasted marshmallows and entertainment by the Grosse Pointe South High School Choir.

For more photos from the event, see page 3A.

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John Fodell

Home: City of Grosse Pointe
 Participated in 10-mile swim event to raise money for Brownell Middle School



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Back in the heart of GP

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Grosse Pointe News owners Terry and John Minnis cut the ribbon at their new location, 16980 Kercheval in The Village, with City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Chris Boettcher, Grosse Pointe News and Pointe Magazine staff and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce representatives. The Nov. 16 ribbon-cutting event was followed by an open house.

Holidays in The Village

The Village has long been a hub of shopping and great eats in the Pointes. And with the holidays just around the corner, the City of Grosse Pointe Downtown Development Authority is happy to present myriad opportunities to take full advantage of this small-town downtown.

Holiday festivities kicked off with the annual tree lighting Nov. 17, which included holiday classics by the Grosse Pointe South Choir, complimentary hot chocolate and free coney dogs.

The Grosse Pointe Foundation-decorated tree was lit as well.

The 42nd annual Santa Claus parade rolls through Friday, Nov. 24, down Kercheval, from Lewiston to Cadieux.

Even after the parade is over, Santa Claus plans to stick around. From 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Nov. 25 to Dec. 23, Santa spreads his holiday cheer at Santa's Village, 16845 Kercheval, next to Sanders. There is no fee to see Santa and parents are asked to take their own

photos.

Also at Santa's Village, children can make holiday cards to send to St. John Hospital & Medical Center pediatric patients. Donations will be collected to provide clothing for families in need at the St. John Providence Children's Hospital Pediatric Activities Room.

New this year, The Village hosts Holiday Night 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14. Merchants serve refreshments and offer special deals throughout the night.

And perhaps the biggest gift to all, free parking will be available on all off-street Village parking lots the weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas, thanks to the DDA and City of Grosse Pointe.

For more details on other events happening in The Village this holiday season, visit the DDA's Facebook page or website, thevillagegp.com.

— Anthony Viola

Municipal bonds absorb \$4 million settlement

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — To finance the \$4 million settlement agreement of a lawsuit filed by residents blaming the city for flood damage to their homes in 2011, Farms City Council approved a proposed debt-service resolution submitted by City Manager Shane Reeside

during its meeting Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Contingent upon the expected approval of the settlement agreement by Wayne County Circuit Court during a fairness hearing scheduled Wednesday, Dec. 6, the approved resolution authorizes the city to issue general obligation bonds. Debt service of the municipal bond backed by dedicated tax

dollars is structured over a 15-year period from the city's general operating fund.

"It's important that residents know there will be no impact on their taxes," said Councilman Lev Wood.

The city's general operating budget within the existing millage will absorb interest on the new debt service, Reeside said. The first bond pay-

ment will come through October 2018, an estimated first-year interest payment of \$100,000. Bond payment will not come from the water and sewer fund, which is drawn from water and sewer bill payments and budgeted for capital projects.

"With the existing structured debt service, where we are currently paying sewer-separation

bonds for the separation of the lakeside district," Reeside explained, "those bonds will be paid off in the year 2021. We've structured the new debt service so that it is essentially paying the interest portion on that amount, which is what we can absorb in the existing budget. On the expiration of the debt service on the sewer-separation bond, we can pay principal interest on the new debt service."

Representing the city's

bond counsel Dickinson Wright PLLC, Terrance Donnelly said the AAA-rated general obligation unlimited municipal tax bonds will be issued in the denomination of \$5,000 with an interest rate of 6 percent. They will be available for residents to purchase when the settlement agreement is approved and subject to redemption prior to maturity. If the interest rate drops, the city may reissue the bonds at the lower rate.

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incessant occurrence of violent gun crimes, Annemarie Rogers decided to organize a local Moms Demand Action group.

"I imagine some of the events that have hap-

pened in the recent months in particular and just the magnitude of them have galvanized a lot of people's interest with regard to Moms Demand Action," Rogers said. "Because you do feel so helpless when you constantly see all this gun violence, mass shootings and gun-related deaths

that happen on a regular basis."

Moms Demand Action, Rogers said, is a way to fight that helpless feeling. Tuesday was a call to action.

Rogers looks to hold a meeting once a quarter. The next is scheduled Tuesday, Jan. 16, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

Moms Demand Action is a national grassroots organization formed in 2012 by Shannon Watts after the Sandy Hook

Elementary School shooting. It was then merged with Everytown for Gun Safety, another gun violence prevention group established by mayors around the country.

Carmi Finn of the Oakland/Macomb MDA chapter said it is the counterbalance to the gun lobby.

"The gun lobby is the gun manufacturers, not owners," Finn said. "You have to look at where the money is. The money being made on scaring

people into buying guns is by the manufacturers. So that's who our fight is with. They are big. But we are big too and getting bigger every day. After the Las Vegas shooting, that week, Moms Demand Action registered 85,000 new members."

Finn said there have been a lot of victories nationwide the past years to regulate firearms thanks to the MDA, but the fight in Michigan is not yet over. MDA currently is fighting Michigan Senate bills 584 to 586, which would allow concealed carry, with an exemption and additional training, in public spaces such as public schools and sports stadiums. SB 586 also restricts local school boards and government from regulating firearm laws. The bills passed through the Michigan Senate and currently are in the House for consideration.

"People, real people, are impacted by gun violence every day, everywhere," Finn said. "It's

not just in Texas, it's here. It's on our streets, it's in our churches, it's in our schools, it's in our parks. We all have a stake in this now. More and more people are realizing that nobody is going to fix it if we don't. So that's where Moms Demand Action comes in."

One of those real people is Grosse Pointe Park resident David Lawrence. His granddaughter, Paige Stalker, was shot 37 times by an AK-47 a couple years ago while she sat in a car just on the other side of Alter.

He said there needs to be more regulations on firearms, but the gun lobby tries to muddy the waters with half-truths and statistics.

"One thing the gun lobbyists say is more people are killed by cars than they are by guns," Lawrence said. "Well, OK, that's a good statistic. It's true. But, if you then look at it, since 1921, the death rate from cars has gone down by 95 percent per million miles driven. So, then you say, why did it come down? It came down because we had regulations. We had speed regulations, we had tires, we had brakes, we had seat belts."

The MDA and Lawrence are not necessarily anti-gun, but rather pro-regulation. Lawrence said he still supports the right to bear arms.

"The ironic part is I still believe in the Second Amendment," he said. "I still believe in the right to bear arms. But, there's a difference in believing in the Second Amendment and the right to bear arms and believing in assault rifles and handguns."

Lawrence said there needs to be change in how we view the Second Amendment. A balance must be struck between gun owners and gun safety. MDA hopes to accomplish that.

For more information on MDA and how to get involved, visit everytown.org or momsdemandaction.org.

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It's official
Christopher Boettcher swears the oath of office to Clerk Julie Arthur to become mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe Monday, Nov. 13. He defeated 16-year mayor Dale Scrace Nov. 7 by 210 votes.

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Day to stand trial for home invasion, sexual assault

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

DETROIT — Gerald Day Jr. appeared in the Wayne County Third Circuit Judicial courtroom of Judge Kevin J. Cox Monday, Nov. 13, in the arraignment on information hearing for two April 23 home invasions in Grosse Pointe Farms. Day left the courtroom with signed trial orders for crimes he allegedly committed in Detroit and Grosse Pointe Woods.

Day was arrested April 23 by Farms public safety officers following an hours-long manhunt in a perimeter closed off by police following calls from home-invasion victims.

During Monday's hearing, Cox reviewed four additional cases in which Day is the prosecution's prime suspect — two home-invasion cases with additional criminal charges in Detroit and Grosse Pointe Woods, a separate felon in possession of a firearm case in Grosse Pointe Woods and an auto theft case in Grosse Pointe Farms. Day's defense attorney, Christine Grand, entered on the record a competency report dated Oct.

24, assessing Day as competent to stand trial in the Woods cases.

Following a bond hearing Dec. 1, and final conference for all six cases Feb. 2, 2018, Day will stand trial Monday, March 12, for charges in the Detroit case of first-degree home invasion, unlawful imprisonment, two counts of felonious assault and domestic violence. Monday, March 19, 2018, he will stand trial for crimes he allegedly committed April 15, in the 19000 block of Raymond, namely first-degree home invasion, two counts of first-degree criminal sexual assault, second-degree criminal sexual assault and assault with intent to commit armed robbery.

The AOI hearing, which launched the trial phase of the prosecution's criminal cases accusing Day, follows the submission of evidence during preliminary examination Monday, Nov. 6, supporting a probable cause linking the April 23 Farms home invasion cases to April 15 and April 22 home invasions in the Woods and City, respec-

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Newly elected Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Louis Theros, left, swears the oath of office to Farms City Clerk and Assistant City Manager Derrick Kozicki at the Nov. 15 city council meeting.



City Clerk Lisa Hathaway administered the oath of office to city council members Todd McConaghy, Vicki Granger and George McMullen.

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PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN



Night lights

Left, Sophia and Ben Williams help Piper and Henry Gotfredson plug in the light for the Christmas tree. Right, families roast marshmallows during The Village's tree-lighting event Nov. 17.



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entries around the theme, including costumes, music and floats based on popular and classic holiday songs," Boettcher said.

The parade is a showcase for the community's rich diversity, said Boettcher.

"There will be marching bands from Grosse Pointe South High School, Grosse Pointe North High School, Harper Woods High School and a couple other bands from surrounding communities," Boettcher said.

Other participants include "business leaders, youth groups, costumed characters, dancers, floats from Dirty Dog Jazz Café, K-9 Safety Partners of Grosse Pointe, I heart GP, Faircourt Dental and

we also rented a couple of new floats from the Parade Company that are a surprise," Boettcher said.

And, of course, honored guests Santa and Mrs. Claus will park their sleigh at the end of the parade route to greet the community.

Marshaling in the Claus is 10-year-old Claire Juip. The fifth-grader from St. Paul Catholic School recently won the national Letters of Library essay contest sponsored by the Library of Congress.

At a young age Juip was diagnosed with Friedreich's ataxia, a genetic degenerative neuromuscular disease. For a long time she kept it a secret, only confiding in her third-grade teacher, Kristin Perlin, and Principal Tina Forsythe. However, when Perlin heard about the national writing con-

test, she challenged Juip and two other strong writers to enter. Secretly, Perlin hoped Juip would write about "Wonder" as a way to express her emotions. "Wonder" is a book about a boy with a chromosomal disorder who struggles making friends because he is different. Luckily, Juip chose to write her essay on the book by R.J. Palacio, but, still self-conscious, kept her diagnosis a secret.

The Library of Congress and Library of Michigan required a release to publish the essay. So when Perlin found out Juip won the statewide portion of the competition, Juip had a tough decision: go public with her disease and

accept the award or decline and keep it a secret. Ultimately Juip decided to accept. She went on to beat more than 13,400 entrants to be named the national award winner.

Juip and her classmates from St. Paul will hand out 500 copies of "Wonder" during the parade.

The chamber is excited for Juip to marshal Santa back to the Pointes and herald in the most wonderful time of year.

"It's our mission to create a family-friendly experience that brings the holiday spirit to children and adults, community partners and local businesses," Boettcher said. "It's the kickoff to the holiday season."

Correction

The Nov. 16 article, "Farms teen vies for top ranking in U.S. Figure Skating," should have read Cole Zingas played hockey at University Liggett School.



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SATURDAY, NOV. 25

◆ West Park Winter Social, 4 to 11 p.m. along Kercheval, between Wayburn and Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park.

SUNDAY, NOV. 26

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores' Lighting of the Village, 6 p.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

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Gators coach completes 10-mile 'Swim the Suck'

Swim raises funds for middle school swim blocks

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

John Fodell was one of more than 100 swimmers to successfully "Swim the Suck," a 10-mile open water swim in the Tennessee River Gorge on Oct. 14.

The City of Grosse Pointe man, who has coached the Grosse Pointe Gators the last 12 years, has been swimming since he was 6, but has never taken on a challenge like "Swim the Suck." But he had good reason to do it.

"As coaches, we meet once a month, go over what we're doing, what we need," Fodell said. "At the first meeting of the year, we asked what was the No. 1 thing we need."

The consensus was swim blocks at Brownell Middle School. The blocks were slippery and becoming unsafe for children. The coaches decided new blocks were in order, though initial estimates put the cost around \$6,000 per block.

"We wanted to have a fundraiser for a couple blocks at Brownell," Fodell said. "I looked at official events, events that can be tracked. ("Swim the Suck") kind of popped up through



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John Fodell installs a block at Brownell Middle School's pool.

Global Swim Series. It was something we were able to drive to and it was a good time of year with the swim schedule."

Fodell signed up and a GoFundMe page was started. He said he hoped to raise enough for one or two blocks, but after raising nearly \$5,000 — and finding block tops at a reasonable price — four new tops were installed at Brownell before the start of swim season.

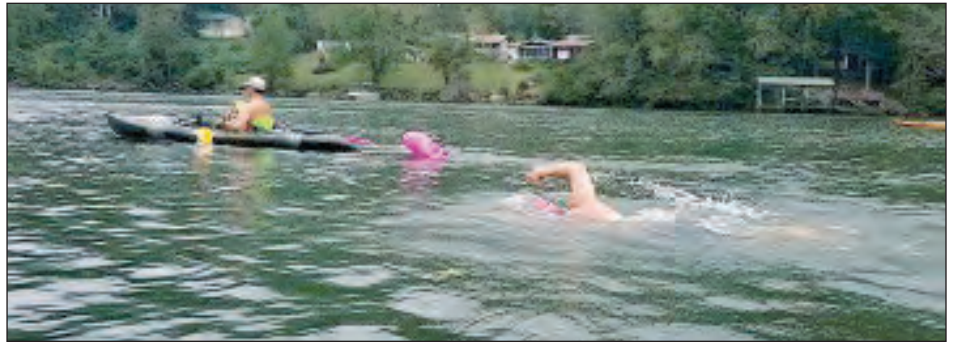
However, Fodell still had to keep up his end of the bargain.

"Ten miles is a long way to swim," he said. "That was one of the most nerve-wracking events. I didn't sleep the night before. I've never done something like that before. The community

of swimmers embraced me. They were super nice and supportive. The event was well run, which was nice. I didn't know what to expect. It was nerve-wracking the whole way."

"Coach Fo" said he felt great the first seven miles — he could see the leaders not too far ahead — but then he hit a wall.

"I've had cramps in water before, so I didn't get super nervous," he said. "Sometimes I had to take it step by step. I had a calf cramp so bad I didn't know if I'd make it or not. But I slowly got going again. I had back cramps, forearm cramps, finger cramps. I think that was mostly from not fueling correctly. I rushed my feeds. But I fought



Fodell participates in "Swim the Suck."

through and got it done. It was a good hour of being as tough as I ever was."

Fodell's wife, Kate, and Albion College assistant swim coach Tom Pitt were aboard a kayak that followed Fodell's progress down the river. They were there to encourage, as well as provide food and hydration to the swimmer, but Fodell was not allowed to touch the kayak.

Other rules of "Swim the Suck" include abiding by English Channel rules, meaning no sleeveless or legless swim suits, no wetsuits or swim aids, no touching other people and no suits that provide buoyancy. He also was required to finish the race in less than six hours.

Despite struggling the last few miles, he finished with a time of 3:54:30 — much better than he anticipated.

Overall he finished 22nd of 101, 10th of 49 in his gender and fifth of 44 in his age group.

"When I got out, I don't think I ever felt that bad in my life," he said. "But I'm pretty smart with recovery. Hydration is key, protein is key. I sat on the beach for 20 minutes before I went to change. It took two hours to come back to earth and a whole week to fully recover."

"People don't realize how long 10 miles is to swim," he continued. "Most people would not swim half a mile in their life. It took a year of training to get ready."

The father of three said swimming for a cause kept his mindset steady. He knew he had to finish.

"I just had to fight through," he said. "The worst part was when boats went by they just swamped me with their wake. Some wakes were

terrible. Some chops were terrible. You've got to get a rhythm. The better the rhythm, the easier it is."

The best part, Fodell said, was the camaraderie of the open water community. He said he also couldn't have asked for better conditions. The water was 70 degrees, air was 90.

"It was gorgeous, swimming through the mountains, too," he said.

Under the right conditions — raising money for kids — he'd consider "Swim the Suck" again, but for now he's happy with the trophy mug he received for his accomplishment.

"There were a couple things I didn't learn well enough," Fodell said, "like how and what to eat. It was a very tough, but cool accomplishment. People still come up and say thank you for swimming."

Shores heralds in holiday season

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The Shores kick off the holiday season with its annual Lighting of the Village 6

p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26, on the front steps of city hall, 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Santa will arrive by fire

engine to the sound of the Star of the Sea Children's Choir and stick around to visit with village children, who will

receive a candy treat bag. Hot chocolate, coffee and cookies also are provided.

— Anthony Viola

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tively. Though the City case was dismissed, due to a victim not wishing to testify, evidence gathered

at the home was included in the prosecution's list of people's exhibits.

A stand mute plea was entered on the record on Day's behalf for the Farms home invasion cases.

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Parade Lineup

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The following is the order of participants in the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, which begins 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24. The parade is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

Group A

Honored Guard
 Police Motorcycles
 City, Farms, Park, Woods, Shores Firetrucks
 Police Cars
 Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence
 K-Line Trolley with Grosse Pointe Mayors
 Mayor of Harper Woods
 Military Missing in Action
 Flint Scottish Pipe Band
 The War Memorial - Military Vehicles
 Grosse Pointe Historical Vehicle
 Eyes on Design Antique car
 Vintage Vehicle
 Detroit Electric Car
 Tesla
 Chapter Louisa
 Edsel & Eleanor Ford House float
 Junior League of Detroit convertible
 WCCCD Firetruck
 Grosse Pointe News/Magazine convertible

Group B

Dragon Float w/ Parade Marshal Claire Juip & Family
 Pickup truck w/books with 500 Copies of Wonder
 St. Paul School
 St. Paul School Teacher of the Year in convertible
 Troop 71289
 Big Boy
 Pac 61
 Grosse Pointe South Marching Band
 Troop 71018
 Maire School - Blue Ribbon
 Grosse Pointe Theatre
 Shrine Lancers

Group C

Troop 481
 Dirty Dog Jazz Float
 Troop 85
 The Gearheads Robots
 Fitzgerald Marching Band
 Genesis Cadillac SUV
 Troop 76501
 Varsity Club Clowns
 Grosse Pointe Lions Club Float

Group D

Troop 71247
 Parade Company Canoe Float
 Harper Woods Marching Band
 GPHW Athletic Program Special Needs
 Red Baron Cheerleaders
 Grosse Pointe Theatre
 ARC of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods
 Detroit Boat Club

Group E

Grosse Pointe Power Squadron
 I Heart GP Float
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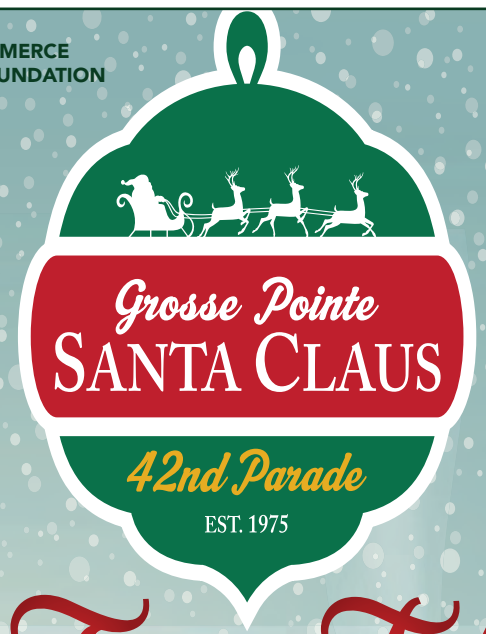
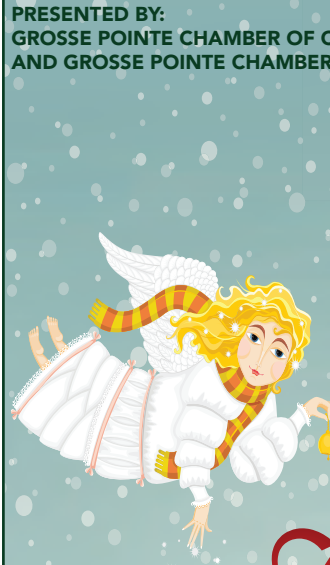
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Calisi Holiday Dancers
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 Big Heads
 Troop 71293

Group G

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City of Grosse Pointe

Bikes stolen

Three bikes were stolen from a carport in the 16000 block of St. Paul sometime during the day Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Equifax hack victim

A resident in the 800 block of University reported a fraud attempt 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. The victim received a call from his bank stating someone was attempting to change the password on his account. The man said he did not authorize the change. The bank said the person attempting to change the password had the victim's Social Security number, driver's license number and other information. The victim stated his information had been compromised in the Equifax hack months prior.

Breaking and entering

A resident in the 800 block of St. Clair reported a breaking and entering 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. The B&E occurred Tuesday, Nov. 7, while the victim was out of town. He said he returned home to find the back door window broken out and his bike and helmet stolen. A hammer was found on the kitchen counter wrapped in a towel and is believed to have been used to

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break the window.

Car fire

Officers were dispatched to the 800 block of Rivard just before midnight Sunday, Nov. 19, on a report of a car fire.

When officers arrived they observed a black Ford Expedition's rear right tire well on fire. Officers quickly extinguished the fire.

Upon investigation they did not observe suspicious circumstances.

However, the victim's ex-girlfriend called nine times that evening and while she did not make any threats during the phone calls, the victim believed she was in town visiting family for the holidays.

The ex is listed as a suspect.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

OWI

An officer observed a vehicle without working taillights and swerving slightly 9:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, on southbound Lakeshore.

The officers initiated a traffic stop after witnessing the vehicle glance the median curb and quickly change lanes to turn onto Stillmeadow.

While interviewing the driver, the officer noticed an odor of intoxicants and a new, unopened bottle of wine on the passenger seat. Officers then conducted a field sobriety test, which the driver failed.

While searching the vehicle, officers discovered a machete-like knife on the back seat and a pellet gun on the back floorboards.

She was arrested for operating while intoxicated with a .190 percent blood alcohol content.

Just a nap

Officers observed a lone vehicle parked at the stop sign on Moorland and Lakeshore approximately 3:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 19.

The officer who approached the vehicle noticed the driver was passed out behind the wheel. The keys were not in the ignition but between the driver's legs.

The officer knocked on the window and the driver woke up confused. Officers observed a strong odor of intoxicants and conducted a field sobriety test. The driver failed and

was arrested for operating while intoxicated with a .153 percent blood alcohol content.

— Anthony Viola
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park

Bikes keep rolling away

A locked bike was stolen from the bike racks at Pierce Middle School Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Stained glass stolen

A stained glass window was stolen from a vacant, unlocked property in the 1400 block of Maryland sometime between Monday, Nov. 13, and Wednesday, Nov. 15. The window was the only item reported stolen.

Front porch bandit

Two UPS packages were stolen from a front porch in the 700 block of Trombly between 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, and 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. The contents were reportedly worth \$180.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Suspended license, concealed crackpipe

A 57-year-old Detroit man was arrested at 8:35 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, after being stopped on Mack at Bournemouthe for driving with an expired license plate.

A search revealed expired vehicle insurance and flags for "Officer Safety Caution" and "Circuit Court Probation." The man produced a driver's license and vehicle registration while admitting no proof of insurance and suspension of his license.

Arrested for driving with a suspended license, the man was transported to the department of public safety.

A search there revealed a crackpipe in the man's sock in his right shoe.

The man was issued citations for driving with a suspended license; no vehicle insurance; an expired license plate; and possession of narcotics

paraphernalia.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Drunk driving

A 26-year old Detroit woman was arrested 10:20 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, after being stopped in the 20000 block of Harper for an expired license plate. The unlicensed driver produced expired registration and expired proof of insurance documentation. She said she was "working on getting a (driver's) permit."

As the officer arrested the woman for "license never acquired," he noticed bloodshot eyes and the odor of alcohol and administered sobriety tests, which she failed.

Following the woman's transport to Grosse Pointe Farms public safety for processing and holding, a breath test indicated the woman's alcohol level was .19.

She was issued citations for operating a vehicle with a blood content of .17 or more; license never acquired; no proof of insurance and an expired license plate.

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

LIBRARY:

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for dispute resolution offered through the Michigan Employment Relations Commission.

The main issue, all parties agree, is the new insurance plan proposed by the library board and administration.

Under the previous contract, employees' health, dental and vision needs were covered by a plan administered by the Michigan Education Special Services

Association. Because it was a high deductible plan, employees paid only 20 percent of the deductible in addition to 20 percent of the premium, with the library contributing to an employee health savings account to cover additional deductible costs.

The library offered a Blue Cross Blue Shield Platinum zero-deductible plan, with employees paying 20 percent of the premium in addition to any co-pays and co-insurance. Total costs of each plan to the employee

depend on individual use and circumstances.

According to a summary of benefits by Cornerstone Municipal Advisory Group, a public sector healthcare consulting group, the BCBS zero-deductible plan provides comparable coverage and value to the MESSA plan, especially when factoring in the premium cost differential.

It also is less costly for the library than the MESSA plan and, according to Cornerstone, the overall financial difference will be greater when MESSA rates increase in 2019, as anticipated. Another advantage to the library is increased control and oversight of the benefit program.

"We feel we have offered the most attractive benefit package plan at the least cost to employees," said GPL Library Director Jessica

Keyser, adding in addition to a BCBS platinum zero-deductible plan, the package includes wage increases, two additional paid holidays, paid parental leave and an early retirement package.

"I'm absolutely confident that this package is very fair and it is demonstrative of the high esteem with which the administration holds the staff," she said.

"We've had a MESSA plan for a long time," said John Clextion, Ewald branch coordinator and Library Association president. "This is a plan we've had through previous contracts. Everybody is happy with it. They have proposed a new plan — a Blue Cross Blue Shield plan. We have done extensive investigation of the plans. When it comes down to it, our plan is less expensive."

According to Clextion, librarians and support staff opposed the proposed plan because it didn't meet specific

needs and, according to a benefit comparison, resulted in reduced coverage in both medical and prescription drug plans as well as the elimination of certain medical services and prescriptions.

Keyser said they have offered to work with that. For example, a health reimbursement account — similar to the health savings account under the MESSA plan — could be set up to cover employee out-of-pocket costs, such as hearing aids, one of the items not covered under the BCBS plan.

All parties agree the sooner they reach an agreement and sign a contract, the better. Since state law precludes the library from paying staff retroactively from July 1, staff are not reaping the benefit of the proposed pay increases. They also bear the brunt of rate increases for their existing coverage.

Meanwhile, attorney fees — more than \$65,000

from July through October — continue to rack up, something neither side wants.

"Every time we meet, we're paying the attorneys hourly fees and all the hours of preparation for fact-finding," Keyser said. "It is certainly not an expense we were anticipating and it is unfortunate. We'd much rather be spending the money on services and programs and books and all of the other great things we offer."

That conclusion may be reached once both sides have had a chance to review the results of the fact-finding report.

Top on the list of recommendations was for the library to provide employees with the dental, vision, long-term disability and life insurance administered through MESSA.

Also included in the recommendations were an insurance waiver and stipend for employees opting out of coverage and a 3 percent across-the-board wage increase.

Whatever the results of the meeting Nov. 21, which took place after press time, all parties agree they want what's in the best interests of staff and the library's long-term success.

"We want to move on. We have a strategic plan that we worked on. There are a lot of exciting things coming to the library," said Clextion.

"Both plans are very good health insurance plans," said Keyser. "We never saw our proposal as a cut in any way. We want to take care of our employees. We want to make sure their needs are met."

In spite of what she called "an honest disagreement" about which plan would achieve this, "the intentions I believe on all sides are good," she said.

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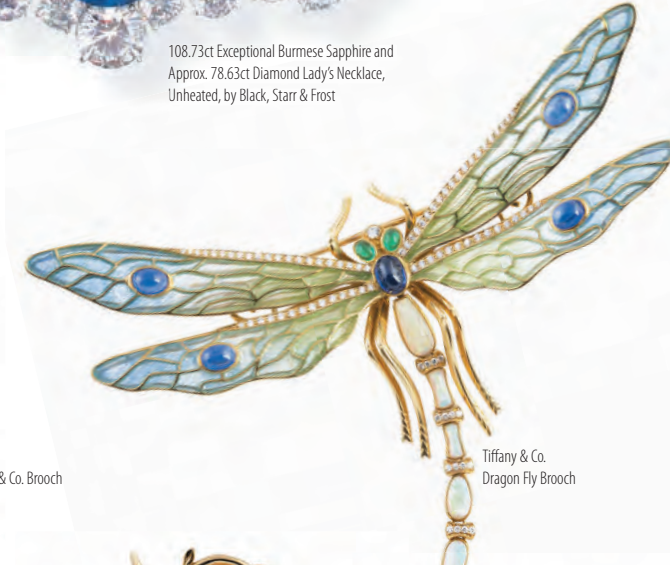
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OUR VIEW

Happy Thanksgiving!

At this time of year, at Thanksgiving, it is time to reflect on all our blessings and for which to be thankful. As we occupy our beautiful new offices in The Village, in the "heart of Grosse Pointe," we are truly thankful to be here.

We were totally overwhelmed — and humbled — by the tremendous attendance we had for our ribbon cutting last Thursday evening with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and the open house afterward. While we did not publicize the event to the public, we easily had 100 or more show up to see our new offices and wish us well.

We thank the Grosse Pointe Chamber for bringing the "official scissors" for the ribbon cutting, and we thank new City Mayor Chris Boettcher for taking part in the official ribbon cutting and getting us off on a good footing in The Village. We also thank all those who showed up for the open house. It was thrilling and, as we have said, humbling.

As we have frequently mentioned in our other publication, Grosse Pointe Magazine, our success would not be possible anywhere else. The Grosse Pointes have just the right mix of people to keep "print" viable here. Our demographics are the envy of marketers. We have a highly educated populace and a good mix of older residents, young families and the sandwich generation in between.

Our school system continues to be recognized nationwide and our graduates continue to be accepted at the best colleges and universities. For that we are truly thankful. For many of us, our homes are our No. 1 investment and quality schools have a direct impact on property values.

Years ago, we did a study of crime rate in all communities in Michigan. We learned that Grosse Pointe Park — and all the Pointes — had a lower crime rate than any Macomb County community. That probably is still the case. The low crime rate is in large part due to our residents, but it also is due to our great public safety departments, whose vigilance is second to none. For our police and firefighters, we are, again, truly thankful.

We also enjoy well-run municipalities and courts. All our cities enjoy stellar (some AAA) bond ratings, which are indicative of sound fiscal management. We enjoy for the most part good streets, sidewalks and green spaces. Our waterfront parks are second to none. For all this, we are grateful and thankful.

And last, but not least, we are thankful for our many businesses that make living, working and shopping in the Pointes so convenient. As we have said many times in Pointe Magazine, without our many loyal advertisers and businesses in Grosse Pointe, none of this, whether it be the magazine or newspaper, would be possible. For our many, many businesses and advertisers, we are truly thankful and believe that our relationships are mutually beneficial.

Be sure to look for us in the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on Friday, the day after Thanksgiving.



Pure Grosse Pointe

Three-year-old Madeline Wolney oversaw preparations for the tree trimming in The Village and was not shy about offering suggestions, according to her grandmother, Debby Wolney, who captured the moment Tuesday, Nov. 14. The workers "listened and complimented her princess attire," Wolney said.

PHOTO BY DEBBY WOLNEY

OUR VIEW

Shop Small, Shop Local

In 2010, American Express began promoting "Small Business Saturday" to counter big box "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday" promotions. The idea is to get shoppers to think small and local when making their holiday shopping plans.

Indeed, small businesses make up the majority, if not most, of the retail and service offerings in the Pointes — whether on The Hill, in The Village, on Mack Avenue or Kercheval, Jefferson or Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park.

From the American Express Shop Small website:

■ There are 866,196 small businesses in operation across our state, which make up 99.60 percent of all the businesses.

■ From local restaurants to the paint store down the street, small businesses have created major impacts across all communities.

■ In fact, 34,682 new jobs were created in 2014 alone, meaning that 49.80 percent of all employees in

our state were working for a small business that year. ■ Small businesses help ensure local economies stay strong and vibrant.

And that's why in 2010, American Express founded Small Business Saturday. On the big day, invite your friends to Shop Small and show love for their favorite places. Because when small businesses succeed, we all do.

Share the impact of the Shop Small Movement. Help get the word out about what happens when you choose to Shop Small at the small businesses in your community.

At the Grosse Pointe News, we will be celebrating Shop Small Saturday. Drop by our office at 16980 Kercheval above the Village Grille (door off Notre Dame) and get a new or renewal or gift subscription for just \$25 a year (vs. \$44.50 regularly). This offer is good through Dec. 1, so don't wait!

For more information on Small Business Saturday, go to americanexpress.com/ShopSmall.

LETTERS

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

Guns in schools — really?

To the Editor:

I am the president of the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe. The League is very concerned about and strongly against the proposed legislation (SB 584-584) that has passed the state Senate and is likely to pass the state House when they reconvene on Nov. 28.

This legislation, if it becomes law, will essentially allow guns in all public places, which includes schools, sporting events, meeting halls, city council meetings, etc.

The League of Women Voters is requesting all concerned citizens to let the Legislature and the governor know that having more guns in public places is WRONG! If you agree, please consider contacting the governor to support a veto, and anyone else that may have influence in the process, that this legislation is just WRONG!

Elected officials listen to us. Elected officials give the following importance of constituents giving opinions: 1) Showing up in person; 2) Phone messages; 3) Snail mail message; and 4) Email messages.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter

that I/we believe is so important.

C. THOMPSON WELLS, JR., PRESIDENT
League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe

Love

To the Editor:

I simply loved Renee Landuyt's column of Nov. 2. Her many and varied examples of love really opened my mind and heart. Love really is all around, if we only look. Inside and out. Thanks for featuring such an inspired writer; I look forward to her work weekly.

LANEY CORRADO
Grosse Pointe Public Library

Thanks from The Woman's Club

To the Editor:

On behalf of The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club, I would like to thank our many members and numerous businesses in our community. On Wednesday, Nov. 15, the Woman's Club held our annual Scholarship Benefit Luncheon at the War Memorial.

This benefit allows our club to award two scholarships each year, one each to a student at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South. This year we were able to

award each student a \$3,000 scholarship.

Our club has been in existence since 1950, and scholarships for deserving students has been the goal of The Woman's Club.

Thank you to all of our members for contributing donations and to the following businesses for donating gift cards and gift certificates: Wich, The League Shop, Moosejaw, Side Street Diner, TCBY, SHE, Belding Cleaners, Kramer's, City Kitchen, Village Wine Shop, Athenian Shish Kabob of St. Clair Shores, National Coney Island of Roseville, Susan Plath donating Mr. C's Car Wash tickets and Sharon Ruggioli donating a gift card for The Original Pancake House. Also thank you to the Dress Barn of 11 Mile and Hoover for presenting a wonderful Fashion Show.

We sincerely appreciate all of this support.

PAM ZIMMER
President

Cystic fibrosis fundraiser a success

To the Editor:

The Gloria and Thomas Kitchen Memorial Foundation would like to extend many thanks to every individual and business that supported our recent fundraiser Oct. 13, at the Assumption Cultural Center. Only through the generosity of so many was this foundation able to raise approximately \$27,000 to benefit those suffering from cystic fibrosis at the annual fundraiser started 21 years ago by my late sister Gloria Kitchen in memory of our brother Thomas.

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Thankful for everyone in my life



It's Thanksgiving and time to give thanks to those who help bring joy to my world.

I have to start with my wife, Heather, and daughters, Emma and Addison. Each bring a unique twist to my life and after 21 years of marriage, my reward is watching them work hard in their different aspects of life.

My wife works hard at her place of employment for the past 20-something years, Emma works hard as a college freshman, and Addie works hard as a social butterfly in the fourth grade.

Amazing how easy it is to grow gray hair being the father of those two. I can't wait to see Emma graduate from college with a nursing degree. When that happens, Addie will be knee deep in middle school — yikes.

However, the trio of ladies brings much joy to my life and I love them dearly.

My mom, Florence, and

father, Joseph, have been a rock in my life. I can't thank them enough for all the love and support they have given me and my family through the years. They sacrificed to pay my way through college and they still help me with the little things parents do for their children. You never stop being a parent.

I love them dearly, too, and thank them.

My sisters, Maria and Donna, are both older and have been married more than 20 years. Maria's family of husband, Steve, daughter, Stephanie, and son, Jason, have been there

for my family. Both Stephanie and Jason are in their mid 20s and moving into the next phase of their lives. Through thick and thin, they are there for me if I need them and I thank them and love them dearly.

Same goes for Donna. Her husband is Jody, and they have two adult sons, Dominic and Peter. Dominic is new to the work world and Peter is in his third year of college. They have helped my family when called upon and I thank them and love them dearly, too.

I can't thank my friends enough for pulling for my

success and helping me. Bob Bruce, Renato Jamett and Paul Kania have been my main sports photographers for years. They bring life to my sports section and they are awesome.

My former colleague, Brad Lindberg, is a strong supporter of my daughters and he has helped when asked. To him, I say thank you.

When our pets have been sick and I needed medical advice, former colleague John McTaggart has lent a hand. To him, I say thank you.

I have to give a shout

out to current colleague Steve Saigh, an advertising representative at the Grosse Pointe News. His family is awesome and there are days when he makes me laugh so hard my stomach hurts. To Steve, I say thank you.

It's all these wonderful people who add a little spice of life to my world and I am a lucky man to have so many people who care about me. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you.

St. John is the Grosse Pointe News sports editor. Email him at bst.john@grossepointenews.com.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1942

75 years ago this week

◆ **PUBLIC LEASES PUBLIC PLOT FOR PARKING:** President Goddards and Village Clerk Stamman who

were authorized at the last meeting of the Park Commissioners to lease the lots at Pemberton and Jefferson for a public parking plot.

The Park Village is taking this first step to facilitate their share the ride scheme for driving to and from the central city.

1967

50 years ago this week

◆ **GROUND BREAKING FOR INCINERATOR:** The ground breaking ceremony for Michigan's first regional

refuse disposal plant financed without federal or state funds took place in Clinton Township.

The 600-ton per day facility will be constructed and operated under a 25-year contract for the Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority.

◆ **MEN'S NIGHT IN VILLAGE:** It will be a man's world in the Grosse Pointe's Village area when the three-block long shopping area on Kercheval observes its 22nd annual "Men's Night in the Village."

continue to provide ambulance service to the City of Grosse Pointe after the City's council agreed to stick with the Park.

The Park has provided ambulance service to the City for years and when the Park decided to upgrade its service from basic life support to paramedics, the highest level available, the City was set to go along with the plan — until it received a less costly proposal from Grosse Pointe Farms.

The City's council studied the proposals from the two neighboring Pointes and decided the Park still had the best offer.

◆ **COUNCIL RE-COUNT IS A GO:** The Wayne County Election Commission decided to accept the recount petition files by Don Campbell, City of Grosse Pointe council challenger, who finished in a tie with Don Parthum Jr.

Both candidates received 563 votes, but Campbell subsequently was not elected to the council after drawing lots with Parthum.

◆ **SOLD!:** The historic Old English cottage house, once the property of the estate of Edsel & Eleanor Ford, will remain intact and even see some upgrades.

The home, tucked back in the woods across the street from the estate on Lakeshore, sold for \$625,000 at auction.

—Karen Fontanive

LETTERS

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Koueiter Jewelers, LaModa Salon, Maier & Werner Salon, Marchiori Catering, Meadowbrook Hall, Diane Melnik, Old Pony Martini Pub, Outdoor Adventure Center, Robert and Barbara Peberdy, Robot

Garage, Rebecca Robichaud, Saks Fifth Avenue, Salon Tresor, Sierra Station, TCBY, Ted Lindsey Foundation, Lew and Laura Tillman, Toledo Mudhens/Fifth Third Field, Toledo Zoo, Town Tavern, Village Grille, Wally's Frozen Custard, Walt Disney World Company, Waterfall Jewelers, The

Wool and the Floss, and Diane Woolsey Interiors.

In addition I extend many thanks to a fantastic committee of dedicated family and friends who generously donated their time in planning and executing this event. God bless you!

STEPHANIE KITCHEN LISTMAN
Event Chairwoman

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◆ **CITY STAYS WITH PARK AMBULANCE:** Grosse Pointe Park will

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A vision of inclusion and access

Parents face frustrations with special education

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Lisa Monette wants what every mother wants for her child — for him to go to his neighborhood school with his friends, be pushed to meet his potential and achieve his academic goals. None of these were issues for her three daughters, who graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and currently attend college.

For Monette's youngest child, it's more of an uphill battle. Nickolas Monette has Down syndrome. Following early intervention at Barnes Early Childhood Center, Monette's vision was that Nickolas, like his older sisters, would attend Kerby Elementary School down the street from their house.

When the time came for him to enroll in kindergarten, however, it was recommended based on his individual education plan he be placed in one of the cognitive impairment rooms at Ferry Elementary School.

"Ferry's program is very good," Monette said. "I'm not against that. My vision for Nickolas was to be at Kerby. I was hoping he would go to Brownell in some capacity and then South. That's all I wanted."

Monette opted to send him to St. Paul Catholic School for an extra year of preschool to see how he handled a classroom

environment with 20 or so typical kids. Then she continued to fight to have him placed in a general education classroom at Kerby.

"I fought really hard for two years in front of the school board just to get him to walk into the doors of Kerby," she said. "He was the first kid with Down syndrome to go there."

At Kerby, Nickolas received support in math, reading and writing in the learning resource center, with Monette supplementing with pre-teaching and modified work at home. However, Monette hit a road block this fall. Due to the structure of an IEP, similar supports don't exist for science and social studies and her request for a modified curriculum so she could work with him at home was not met. Instead, it was recommended he transfer to a self-contained classroom at Ferry, where his academic needs would be more fully met.

"If people think there is true inclusion in Grosse Pointe, there is not," she said. "All they had to do (at Kerby) was modify some work and do a little bit of thought or perhaps hire a curriculum modifier. There are a lot of kids that could benefit."

While Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus couldn't discuss specifics about individual students due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, he said he would tell any parent of an elementary school child with special needs the dis-

trict's goal, if possible, is to get that child through fifth grade in their neighborhood school.

"Our vision is one and the same," he said.

How or whether that vision is achieved depends on the student's IEP. For students whose neighborhood school provides a learning resource center, but not a self-contained classroom — such as Kerby, Richard and Trombly elementary schools — options are limited in what supports are provided in subjects outside of reading, writing and math. For example, students with an IEP attend science and social studies class with their peers outside the learning resource room. For many students, this works well. For those not able to read their science and social studies textbooks at grade level, however, this becomes more of a challenge, Niehaus said, particularly in third grade and beyond. Students may be better served in a self-contained classroom, where the classroom teacher provides instruction in all five of these subject areas.

On Nov. 16, Nickolas started in the moderately impaired classroom at Ferry. After 30 days, he will be assessed and Monette's hope is he will be moved to the mildly impaired classroom, which she believes is a better fit. In the meantime, while she said it was not her "vision for his education," she hopes he has the opportunity to "spend time with the gen ed stu-

dents and will enjoy school again."

Mary Ellen Kaiser's frustration lies less with inclusion and more with meaningful access. She and her husband moved to the district in 1999 to take advantage of the school system. Four of their five children graduated from South. The youngest, Maggy, 20, is severely cognitively impaired. Up until last year, one of the highlights of her day, according to Kaiser, was art and music class outside her self-contained classroom. It was a blow to Kaiser to receive a letter from Maggy's special education teacher at the start of the school year informing her the students would no longer enjoy these electives with the art and music teachers outside their classroom. Instead, a special education teacher would provide art and music lessons within the classroom.

"My issue is that regular gen ed kids get two to three electives in high school depending on if they take a language," Kaiser said. "Our kids have no electives. They elected to give them gym twice a day. That's our kids' elective. Their argument is that our kids are welcome in any gen ed class. That's just ridiculous. It's not beneficial to our kids. An aide would have to go with them to that class, so it pulls an aide from the classroom. It's not a realistic option."

"Maggy's in a class with 11 kids," she continued.



COURTESY PHOTO

Fischer Austin, left, walked with Nickolas Monette into Kerby for their first day of first grade together in 2015.

"Three of them are going to gen ed classes. One is going to choir and two are going to an art class. They said that Maggy could go to choir because she loves music. There's a huge difference between a high school choir class and sitting there with Mr. Cleveland playing Barney songs and preschool kind of songs he would do with the kids."

Kaiser was one of several parents who voiced their frustrations at a Sept. 11 Board of Education meeting. Niehaus and Director of Student Services Stefanie Hayes met with them and their advocate, Joan Mason, to help clarify and resolve the issue. The changes resulted from a budget decision last spring impacting special education services. The district receives nearly \$3 million of special education fund-

ing from Wayne County Regional Education Services Agency through Public Act 18. However, only services provided by a teacher certified in special education are reimbursed.

Rather than pay a general education art and music teacher a stipend to meet with a small group of students, as had been done in the past, students were given the option of an adaptive physical education class — which supports increased engagement, gross motor skills, independence and individual needs and is taught by certified teachers — and attending a choice of an elective with students from the general education population.

According to Niehaus, the art and music teach-

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Policy committee proposes changes

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Two proposed policies — one a new bylaw and the other a revised administrative guideline — elicited discussion among members of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education at the regular board meeting Nov. 13. Both were residency procedures the policy committee recommended based on feedback from community members.

New bylaw

Bylaw 0176 requires board members to complete the residency re-verification process each year to help them understand the process district residents are required to follow. Board members would need to complete the process each year by

Aug. 31.

Secretary Cindy Pangborn opposed the new bylaw, saying it wasn't enforceable.

"We're elected officials and while we may suggest that board members gain a better understanding, I don't think we can put into policy something you can't make anyone do," she said.

"The point of this was to reacquaint board members with the process," said Margaret Weertz, vice president and chairman of the policy committee. "Some of you may have not done this since we updated the residency policy. You may not know what it's like to go through this process. We are telling our residents — our parents — that they should do this, but it's too much to ask for us to do it as well?"

"Our bylaws have many things in them that technically cannot be enforced, although as a group since we passed these rules as a governance body, I assume we are going to follow the rules we set for ourselves," said President Brian Summerfield.

While Pangborn called it "a waste," to ask board members "to pretend they're going through the motions," Weertz said it was "a matter of good will and transparency." Trustee Christopher Profeta added it was a way to ensure board members were residents of the district, as required by law.

"When I started on this board, I did not have to prove that I was a resident," he said. "I have proved I was a resident by registering my kids for school, so if you take your first point that this bylaw

is not enforceable, this would actually be a means of enforcing current bylaws that we have."

Summerfield clarified the residency requirement for board members was a statute rather than a bylaw, adding if a board member couldn't prove residency, "they would have to immediately vacate their seat and we would have to appoint somebody new."

Profeta said the bylaw was in response to concerns from residents who attended the Aug. 28 policy committee meeting to complain the process was too burdensome and bureaucratic.

"The original idea was to have a good faith effort to show them not only do we understand what you are going through, we are going to require that we all go through it," Profeta said, pointing out Pangborn herself said the process wasn't that difficult.

"So if it's not that burdensome, it really shouldn't be a problem for all seven of us to go through it," he said.

Board members will vote on the bylaw at the next regular meeting Monday, Nov. 30.

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Ring in the new year by celebrating diversity

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

What does diversity look like? If a picture is worth 1,000 words, then the 2018 calendar with drawings by Grosse Pointe Public School System kindergarten to grade 12 students is worth 13,000 words.

The calendar, a partnership between GPPSS and the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors Fair Housing & Diversity Committee, features student artwork for all 12 months and the cover. It also includes phone numbers for each school building and central administration.

The GPBR approached the district "because they heard about our diversity plan and they have their own," said Rebecca Fannon, GPPSS community affairs manager. "They wanted to partner with us on an initiative that would continue that momentum and also, as a fundraiser, help support future diversity programming in the district."

According to Maureen Bur, director of secondary education, the calendar was a natural fit with the district's focus on cultural competency and helps "showcase what diversity and acceptance look like and how we're all in this together."

Students who submitted their artwork for consideration were asked to reflect on what diversity looks like to them. A let-

ter to teachers and parents from the GPBR inviting submissions defined diversity as the inclusion of all, regardless of race, gender, creed, religion, sexual orientation, physical and/or mental disabilities or athletic abilities.

"We want all children to feel welcome in our school community whether they are Pokémon lovers, video game players, avid readers, wear glasses, hate grapes, love strawberries," the letter stated. "The purpose of the calendar and asking our students to draw their representations of diversity is to increase awareness of what diversity means and open an honest dialog about diversity in our homes and neighborhood."

On the selection committee were members of the GPBR, Board of Education and representatives from corporate partners Sir Speedy - St. Clair Shores, Caliber Homes Loans, NESI Associates Attorneys at Law, Grosse Pointe Magazine and Grosse Pointe News.

Narrowing the submissions to 13 was a challenge, according to GPBR President Mario Como.

"I personally looked at the submissions and they were inspiring," Como said. "It was great to see the open mindedness of the young people and the way they see the world."

Certain selections were unanimous, he added,

including the cover — "a submission that immediately got your attention." Cover artist Mary Jordan, a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South High School, included in her artwork a quote by Ghanaian diplomat and 2001 Nobel Peace Prize winner Kofi Annan: "We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skin, but we all belong to one human race."

Due to the sponsorship of corporate partners and a host of GPBR "All in for Diversity" campaign supporters, 100 percent of proceeds will go directly to the district to support its diversity initiative, Como said.

With only 500 calendars printed, Como encouraged people to order early by going to gpbbr.com or stopping by the GPBR board office, 710 Notre Dame behind Kroger in the Village, Monday through Friday. Calendars are \$10 each and cash or checks are accepted.

Secure online orders also may be placed at gpschools.org by clicking on the icon on the left-hand column of the district page. Orders are due by Friday, Dec. 15, and calendars will be distributed by Friday, Dec. 22.

Parents who indicate they have a child in the school system will have their calendars distributed directly to their children at school.

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Revised guideline

In a discussion about revisions to policy 5111 on residency, Pangborn objected to some of the proposed changes, saying they were less stringent and invited fraud. Profeta said the changes were a compromise between getting rid of certain requirements and offering choices.

One major change was to eliminate the proof of car insurance as a separate requirement. Weertz said this was in response to a request by residents who pointed out car ownership should not be a requirement for proving residency.

"Can you be a resident and not own a car?" Weertz asked. "So to prove your residency, you need to own a car?"

"Because car insurance and registration are harder to be fraudulent. That's the main reason,"

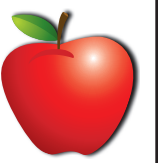
Pangborn said, adding exceptions could be made for residents who did not own cars.

"I think the new revisions are good," said Summerfield. "I think we're taking into account a lot of comments we're getting. I still don't understand why there's such a push to have car registration and insurance on there. You don't need to own a car to be a resident so I agree with putting it as one of many things you can do to prove your residency."

"I would like to suggest the policy committee go over this again and remove those things that do not prove residency," said Pangborn. "I think it should be cleaned up."

Weertz said the policy committee had spent enough time on it and Summerfield agreed there was no reason to debate the issue further, directing the administration to proceed with the revisions. Since it is an administrative guideline rather than a board policy, no vote was necessary.

Teacher of THE WEEK



Julia Ruggirello

School: Monteith Elementary School
Years at Monteith: 2
Grade/Subject: K-5 resource room teacher

Nominated by: Shelleyann Keelean, principal

Principal's quote:

"The Monteith community is incredibly lucky to have Julia Ruggirello as a member of our staff. She has the kind of energy and enthusiasm that reminds us all why elementary school is such a wonderful part of a child's educational career. She believes in finding the positive in every situation. She not only helps students find success in their academics, she helps them find the happiness in who they are and how they play an important role in making our world a better place. Monteith is a team of educators and having Julia on our team helps because, as I like to say, 'Teamwork makes the dream work' and working with my Monteith staff is a wonderful thing!"

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I have wanted to be an educator my entire life. Growing up I taught to

stuffed animals in my basement. One of the things I enjoy most about teaching is the relationships with students. I learn something new every single day from my students. Children bring the most magic into this world. My job allows me the privilege of witnessing student progress and watching a child feel good about their learning is inspiring.

Describe a teaching accomplishment you're proud of.

Working in the resource room I work with students who are working on a variety of skills including academic and social skills. One of the things I am most proud of is watching my students make progress every single day. Whether it be a social skill they gained or an academic skill that we have been working on for a while, to see their pride is an indescribable feeling. I am proud of the relationships I have been able to foster with my students as I feel that is a pivotal aspect of teaching.

Please share a book or person that has inspired you or your teaching.



COURTESY PHOTO

My brother, Nino has inspired my teaching. School was a difficult place for him when he was growing up and I witnessed first-hand the challenges and obstacles he had to overcome. I wanted to be a teacher that students felt comfortable with and who could spend extra time building their skills and making them feel important. School can be an overwhelming place for students and I want all students to know their value to the world.

Favorite quote:

"When you arise in the morning think of what a privilege it is to be alive, to think, to enjoy, to love."

— Marcus Aurelius

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ers welcomed the opportunity to include students with special needs in their classes.

However, this is not ideal for all students, according to Mason.

"Two of the students have been placed by IEP into Mr. (Michael) Lamb's art room," she said. "Those two students are able to access his classroom and for them, that probably is fine. But Mary Ellen is correct. There's a vast majority of kids for whom that is not an option."

Mason points to art classes at Parcels Middle School as a practical solution for filling art classes that also could provide a viable solution for special education.

"It is a gen ed class and they've got all levels of their middle school students, including some of their artistically abled kids in there, but the kids all operate at their level and they also interact with kids who are special needs," Mason said.

Mason said her "pet peeve" is the competitive nature of some electives, especially music, which doesn't provide the most inclusive environment.

"Even if a student is included in a choir class, chances are they're not actually performing in that class," she said. "It's not 100 percent inclusion. It's more that they're there as a visitor. I always tell people, inclusion is you're there and participating; mainstreaming is you're there as a visitor. You're not really part of the class."

Participating in the curriculum — even if it's modified — qualifies as inclusion, in Mason's view. In her experience, "Inclusion works well for the kids in this district who are pretty much on grade level. We are not actively including students who are not working on grade level."

Inclusion is Niehaus's goal as well. "Inclusion is

something I've done my whole career. I'm an advocate for it and we want to make it work in this district as well," he said, acknowledging at the same time the district has a long way to go.

"We've got to understand that we're trying to do things in our district for the first time," he said. "When you get a trailblazer or someone who wants to try and make something happen, we need to do our part to make sure we can support it and also that it meets the needs of that individual student."

His main message to parents is to come see him.

"If this isn't fixed, come back," he said. "We're here today to help solve this."

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On the front lines Filmmaker examines Alzheimer's, dementia

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Producer/Director Keith Famie recently set his sights on Grosse Pointe while filming his upcoming documentary, "On the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia."

The film is set for release next spring, but Famie will present an extended trailer during a private screening event 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event is sponsored by The Family Center, in partnership with The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe News and Pointe Magazine.

Famie, who has completed several series on topics ranging from veterans to women and aging, decided to focus a series on aging in general. With his "On the Front Lines" series, he plans to tackle issues such as poverty, drug abuse, cancer and others, but wanted to kick off the series with a look at Alzheimer's and dementia, "because I lost my

father in 2003 to Alzheimer's," he said. "I'm glad I chose it, especially after talking with people for several months for this film. It's probably the No. 1 fear of most people — losing their cognitive sharpness, being a burden to their family. Clearly this is the big dog in the room when it comes to aging — losing one's sense of who we are."

Famie, 57, said most people age 40 and over know someone who has experienced some form of dementia.

"They've seen that chalkboard slowly erased, their existence

fading away," he said. "It's frustrating, tormenting, embarrassing. They're robbed of their dignity."

Famie said the point of his film is not to "tell an old story new." Rather, he wants people to understand what strides have been made and what is being done about dementia. The film covers five dementias, including Alzheimer's, as well as what it's like to have the disease, what it's like to be a caregiver, caregiving strategies, how cognitive decline takes place and more.

"How do we stack the deck as an aging popula-



Famie watches as Hewitt captures a shot of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's choir.



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From left, Cinematographer Kevin Hewitt, Producer/Director Keith Famie, Associate Producer James Sauod and Associate Producer Kim Brown prepare to film student Denise Mullen and teacher Levi Hensen.

tion?" he asked. "What can we do collectively to find that sense of discipline, combined with education and new research, to live longer, healthier, cognitive lives?"

"The aging person today is not the aging population of the Greatest Generation," he continued. "Baby boomers approach the aging process a little different. They're not staying with the status quo. They're approaching dying dif-

ferently. They're questioning everything and that's pushing research and new ideas."

Famie said the film features ways people are getting active to prevent the onset of dementia, including through different types of yoga, music and other methods. During his Nov. 7 visit to Grosse Pointe, he stopped by the home of Denise Robison Mullen, 78, who is learning to play the banjo for the

first time, in an attempt to stave off dementia.

"We've found learning to play a new instrument is incredibly complicated," Famie said. "As we age, our synapses are dying off. One of the fastest ways to create new synapses isn't doing a crossword puzzle every day; it's forcing the brain to do something it's never done before."

Mullen, who lost her

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Chamber

The Grosse Pointe

Chamber of Commerce presents Business After Hours at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Moehring Woods Florist, 20923 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at The War Memorial, 32

Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, South Lake High School, 21900 9 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcross blood.org.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists' Association presents the following programs at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms:

◆ Deadline for entries to "When the Sun Goes Down" is Monday, Nov. 27, with intake 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11. Juror is Birgit Hutteman-Holz. The show runs Wednesday, Dec. 13, to Sunday, Jan. 14. A reception and awards ceremony is 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17.

◆ 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, to Thursday, Dec. 7, "Figures, Faces and Follies: A Workshop with Amy Foster."

SOC

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

◆ noon to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, Parcels Middle School choir performs holiday music, under the direction of Leslie Saroli.

Reservations are required.

◆ 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, "Healthy Cooking Class — Healthy Holiday Favorites," with Chef Dan Kellogg and dietician Nancy Weis. Reservations are required.

◆ noon to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, Grosse Pointe Academy bell choir performs holiday music, under the direction of Roshell Chuhnan. Reservations are required. Call (313) 882-9600.

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husband of 44 years to Alzheimer's, isn't looking to hop onstage to show off her banjo-playing skills. She just wants to play for her grandchildren — and maybe one day with Steve Martin — and hopes the newly acquired skill will benefit her health.

"Denise is all attitude," Famie said. "She has a great attitude about life. She exudes this ability to look at life with a wonderful attitude."

Famie also visited the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's choir practice to film a spot about socialization — another key to good health.

"That's why I want to feature men singing, not because they're fabulous singers — although they are impressive — but that they get together," Famie said. "We know men suck at aging. We work our asses off, then we become older, children leave the home and we find ourselves with just our mate and very little friendships



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Denise Mullen is interviewed by Keith Famie as Associate Producer James Sauod stands by.

that we've forged. We find ourselves lonely and tired and in some cases financially stricken individuals. The highest rate of suicide is among men age 55 and older.

"The senior choir is just an opportunity for men who are 70, 80, 90 years old to get together," he continued. "I asked them why they do it and they say they like the camaraderie, they like the guys. They have a joie de vivre attitude about depth of life. You see the sparkle in their eye. I would say if they were not a part of the Senior Men's choir, they would not have it."

Famie's stop in Grosse Pointe is just a fraction of what the film explores. He continues to travel the state and the country to gather material for "On the Front Lines," which he plans to premier next spring at The War Memorial, with a performance by the Senior Men's choir.

In advance of the premier, he hopes the community gets a taste for what's to come at the screening event.

"It's a 24-minute trailer; it will be a two-hour film," he said. "People will walk away inspired, educated, touched. Many will ask how they can adopt what

they've learned into their life. With cognitive decline, you need to do something 10 years before there's a symptom. This is all out assault on cognitive decline. I want people to take away from this to do the work now. Eat better now. Exercise now. Socialize now. I hope there's a sense of urgency that comes out of this film.

"I want the Grosse Pointe community to understand what we're doing and the significance of this film," he continued. "I love the fact I know what we do helps people. We're doing it so people understand. This is the most gratifying thing I've done in my life."

The Dec. 6 event also features resource tables, courtesy of The Family Center, which has been serving the community 17 years.

"The topic fits our mission well of serving our community through programs and resources vital to today's families," said Debbie Liedel, executive director of The Family Center. "Building a strong

support system is critical and that's what The Family Center can do best: help those in need of resources and referrals confidently find valuable information and trusted professionals."

After 10 years as director of The Family Center, Liedel said she too is leaning on its services.

"I never expected to need its services," she said. "My 92-year-old mother is challenged with dementia. Her memory, dignity and skills decline more each day. The path traveled in caring for a loved one is heart-wrenching, stressful and a mystery at times for the caregiver."

"This is why The Family Center takes great efforts in providing information through our prevention services," she continued. "Being prepared helps to navigate the road ahead more successfully and to ease some of the stress faced in caring for a loved one."

Registration for the Dec. 6 event is available online at warmemorial.org/familycenter. The community is welcome,

but registration is required.

"Know The Family Center is here to help," Liedel said. "Call us at (313) 447-1374, email us at info@familycenterweb.org or visit our website at familycenterweb.org for articles, videos and referrals through our Association of Professionals. Supported solely by community contributions, our matching gift opportunity has been extended through Dec. 31."

The Details

Who: Producer/Director Keith Famie, The Family Center, The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe News, Pointe Magazine.

What: "On the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia" extended documentary trailer.

Where: The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

When: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Why: This gathering will give the community an opportunity to learn about the film and offer their support.

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Members of Fox Creek Questers No. 216 recently toured the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant in Detroit.

Fox Creek Questers visit Ford Piquette Plant

Fox Creek Questers No. 216 of Grosse Pointe recently toured the 1904 Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, a National Historic Landmark and birthplace of the Model T, in Midtown at Milwaukee Junction. Historian Mike Skinner, an expert on Ford Motor Co. and Ford family history, conducted the tour.

Milwaukee Junction is the cradle of Detroit's automobile industry — the 1858 intersection of the rail lines Detroit and Chicago, and the Chicago, Detroit and Canada Grand Trunk Junction railroads, which provided connections throughout the United States and Canada, as well as to the waterfront and Great Lakes. By the 1880s, these roads included the parallel lines of the Michigan Central, Detroit & Bay City, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern and Wabash, enabling companies to transport automobiles assembled in the area virtually anywhere in North America.

The chapter ate lunch at Z's Villa Detroit, a historic 1892 house. The national organization of Questers supports historic restoration and preservation. Members study history, antiques and genealogy.



Grosse Pointe News owner and Vice President Terry Minnis, former Grosse Pointe Park councilwoman Laurie Arora and GPN owner and Publisher John Minnis.



Several members of the community turned out to the Nov. 17 open house hosted at the new Grosse Pointe News offices, 16980 Kercheval. Among attendees were, from left, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce bookkeeper Regan Stolarski, Grosse Pointe Woods Councilman Art Bryant and Sine & Monaghan Realtor Ryan Lally.



David White and Gretchen White of Grosse Pointe Moving & Storage and Alan Marschke of Alan Marschke's Oriental Rug Gallery.



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Attorneys Robert Hamor and Matt Fedor.

Assumption hosts Christmas cabaret

Box Five Productions presents "A Christmas Cabaret Evening" Friday, Dec. 1, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. A night of music features performances of holiday classics, as well as favorites from "Frozen," "Elf" and "The Grinch," along with Broadway and opera classics from "Phantom of the Opera" and Puccini.

Producer Justin Spiro brings back many talented vocalists and

musicians, along with introducing new voices. Among the evening's soloists and artists are Steve Martin, Tyler Martin, Zacharias Niedzwiecki, Annie Kordas, Jenna Buck and Niko Varlamos.

Santa also makes a guest appearance.

A pasta buffet prepared by Marchiori Catering is served before the concert. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner and a cash bar. The performance begins at 7:15

p.m., followed by a meet-and-greet.

Admission is \$25 for adults, \$15 for children younger than 12. A portion of the proceeds benefits Cass Community Social Services and Concert Prodigy.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Richard Bartoszek

A matter of perspective

Mondays through Thursdays I start my day at St. Joan of Arc parish celebrating the 7 a.m. Mass with anywhere from 75 to 100 people each morning. To get there for 7 a.m., I get up around 5:15 a.m. Even after doing this about 17 years, I am still not a morning person. The reward of getting up each morning is starting my day with the people there as we come together to the Lord's table to begin our day. The friendships and relationships I have made with that group mean more to me than words can describe.

Just the other day a young mother asked me to talk to her children about how it is not a punishment to come to church, but an opportunity to get closer to the Lord. (My first thought was if my mom did that when I was in grade school, I too would have thought it was a punishment.) But, I knew

where she was going and I talked to these two young people about all the things they have to be grateful for. As I listed a couple, they went on to talk about the families in Texas who went through the shootings in the church, the people in Las Vegas who were still hurting, the people in Houston recovering from floods and the people in Puerto Rico who have no power or fresh running water. I was amazed how these two young people were so aware of all the sad things that have gone on in the world the last six weeks. I went on to explain how we all need to take time every day to thank God for all the gifts he gives to us every day and also pray for those who are hurting in the world.

Sometimes we all need someone to remind us of how blessed we are each day. We can take so much for granted not real-

izing how many people would love to be in our shoes. As we approach this Thanksgiving, may we take time each day to think of all the gifts with which we are blessed, most especially the people in our lives and those who have gone home to God. Isn't age a wonderful thing? At 10 or 11, I felt like those two kids: "Why do we have to go to church?" I should have told them to be careful; I used to ask the same question and look where it got me. I have no regrets. But I prayed for those kids that 40 years from now they realize the importance and blessing of having a relationship with the Lord and they know even more blessings than I have known in my journey.

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

CHURCH EVENTS

GP Woods Presbyterian

Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, 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 on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts its annual Alumni Family Mass noon to 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. A reception follows. Call (313) 885-3430.

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 Ditrach leads Bible study at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Harms Fireside Room.

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

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

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

Call the church office for more information: (313) 881-6670.

St. Michael's hosts holiday programs



St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts Music in the Woods at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, featuring Gospel vocal group OneAChord.

Entry is by donation only and proceeds benefit the performers and the St. Michael's music

department. The church hosts its seventh annual Sweet Noels bake sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, featuring homemade candies, cookies, baked goods and other treats.

Shoppers also are invited to visit The Little Thrift Shop and Christmas Boutique.

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entrance to the church's parking lot is between the CVS parking lot and Parcels playing fields, south of Vernier.

Visitors are asked to use the entrance under the covered walkway.

For more information, call (313) 884-4820.

First English hosts Carol-A-Long supper

The community is invited to the 37th annual Carol-A-Long at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, with a free light supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Luther Center. Participants are invited to join in singing traditional Christmas carols, as well as sacred and secular songs of the season, with the Good News Singers directed by Robert Foster. Good News Ringers, under the direction of Christina Judson, will assist.

The event includes a self-guided tour of more than 45 decorated Christmas trees after supper and an appearance by Santa.

There is no charge for the event. Dessert will be served afterward by the Board of Worship and Music in the Luther Center. For more information, call (313) 884-5040.

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OBITUARIES

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Elizabeth Rosaria Kikel

Elizabeth Rosaria Kikel, 90, died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017.

She was the beloved wife of 51 years of Joseph, who predeceased her; dearest mother of Mary Elizabeth and Vincent Joseph and grandmother of Andrew Keogh (Kathy) and Joseph Keogh (Anya).

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 20 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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

Virginia Sindak Fazio

Virginia "Ginny" Sindak Fazio, 85, passed away Monday, Nov. 13, 2017. Her final days were spent surrounded by her loving family.

She is survived by Ross; children, Ann Marie Aliotta (Jerry), Ross Jr. "Chip", Mary Lutfy (George) and Sarah Walsh and cherished grandchildren, Sophia, Joey, Francesca, Addie, George, Michael, Giovanni, Jude, Gino, Jack (dec. Sept. 11, 2003) and Giuliana.

Born in Hamtramck to Polish immigrants, Stanley and Pearl Sindak, Virginia graduated from Detroit's East Commerce High School and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Wayne State University. She taught in Roseville before staying home to raise her four children in Detroit's East English Village. She returned to the classroom and taught third grade more than 25 years, first at St. Matthew Elementary School and then at Maya Angelou Elementary School, both in Detroit. Music was central to her teaching. She insisted on having a piano in her classroom and taught her students songs, skits and plays. Her family said she often ran into former students who remembered her, and especially, her music.

Virginia enjoyed bowling at East Warren Lanes and singing in the choirs at St. Matthew and Our Lady Star of the Sea churches and Grosse Pointe Community

Chorus with her son and at family gatherings. Her cottage in Lexington was the scene of many happy days and "girls weekends" with her children and grandchildren. A talented seamstress, she sewed everything from outfits to Halloween costumes to custom drapes. She was especially proud of creating the altar cloth for St. Matthew's Golden Jubilee.

Her greatest joy, however, were her children and grandchildren, whom she saw nearly every day. She attended their school sporting events, concerts and plays, and celebrated birthdays, holidays and graduations.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated noon Saturday, Nov. 25, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 11:30 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Detroit Public Schools Foundation, Fine and Performing Arts, Fisher Building, Suite 1004, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202 or at dpsfdn.org/our-funding-priorities/fine-and-performing-arts/.

Erna Adrian

Erna Adrian, 87, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017 at St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit from a debilitating stroke.

She was born Nov. 30, 1929, in Detroit, to Friedrich and Pauline (nee Sandner) Schwarz. Erna is survived by her daughter, Lisa Carmer (Douglas); grandchildren, Forrest and Adrian Carmer and Victoria and Cheyenne Adrian. She was predeceased by her son, Eric Adrian.

Erna started her career as a flight attendant for United Airlines. She enjoyed bases in New York for the Broadway plays, Denver and Los Angeles for the celebrity passengers. Her later career was as legal secretary/executive assistant at Fruehauf Trailer Corp.

After retiring, Erna returned to traveling. Although she went on many cruises, the most notable adventure was a trip through the Panama Canal. She also enjoyed

many weekend and summer trips to Higgins Lake with her dear friend and companion, Jack Schmid, who predeceased her.

A memorial service will be 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Gathering with family begins at noon, with the Rev. Randy Boelter officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Erna's favorite charities: Alzheimers Association at alz.org; Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org and Disabled American Veterans at dav.org.

Donald N. Savage

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Donald N. Savage died peacefully Monday, Oct. 30, 2017, with his family at his side. He was 88.

Don was born in Detroit to Herbert and Gertrude (nee Haase) Savage, and was a 1947 graduate of Grosse Pointe High School. After attending Eastern Michigan University, he served in the U.S. Army, spending time on active duty in Korea. He married Betty Keller, whom he met at Eastern, in 1955. Betty predeceased Don in 2012.

Don is survived by his sons, Leigh and Barry (Heidi), as well as his grandchildren, Andrea, Brady and Adam. He also is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Don and Betty lived in St. Clair Shores before returning to Grosse Pointe Woods, where they raised their family. Don founded Savage Building Co. and enjoyed a successful career in residential and commercial construction.

He and his wife joined the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in 1969 and spent much time fishing and enjoying the Great Lakes. They could be found on one of their boats even at age 80. Favorite spots included Georgian Bay and the North Channel and fishing for salmon and walleye on Lakes St. Clair, Huron and Erie with family and friends.

Don and Betty were avid skiers and chaired the GPYC's annual ski weekends at Boyne Mountain, where they owned and enjoyed a condominium into their 80s.

A lifelong hunter of upland birds and deer, Don and Betty retired to Bad Axe in 1995, where they built their retirement home on more than 100 acres of woods filled with wildlife. *The Detroit Free Press* featured Don in an article highlighting his ability to have a grouse, fondly named Phoebe, eat out of his hand. Phoebe was the only grouse Don wouldn't hunt.

His long life at home in the woods would not have been possible without a loving team of caregivers, to whom the family is extremely grateful.

Interment will be in the family plot at Franklin Cemetery with a private memorial service.

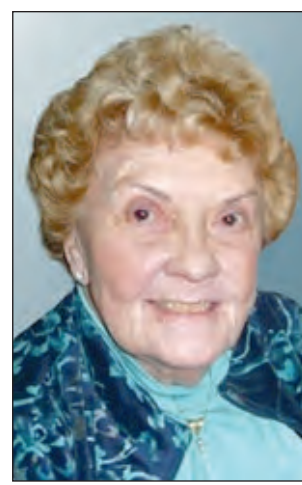
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Mary Tower Marling

Former Grosse Pointe resident Mary Tower Marling, 80, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017, in Oak Park Rush Hospital in Oak Park, Ill.

She was born in Detroit to Virginia and Lewis "Bill" Tower. She attended Kerby Elementary and Pierce Junior High schools before graduating from Grosse Pointe High School in 1955. She then earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Michigan in 1959 and an Master of Arts degree in Russian studies from New York University in 1961. Mary returned to Grosse Pointe with her young family for several years in the early 1970s before moving to Connecticut, Birmingham and the Chicago area.

She held a variety of bookkeeping positions with companies including Chicago Cutlery, Entertainment Publications and Comau/PICO Automotive. Her final job was bookkeeper for the local, nonprofit Ten Thousand Villages fair trade shop in Oak Park, Ill., which combined her interests in orderly numbers and doing good.

Mary was deeply committed to her family, community, Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Oak Park, Ill., and the Senior Services Committee for Oak Park and River Forest, also in Illinois.

She was an avid sports fan, cheering loudest for the Detroit Tigers, University of Michigan football, Detroit Red Wings and later, Chicago Cubs. Deeply superstitious about sports, she believed ironing during games brought victory to her beloved Tigers. She also was a quilter and knitter who tackled many craft projects with an "I-can-make-that" attitude. She also was an excellent bridge player who converted to online matches in recent years.

She was a music lover who played classical piano. She recently celebrated 38 years of sobriety and was a firm believer in the power of Alcoholics Anonymous. She supported many in joining "The Club," as she called it, and would want

to assure you that you are not alone.

Mary is survived by her daughters, Carrie Bankes (Steven) and Jennifer Marling; grandchildren, Julia Bankes, Abigail Bankes and Will Bankes; sister, Susan Tower Conklin (Bob) and brother, John Tower (Susan).

She was predeceased by her former husband, William Marling.

A celebration of life will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Unity Temple, 875 Lake Street, Oak Park, Ill.

Donations may be made to Smile Train, P.O. Box 96231, Washington, D.C. 20090 or at smiletrain.org or Heifer International, 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72202 or at heifer.org.

Marjorie Anne Lloyd

Grosse Pointe Park resident Marjorie Anne Lloyd, 93, died Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017.

Born Jan. 26, 1924, in Cleveland, to Harold S. and Helena O'Brien Lloyd, Marjorie earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Case Western Reserve University. A lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, Marjorie continued to serve in the Navy reserves. She worked several decades as a nurse and head of the health department at Key Bank in Cleveland, from which she retired. She was a member of the Ohio Nurses Association.

Marjorie moved to Grosse Pointe Park a few years ago to be with her sister and her family. She is survived by her sister, Helen Lloyd Fildew (John H.); nieces and nephews, Stanley L. Fildew (Kelley); Anne Fildew Grobel (Ian) and Mary L. Fildew and their children, Jacob Martin, Peter Grobel, Matthew Grobel, Mary Fildew, Helena Grobel and Isabelle Grobel.

Services will be in the Cleveland area where Marjorie still maintained a home.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, at DeJohn Flynn Mylott Funeral Home, 4600 Mayfield Road, South Euclid, Ohio.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, at St. Jerome Catholic Church, 15000 Lake Shore Blvd.,



Donald M. Bingaman

Cleveland. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Donations may be made to St. Jerome Catholic Church, 15000 Lake Shore Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44110.

Donald M. Bingaman

Donald M. Bingaman, 79, passed away Monday, Nov. 13, 2017, with his family at his side.

Born Aug. 23, 1938, in Hammond, Ind., to Milton and Lola Bingaman, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo., and an MBA from the University of Cincinnati.

Don retired from his business, Rare Coin Investments, located in Eastpointe, three years ago after operating it nearly 40 years. He was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed different Grosse Pointe North High School athletics as well as University of Notre Dame football and the Chicago Cubs. But his most treasured team was always the one for which any of his children or grandchildren was playing. Other favorite activities included traveling, swimming and biking.

Donald was the beloved father of Virginia Weimer (Larry), Christopher (Sarah) and Laura Heimlicher (Larry) and loving grandfather of John, Michael, Madison, Tyler, Sophia, Marissa, Jake, Abby, Chloe, Lola and Colton. He also is survived by his mother, Lola and sister, Judy Steinmetz (Craig).

He was predeceased by Madeline, his wife of 39 years; father, Milton and grandson, Cole.

A private service will take place in Tampa, Fla. at a later date.

Donations may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at lls.org.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Submitting an obituary

The deadline for submitting an obituary is 3 p.m., the Monday prior to the Thursday publication. Obituaries may be submitted via a form on our website, grossepointenews.com. Obituaries written by the family may be sent to karen@grossepointenews.com.

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6B | FEATURES

Goodfellows still peddling papers at 103

Some 33,000 holiday packages are gaily wrapped and gift services like free shoe vouchers and dental work for kids are arranged for the coming year. Now the big task remaining is rounding up the \$1.3 million to pay the bills. So 200 men and women members of the Detroit Old Newsboys Goodfellows will hit the streets before dawn Monday, Nov. 27, on the 103rd anniversary of the charity's "No Child

Without a Christmas" large contingent from the five Grosse Pointes, who'll be selling special editions of the Detroit News and Free Press for "whatever you care to pay" on area streets. The gift packages, containing warm clothing,

underwear, toys, trinkets, candy and even age-appropriate books will be given to needy children between the ages of 5 and 13 shortly before Christmas. In addition to Monday's newspaper sales drive, Goodfellows members annually solicit tax-free donations with personal letter-writing drives. If you miss getting an appeal letter or buying a Goodfellow edition Monday, check the charity's website at detroitgoodfellows.org or mail Detroit Goodfellows, P.O. Box 44444, Detroit 48244.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Dan H. Tripp CLU

Making Medicare choices

Q: I'll be turning 65 in a few months. I keep hearing about Medicare Supplement plans and Medicare Advantage plans. What should I look for?

A: The first thing you need to know is if you are within three months of turning 65 or turned 65 less than three months ago, you are in the "open enrollment" period, meaning you are guaranteed coverage regardless of your health. You have a seven-month window to get Medicare without having to answer any health questions. Don't wait; if you are 90 days past your 65th birthday,

you may be ineligible, based on your health.

The major difference between Medicare Supplement (Medigap) plans and the Advantage plans is who administers them. Advantage plans — Medicare Part C — replace parts A and B, except for hospice care, which remains in Part A. Many include prescription drug coverage and offer dental and vision benefits. These plans are administered by private insurance companies, not Medicare. Premiums are individually set and can be as low as zero dollars, but typically have high deductibles and copays.

Keep in mind premiums can be raised and/or benefits changed or dropped.

Medigap plans are standardized by Medicare and offer several options, depending on what you'd like covered. There is a core plan A and several more plans, with 11 plans available in Michigan. The major difference is Advantage plans require a network of doctors or providers and often are limited to where you reside. Medigap plans are accepted by any doctor or provider that accepts Medicare payments, meaning you can take your plan with you if you relocate. Also, each plan's

benefits are the same, regardless of what company you choose to underwrite you.

This can be a very confusing decision. Sit down with a qualified agent who can help walk you through the process and answer your questions. Look beyond the premiums and make sure you get the best value for your dollar. Check into the history of any company you're thinking about using; review their rate history and how often they change their drug coverage. But don't wait too long. Use the time you have to make the best decision for you.

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ASK THE EXPERTS articles

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Gobble, gobble!

By Rosann Kovalcik
Guest Writer

Strutting. It is the action with which turkeys most often are associated. Picture 18 tail feathers fanned out, the slightly iridescent chest and back feathers puffed out, wings spread away from the body and touching the ground. To make the display even more dramatic, the male turkey places its head and neck into an "S" shape and elongates the fleshy snood at the base of the beak. During the strut, the male becomes so excited the skin on the head and neck, called wattles, become engorged with blood, turning bright red and sometimes obscuring the eyes and beak. All of this is an effort to impress a female so she will choose

and breed with him, carrying his genes forward.

Males also use strutting as a dominance display in front of other males. I've been witness to that display, feathers shaking on the dominant male with a telltale rattle, as an attempt to "rattle" his adversary. Males also have a beard of feathers protruding from the chest, sometimes trailing as long as nine inches.

Females are far less conspicuous in appearance as they have the duty of laying eggs and brooding them and must stay concealed to protect

the next generation. Turkeys nest on the ground, laying a clutch of nine to 13 eggs. Breeding takes place first, then the female lays an egg a day on a scrape on the ground. The hen does not sit on eggs until all have been laid. She is fattening up to endure the task of sitting on eggs about 28 days. A midday break is taken to stretch and consume insects for protein.

The most important sense for a turkey is vision, followed by hearing. Used for finding food and watching for danger, turkeys have great peripheral vision. With a turn of their head, they can achieve 360 degree vision. Hearing is supple-

mental and comes in handy in poor light conditions and throughout the night.

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Kovalcik is the owner

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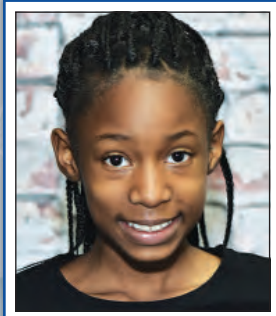
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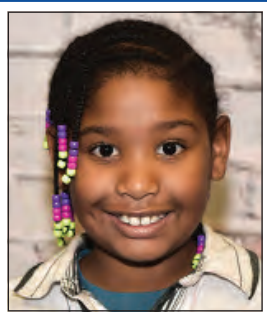
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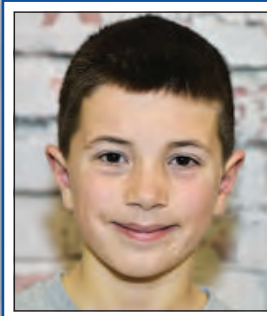
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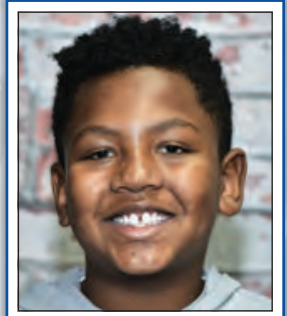
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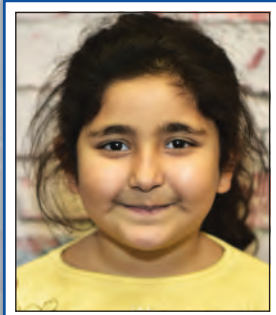
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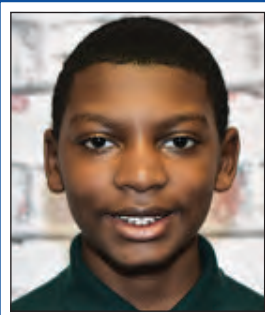
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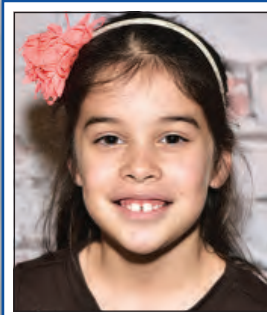
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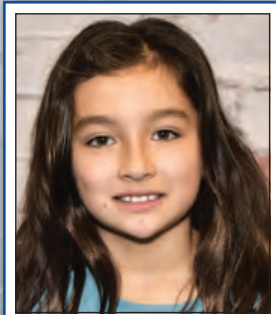
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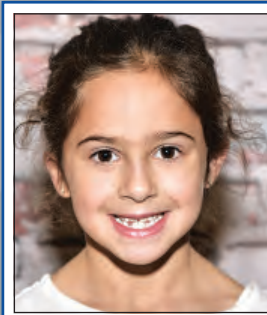
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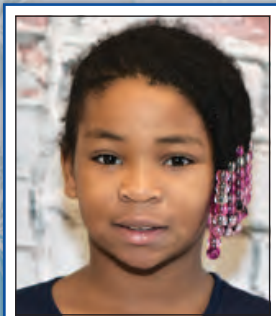
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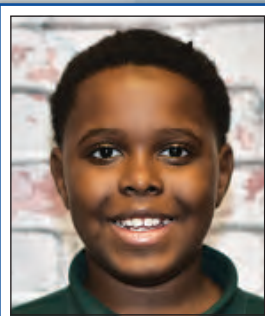
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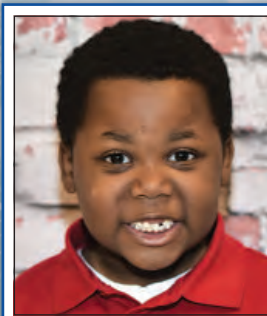
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Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils ice N'Ville

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The new coaching staff of the Grosse Pointe South girls hockey team had a cheerful ride home after the ladies earned a 9-3 season-opening win over visiting Northville last weekend.

The game was actually scoreless after the first period, but the Blue Devils scored eight goals in the second stanza to put the game away.

"The girls worked hard and really got after it today," head coach John Weidenbach said. "Right now, I want to see a solid effort every day and then the little hockey things will come easier. Today, we had a great effort."

The Blue Devils out-shot the Mustangs 10-1 in the opening period, but could not get a puck past Anna Bartley.

It took 64 seconds in the second period to get the first goal of the season as senior Lauren Kramer lit the lamp off assists from Cailey Paull and Rose Williamson.

Fifty-eight seconds later, Keely Benz scored, assisted by Veronica VanRossen and Regan Sherry, and at the 11:32 mark Lauren Benoit tallied, assisted by Paull and Hannah Miller.

The Mustangs got on the board midway through the second period before Kramer scored again to give the Blue Devils a 4-1 lead. Anna Mary Moody tapped in a loose puck near the goal to make it a 5-1 game.

Kramer scored her third and fourth goals of the period at the 3:14 and 3:07 mark to give the home team a comfortable lead. Alice Williamson scored with less than a minute left in the period to give the Blue Devils an 8-1 advantage.

The Mustangs scored the next two goals before Benz finished the scoring with a goal at the 13:31 mark of the third period.

Kramer had four goals and Paull had four assists to lead the Blue Devils'



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South's Lauren Kramer, No. 7, started her senior season off with a bang, scoring four goals in the Blue Devils' win over Northville.

scoring.

The Blue Devils finished with 36 shots on net, including 20 in the second period.

Madeline Kelly earned the win in net, stopping 7 of 10 shots.

"The girls did a great job moving the puck and getting a lot of scoring chances," assistant coach Bryn Moody said.

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

Its next game is Friday, Dec. 1, at two-time defending state champ Farmington Hills Mercy.

"We have a week to practice hard and work more on our system," Weidenbach said.

Boys hockey

LIGGETT

Knights win opener in overtime

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Mike Maltese and his staff enjoyed a successful coaching debut last week when the Liggett boys hockey team edged Riverview Gabriel Richard 3-2 in overtime.

The game was also the league opener for both squads.

The Knights trailed 2-0 in the third period, but roared back to force overtime with three goals down the stretch to get the victory.

"We started off a little slow and needed to shake off the cobwebs from not playing a game yet this year," Maltese said. "But once the game started and players got into the game, we started to play collectively as a team."

Freshman goalie Grant Lindsay played well in his Liggett debut, finishing with 27 saves, while the scoring was

led by seniors Dylan Paulsell, Alex Johnson and the game-winning goal by Spencer Warezak.

Paulsell finished with three points, one goal and two assists, while Will Nicholson, Dan Bowen and Spencer Stefani also had an assist.

"What a positive environment from the moment I stepped foot on campus here, from the pre-game warmup and then all the way through the course of the game," Maltese said. "These guys are really team players, and understand that it is a process, and it's going to take time to gel together to make this a special year for us."

"I'm excited to be a part of this and am looking forward to the rest of the season."

Liggett is 1-0 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and overall.

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Girls swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Fisher earns medals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls swimming and diving team placed 14th in last weekend's Division 2 state championship meet at the Holland Aquatic Center.

The Blue Devils earned 49 points. East Grand Rapids won the state title with 396 points.

It was not all bad news as Clarice Fisher earned multiple All-State honors.

She was third in the 100-yard butterfly and sixth in the 200-yard individual medley with times of 55.97 and 2:11.21.

The Blue Devils also earned points in the 200-yard freestyle relay as



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Grosse Pointe South state finalists earned 49 points in the Division 2 championship meet.

Lily Bates, Hannah Blanzky, Kathryn Leonard and Hadley Gordon were 16th with a time of 1:44.04 and the 200-yard freestyle relay foursome of Fisher, Ava Boutrous, Bates and Sarah McCabe was 13th with a time of 3:39.91.

The 200-yard medley relay squad of McCabe, Fisher, Boutrous and Gordon was 14th with a time of 1:52.83 to earn several points.

Boutrous was 13th in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:56.35 and 23rd in the 100-yard

butterfly at 1:00.91. McCabe was 34th in the 50-freestyle with a time of 25.53 and 28th in the 100-yard freestyle at 55.28.

In addition, Kate Duncan and Rachel Rogers qualified for the diving competition.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Villani nets All-State honor

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North senior Sam Villani earned All-State after finishing fourth in the 100-yard backstroke in last weekend's Division 2 state championship meet at the Holland Aquatic Center.

Villani had a time of 57.21 and was 16th in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 54.42 to earn a couple more points for the Norsemen.

North placed 13th in the 200-yard medley relay as Villani, Ava

MacGillis, Olivia Peruzzi and Alyssa Carlino turned in a time of 1:51.59 and its 200-yard freestyle relay team of Peruzzi, Carlino, Amelia Fly and Helen Michaelson placed 18th with a time of 1:43.51.

The 400-yard freestyle squad of Peruzzi, Carlino, MacGillis and Villani had a time of 3:47.20 to finish 17th.

In individual events, MacGillis was 18th in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:10.04 and 27th in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:17.35.



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North senior Sam Villani made All-State in one event and made the top 16 in two others.

Amanda Nguyen made the diving competition, too.

In the team standings, North finished 19th with

24 points. East Grand Rapids won the title with 396 points, followed by Dexter and Rochester Adams with 241 and 205.

Running

PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Turkey trot champs

The 45th annual Pierce Middle School Turkey Trot, sponsored by the Pierce Physical Education Department and PTO, was held Nov. 13. In total, 199 runners participated in the half-mile race. Winners for each grade level are, sixth graders in bottom row from left, Karter Richards, Ian Dvovich, Brynny Collins and Lauren Carron; seventh graders in middle row from left, Jane Kuhnlein, Megan Robert, Anthony Benard and Luke Willson; and eighth graders in top row from left, Ashlyn Johnson, Anaya Coleman, James Borowicz and Seth Morandini, who had the best time of the day at 2:41.

Girls hockey

RIVALS

Knights edge Norsemen

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

City rivals Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett girls hockey teams squared off last weekend at McCann Ice Arena.

It was the Norsemen's season opener and first game under head coach Casey Quick.

Statistically, the Norsemen dominated, but in the end the Knights won 2-1.

"The girls played too tentatively in the first couple of periods and once they played with more emotion, they played better," Liggett head coach Anna Kuehnlein said. "This was a good win for us over our rivals."

"I can't be prouder of the girls. They really showed a lot tonight," Quick said. "We just had a couple of bad minutes, but overall I thought the girls played a good game. They definitely moved the puck and had a lot of scoring chances."

The game was scoreless through two periods before North junior Clare Murphy scored, assisted by junior Bella Welke. The goal came at the 14:37 mark of the third period.

With the clock ticking to the five-minute mark, the Knights tied it on a goal by senior Olivia Yates. Senior Maddie Hamilton had an assist.

Senior Kate Zinn scored the game-winning goal a little more than a minute later. Juniors Marika Vreeken and Kate Birgbauer had the assists.

The Norsemen had good shots on net, but sophomore goaltender Eve Bournias made the saves to earn the win in net. She was the No. 1 star as the Norsemen out-shot the Knights 22-12.

Liggett also won its season opener 5-1 to move to 2-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and overall.

North earned its first win of the season the following night, shutting out host Livonia Ladywood 3-0 behind the goaltending of senior Erika Benoit. She posted the shutout between the pipes.

Murphy scored two goals and senior Kylee Banaszewski had one as North improved to 1-1 overall and is 0-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall in opener

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team is young and inexperienced.

The inexperience showed in a season-opening 5-3 loss to host U-D Jesuit last weekend. It was the Blue Devils' first game as a member of the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

The Blue Devils held their own for most of the game, but the Cubs scored two power-play goals in the final five minutes to pull out the victory.

The Cubs led 1-0

before Evan Theros scored, assisted by Conor McKenna and Andrew Vyletel.

McKillop's squad fell behind by a goal again, but this time Dean Therriault scored to tie it 2-2. Keegan Spitz had the lone assist.

They trailed 3-2 when Scott Miller scored, assisted by Therriault and Vyletel, tying the game 3-3.

However, the Cubs' special teams goals were the difference in the MIHL opener.

Camden Mills suffered the loss in net, saving 25 of 30 shots.

Grosse Pointe South is 0-1 in the MIHL.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Tough trek

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team began the Joe Drouin era last week with road games against Birmingham Brother Rice and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

The Norsemen lost 9-1 to Brother Rice. It was 4-1 after two periods. Charles Weiss scored for the Norsemen, assisted by Christopher Lorelli and Ryan Rokicki.

"We played strong against Rice, but ran out of gas in the third," Drouin said. "We hung with one of the best teams in the state for two periods. We were banged up going into Cranbrook. Missing Connor Albrecht was big against the Cranes."

Drouin praised Tim Bowers, Rokicki, Austin Albrecht and Tom Supal. Grosse Pointe North is 0-2 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

College signing

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



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She is a Saint

Grosse Pointe North senior Meredith Kraus, seated second from left, will play her college volleyball at Aquinas under head coach Rick Schroeder, seated far right. Joining Kraus at her signing were mother, Amy Kraus, seated far left; father, Henry Kraus, seated second from right; and Grosse Pointe North varsity volleyball head coach Chelsea Brozo, standing. The Saints volleyball team finished 19-13 this season and 9-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Saints' conference foes are Concordia University, Indiana Institute of Technology, University of Northwestern Ohio, Rochester College, Lourdes University, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Siena Heights University, Lawrence Technological University and Madonna University.

Winter sports previews

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT



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Winter is here

The Grosse Pointe News takes a look at the sports teams competing during the winter months. The preview section will appear in the Nov. 30 edition. Each sport in the winter season, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls ice hockey, wrestling, girls gymnastics, boys swimming, figure skating, synchronized swimming and competitive cheer, will be featured. The ice hockey teams, including Grosse Pointe South girls squad pictured above, right and below, began the season this week.



College football

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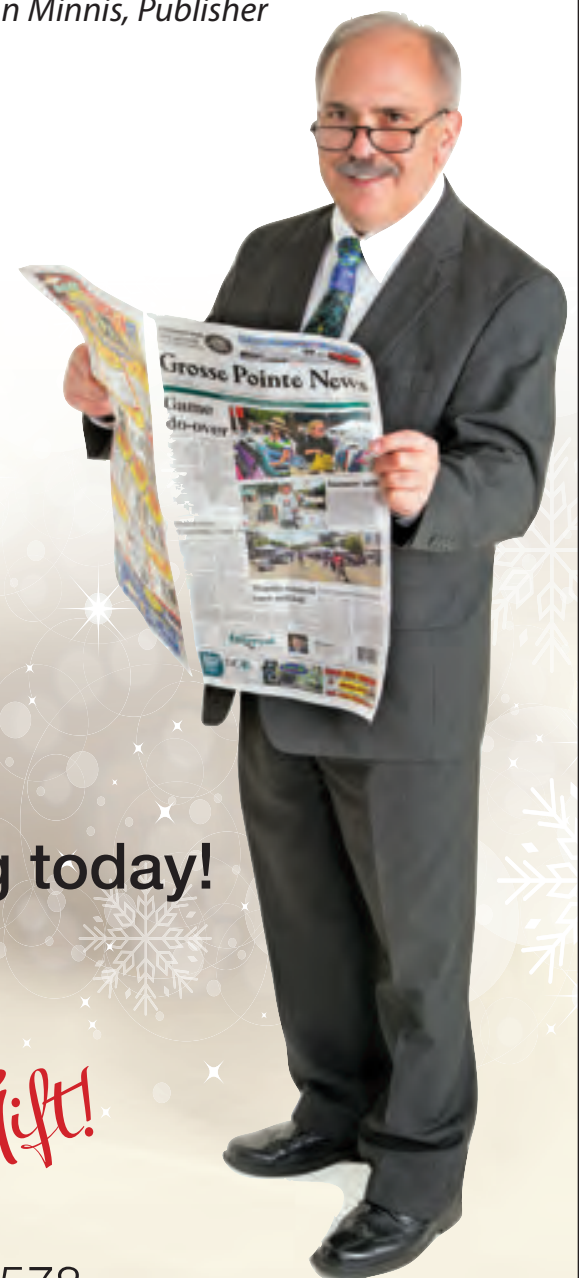
Sam Blanz's pick to the first team was the headline as six Albion College football players were singled out for recognition as the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association released its all-league team. Blanz, a junior who prepped at Grosse Pointe South and pictured left, achieved a 42-yard average on 53 punts, placing him third nationally in NCAA Division III and best in the MIAA. Kicker Andrew Fabry, also a Grosse Pointe South graduate and pictured above, was among the Britons picked to the second team. He converted 10 of his 13 field goal chances and 33 of his 36 extra point kicks. Logan Mico, who was a standout quarterback at South, was Defiance College's starting quarterback. He was 176 of 298 for 59.1 percent, throwing for 2,145 yards with 14 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.



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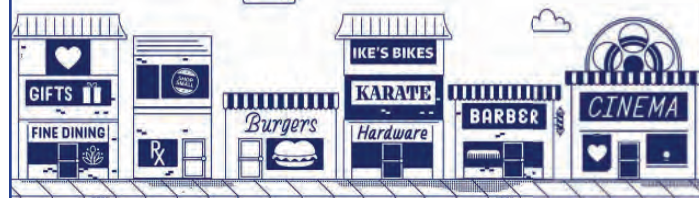
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