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## Library nears settlement in negotiations

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

After more than seven months without reaching an agreement, Grosse Pointe Public Library officials Tuesday night were hopeful of reaching an

accord. Negotiations between representatives of the Grosse Pointe Public Library and the Librarians and Staff Support Associations Tuesday, Jan. 23, were underway at press time. After 2 1/2

hours, library officials were reviewing a union counterproposal and Library Board President Liz Vogel said she was "hopeful" an agreement could be reached.

Following receipt of an independent, non-bind-

ing fact-finding report, the board and administration accepted the recommendation to grant the employees their request to maintain their preferred health care plan over a plan the library proposed.

However, according to a statement issued prior to the meeting, "the union then pivoted their focus and have now made the issue of short-term disability versus maintaining a unit sick bank as their central issue."

The union proposed, and the fact finder recommended, maintaining a unit sick bank, while the library proposed replacing it with an employer-paid short-term disability

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COURTESY PHOTO

Peggy Hayes

## SOC appoints executive director

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — For her decades of professional experience and expertise in both nonprofit and for-profit organizations, Services for Older Citizens' board members put Peggy Hayes at the helm as executive director of the organization serving older residents and caregivers of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

Hayes officially steps into her new role at SOC Monday, Feb. 12.

"I feel like my whole career has kind of led up to this," Hayes said. "I spent the first 20 years of my career working for

nonprofits and for hospitals doing marketing and public relations. And then I switched to the for-profit industry of retail. So I've spent almost 18 years at malls doing marketing, events, sponsorship, that type of thing."

SOC Chairman Bob Rader said Hayes "is a professional" with "a great amount of experience."

He added, "She seems to have the temperament and passion for the job."

Hayes, 61, was born at Bon Secours Hospital and lived in Grosse Pointe Woods as a child, until moving with her family to Rochester Hills as a freshman, where she

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## New fiber network in the works

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — A new fiber optic ring, bringing one gigabit, high-speed internet to the Pointes, is in the works.

The municipalities and school system are working with Rocket Fiber, a Detroit-based, Quicken Loans-backed, internet service provider, to construct the ring. It initially would be used solely by the school system and municipalities to connect their buildings, cutting internet access costs.

"For a district like ourselves," Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus said, "we spend about \$225,000 a year for our internet services. In essence, for us, it would be an opportunity not to have to pay that on an annual basis."

The plan is to have Rocket Fiber construct the ring and the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and school system enter an intergovernmental agreement to pay for it. The network then would be owned by the school system and municipalities.

The project currently is in its due-diligence phase, said Marc Hudson, CEO and co-founder of Rocket Fiber. They are figuring

out final costs before bringing formal presentations before the Pointe councils. If the numbers make sense, the project can move forward.

According to Niehaus, the construction of the new ring would cost approximately \$3.5 million.

The school system,

which is spearheading the project, would be able to take advantage of E-Rate, a federal subsidization for

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## Woods water main breaks not unusual

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Residents should not be concerned about a series of water main breaks over the past 11 days, according to Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Works Director Frank Schulte. In fact, there were 23 in 2017, according to city records.

"This time of year, when you get the heavy, deep freeze and thaw, you usually get a couple water main breaks," Schulte said.

At 12:12 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, the city issued a Nixle announcement of a water main break at Hollywood and Charlevoix. The repair was made the same day without an advisory to boil water. Schulte

said there is no need to boil water if there is no significant loss in pressure in the system, which was the case with all of the recent breaks.

Over the past weekend, the city issued two alerts. At 12:44 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, residents learned of the water main break at North Brys and Morningside and of the completed repair at 7:28 p.m. Notice of the break at

the intersection of Peach Tree and Thorn Tree was sent at 5:23 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, with communication of resolution at 10:30 p.m.

Repairs typically require four to six hours, Schulte said, which includes the time required for the city to call MISS DIG and wait for the util-

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**Tim Kiska**  
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Local Historian working on new podcast about Detroit history



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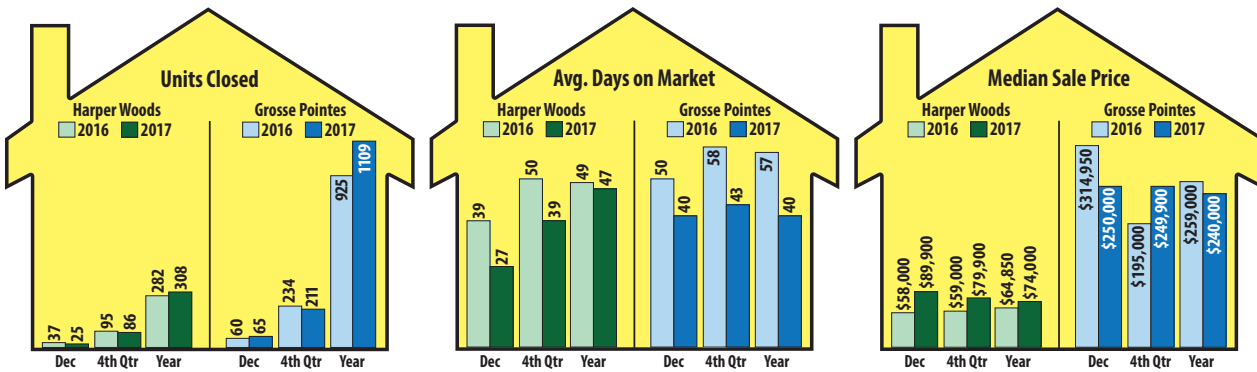
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## 2A | BUSINESS



## Home sales up, average days on market down in Grosse Pointe

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

A monthly report recently released by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors indicates home sales rose in Grosse Pointe and neighboring Harper Woods from 2016 to 2017, while average days on market dropped in both communities.

However, data regarding median sales price — which shows a drop in Grosse Pointe and an increase in Harper Woods — could be misleading, said Lori Jaglois, president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors.

Median sale price is the point at which 50 percent of sales in the area are above and 50 percent are below. It is a more accurate representation of value than average. Changes in median sale price do not indicate there has been an increase or decrease in the market value of homes. Rather, it

means the distribution of sales has changed.

“It appears the average sales price has decreased, but that simply is not the case. Sometimes the numbers at first glance seem misleading,” Jaglois said. “Grosse Pointe housing prices have increased in 2017.”

The number of Grosse Pointe units closed increased 925 to 1,109 and the number of homes valued at \$300,000 and less increased 595 to 733, she explained. Additionally, the number of homes sold valued at \$500,000 or more showed a moderate increase, 102 to 104.

“We’re adding more houses of lesser value,” Jaglois explained, “so it looks like the (median sales price) number is going down,” but the market is quite healthy.

“The market is on fire,” Jaglois said. “Houses are selling in a shorter amount of time. One thing you

want to look at as a buyer is that good houses that are priced right are selling fast. It’s important buyers get pre-approved and are ready to go. It’s going to be competitive.”

Housing prices are rising faster than inflation, Jaglois said, and it’s an ideal time for buyers to shop for a home.

It’s also the right time for sellers, but not for long.

“For sellers, the price is right,” she said. “Sellers now are going to start competing. It’s not going to be as easy as it has been, so it’s important to make sure houses are in good shape and ready to show. ... Having the house stand tall is a must.”

The percentage of asking price rose in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe 2016 to 2017 — 94.4 percent to 95.5 percent in Harper Woods and 96.4 percent to 97.6 percent in Grosse Pointe.

“The interest rate is still

below the historical average,” Jaglois said. “But even if the interest rates come up ... I don’t feel it will affect demand or the value we have for housing. We’re going to start to see more housing on the market. Grosse Pointe was struggling, but it’s coming back strong. Prices are going up and will continue going up.”

Jaglois said buyers and sellers hoping to get the best of what they’re looking for should use a Realtor who knows the neighborhood.

“Grosse Pointe is a sophisticated market,” she said. “It’s real important when people in Grosse Pointe are looking to buy or sell they’re using someone who’s an expert in the Grosse Pointe market.”

Information provided by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. For more information, call (313) 882-8000.



Betsy Breckels, left, and Amanda Brierty.

## Breckels Massage has new owner

After 32 years in business, Betsy Breckels, owner of Breckels Massage Therapy in Grosse Pointe Park, decided to pass the torch to one of her massage therapists and business manager, Amanda Brierty.

“I was eager for a less-stressful lifestyle,” Breckels said. “I still love doing massage, so I knew I wanted to keep working at Breckels as a therapist. I also was sure that I wanted to protect the jobs of our fantastic staff and of course keep Breckels in the community where we could continue providing personalized service. In Amanda, I knew I had the right person with excellent massage technique, solid people skills, business knowledge and with the benefit of youth on her side.”

Breckels said she hopes the transition will allow the business to continue for decades to come. She thanked the community for its support as well.

Brierty, who has been

with Breckels four years, is excited for the new position.

“I knew these were going to be big shoes to fill,” she said. “Betsy built this business on her own and you can feel the care and consideration she has for each and every client. I hope to honor the time that she spent creating this business by offering the same professional, compassionate care for all clients and staff of Breckels for many years to come.”

Brierty said apart from a few cosmetic changes she’s made the last six months, she has no intention of changing the business.

“Otherwise, everything else shall carry on just as it has been,” she said. “High-quality massages, never-expiring packages and gift certificates and all with the same excellent therapists that you know and love — including Betsy.”

Brierty said she plans to host an open house in honor of the ownership change, featuring special deals, snacks, drinks and a drawing for free massages.

Breckels Massage Therapy is located at 16610 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call Brierty at (313) 886-8761 or email amanda@breckelsmassage.com.

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policy, saying the unit sick bank is antiquated, difficult to administer and unfair. While the unit sick bank, into which each employee contributes some of their own personal sick time, could be depleted by just a few employees, a short-term disability policy would be available to all employees equally.

Negotiations snagged in other areas as well. For example, the union proposed a \$750 signing

bonus, which the library rejected, and a \$3,500 stipend in lieu of health insurance, while the library proposed \$3,000. The library also proposed paid parental leave for employees.

According to Grosse Pointe Librarians Association President John Clextion, major concerns with ongoing negotiations were:

- ◆ Answers to questions about short-term disability coverage remained unanswered.

- ◆ The board’s team refused to meet with the associations July 25,

through Nov. 16, 2017, despite repeated requests.

- ◆ The board continues to waste taxpayer money on attorney fees for negotiations, now totaling approximately \$50,000.

- ◆ The board makes money by not settling the contract, as its staff is prohibited by law from receiving any wage increase and staff members are required to pay the full increase in medical insurance.

In the meantime, according to Clextion, the staff has agreed to accept lower wages than recommended by the fact finder while administrators accepted a wage increase

months ago.

Areas of tentative agreement are:

- ◆ 2.5 percent wage increase upon ratification;

- ◆ 2 percent wage increase July 1, 2018;

- ◆ Maintain MESSA health insurance plans;

- ◆ Set contract length July 1, 2017 to Dec. 31, 2018; and

- ◆ Create an early retirement incentive.

“Thirteen years ago we had very hard negotiations,” said Clextion in a December interview with the Grosse Pointe News. “It took many years of healing to get over that. This has been the most difficult one since.”

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# City hosts Winterfest Saturday, Jan. 27

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The snow has largely melted and the weather feels more like spring, but that's

not stopping the City from throwing its annual Winterfest Saturday, Jan. 27, at Neff Park.

Winterfest starts 1 p.m. and is open to all City residents with park passes. Standard guest

privileges still apply.

This year's annual event includes a pig roast for \$5 per person, ice carving demonstrations, warming fires with free s'mores and hot chocolate, arts and

crafts and an exotic petting zoo.

There also will be ice skating, broomball, curling and a hockey shootout taking place on the ice rink.

In case of uncoopera-

tive weather, Director of Parks and Recreation Christopher Hardenbrook said, "We will adjust and accommodate for the weather as necessary. However, if the inclement weather

becomes significant, changes and updates to the event will be posted on our website."

Visit [grossepointecity.org/departments/parks-recreation](http://grossepointecity.org/departments/parks-recreation) for those updates.

## Diverse perspectives in looking forward

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

Talk of renaissance and renewal for a new Detroit has appeared and faded since the uprising of July 1967.

Each wave of comeback discourse over the past 50 years involves a discussion of interracial healing. Furthering that dialogue, the Detroit Historical Society presented an interactive forum "Detroit: Where We've Been, Where We're Going" at The War Memorial Thursday, Jan. 11.

Detroit Free Press columnist Rochelle Riley facilitated a panel discussion featuring Graig Donnelly, assistant vice president for economic development at Wayne State University and chief strategy officer at TechTown Detroit; Joe Hudson, former CEO of J.L. Hudson Co. and co-founder of New Detroit; and Marlowe Stoudamire, project director of the "Detroit 67: Perspectives" exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum.

"In one way or another, each of us has been dealing with diversity all our lives," Hudson said, launching panel remarks.

He summarized experience facing diversity, from a teen hosting an interracial youth event in Buffalo, N.Y., to ROTC service in Germany following World War II leading a diverse group of enlisted soldiers, and from his Hudson's Detroit diversity training to co-founding New Detroit in 1967.

While serving on New Detroit, Hudson said he recalled the analysis and predictions made by Episcopal Diocese of Michigan Bishop Richard S.M. Emrich, who warned city leaders early on that Detroit's black population was being underserved and overlooked in the labor market.

"(Emrich) was well ahead of the curve," Hudson said.

Donnelly, who grew up in the Woodbridge district of Detroit, remarked on his experience living in the west end of Grosse Pointe Park the past four years, where he and his young family moved for a "walkable and friendly" community.

"Pretty soon after moving here is when the city of Grosse Pointe Park decided to close its border with Detroit through a variety of methods," Donnelly said. "And that's when I got involved very quickly as a new Grosse Pointer."



PHOTOS BY VERNON WRIGHT

**Joe Hudson remarks on his experience with diversity.**

Referencing the closure of through-traffic on Kercheval at Alter Road, Donnelly said it's time for Pointers to welcome diversity.

"Diversity is a fact, but inclusion is a choice," he concluded. "When I think about the possible paths forward that I want to be a part of, it's about crossing those borders."

Stoudamire closed panel remarks describing the rationale and scope of the Detroit 67 exhibit.

"We were trying to create a model of how you bring diverse voices and communities together around the historic effects of a crisis that happened 50 years ago in order for people to find their role in the present to inspire the future," he explained.

Examining mistakes of the past from all perspectives, Stoudamire said, facilitates "learning from our collective and shared history to make a difference."

"We were very intentional about the looking forward piece," Stoudamire added, calling the exhibit, which collected more than 500 Detroit stories from the past century, "a call to action."

Stoudamire said his take-away from the project was seeing 1967 in context historically and identifying three community gaps to bridge — generational, racial and geographic.

"And there's no better example of that anywhere in America than the border of Detroit and Grosse Pointe," he said.

An audience member posed the question, "Are any of the Grosse Pointe mayors present here tonight?" None were. But Harper Woods Mayor Kenneth Poynter was and made a brief statement on the diversity in his city, which he said is "about 50/50 (black and

Caucasian) right now."

During the question-and-answer portion, Hudson said of his work with New Detroit, "Diversity is, not a challenge so much, but a great benefit."

Riley asked Donnelly, who is Caucasian, of Stoudamire, who is black, "When you see Marlowe, do you see a black man?" "When I look at Marlowe, I see Marlowe," Donnelly said. "One way I would describe Marlowe is that he is black. But that doesn't define Marlowe."

Hudson encouraged schools, churches and other community institutions to engage young people in diversity dialogue.

Several Albion College students attended the event as part of a leadership program with the school.

Sunny Kim, 20, who grew up outside Michigan, said, "What I first perceived when I first came (to Michigan) was that Detroit wasn't doing well economically and that there was a great divide between race, between income."

Grace Forrester, 18, from Holland, said her grandmother, who grew

up in Grosse Pointe spoke fondly of Detroit.

"(My grandma) told me how amazing going into the city was," Forrester said. "So I'm really excited the city is coming back."

Alexandria Adle, 19, Howell, said she's familiar with Detroit and observes a parallel with the city of Albion in that it "crashed and is coming back up."

All three students said visiting Detroit and learning what its leaders are doing to improve the community is opening their perspective and bringing them fresh ideas for contributing to Albion.

Grosse Pointe Farms residents Ron and Mary Lamparter, 78 and 71, respectively, shared their perspectives.

Ron Lamparter, who grew up in Detroit and witnessed the uprising in July 1967 firsthand, said, "I'm here because I obviously care about the subject. That said, I don't necessarily agree with some of the things I'm hearing."

Calling the uprising an excuse to steal, he added, "It was not a race riot at all. It was an insurrection. ... There were white kids



**Rochelle Riley facilitates the panel discussion for "Detroit: Where We've Been, Where We're Going" at The War Memorial.**

stealing along with the black kids."

Mary Lamparter, who came to live in Detroit in 1969, said, "What I think is happening now though is absolutely spectacular. We have to start respecting each other as individuals."

Priscilia Rodriguez, 66, of Detroit found the event useful for racial healing.

"You plant the seed," she said. "Maybe you talk to five people and you plant five more seeds. Maybe only two of them

will come out. But those two will eventually spread the seed."

Farms resident Rosi Triano, 57, who grew up in Harper Woods, said, "I wish more Grosse Pointers understood white privilege." Going forward, she recommended meeting people from different backgrounds.

"It takes away your fear," she said. "The trick is to be in situations where there are connections."

## The Week Ahead

### SATURDAY, JAN. 27

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The story "Pizza delivery man missing," printed in the Jan. 11 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, should have read the missing man was employed by Papa Romano's Pizza on Mack.

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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

# Kiska brings history alive with new podcast

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

Tim Kiska has been a self-proclaimed history geek since he was a kid.

He said his interest in history was piqued during time spent working at his father's jewelry store.

"I was the world's worst jeweler," Kiska said. "I'm in the Guinness World Record book for that, but I worked for him when the store was at Mack and Chalmers and we used to sit around and talk news and history."

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident has been on the frontlines of Detroit history ever since. Now, he is looking at telling Detroit's story through a new podcast.

"To me, everything else that happens in this country happens here, except it happens here first and it happens in a really dramatic way," Kiska said. "When you write the history of this city, you're writing the



PHOTO BY ANTHONY VIOLA

**Although Tim Kiska's dream of playing for Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention fell to the wayside when he discovered journalism, he still finds time to play his saxophone.**

history of the country in a way."

The idea for the podcast, aptly named The Detroit History Podcast,



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**Woods resident Tim Kiska, center, with his family. From left, daughter Caitlin, wife Pat, son Eric and daughter Amy.**

stemmed from a book he is working on about the history of Detroit from Ford's \$5 day to the day General Motors filed for bankruptcy.

"Then I started seeing and hearing these podcasts and I'm going, wait a minute, a lot of what I'm doing could translate to that," he said.

So he gathered a team together, including audio engineer Bob Koski, producer Bill Kubota,

graphic and web designer Kelley Kanon and Kiska's son, Eric, and got to work.

Currently four episodes in, Kiska said the medium offers endless possibilities.

"There's a way of bringing history alive using audio," he said. "That's the thing that intrigues me."

Kiska has spent much of his life writing about Detroit. Right out of high

school he started at the Detroit Free Press as a copy boy in September 1970. Three days later, he diverged from his original plan of becoming a musician and decided to work in journalism.

"My goal in life was to be a music major at Wayne (State University), get a little better, then try out for Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention. That's what I wanted to do," Kiska said. "But then I went to the Free Press and within three days, I fell in love with it. There's no other way to describe it. I mean, how cool is that when you have an 18-year-old that would rather work at the newspaper than play for Frank Zappa? But, that was it."

He worked at the Free Press until 1987, climbing the writing ranks and picking up myriad beats, covering everything from federal court to automotive. He jumped ship to the News in '87, where he worked until 2002.

But history always was a passion. During his tenure at the papers he worked toward a master's degree in history, taking classes in the morning before work or at lunch. He eventually earned a doctorate degree in history from the University of Michigan - Dearborn just after leaving the News.

He currently is an associate professor of journalism at UM-Dearborn, where he started teaching in the early aughts.

But his favorite job? "Copy boy," he said. "You were right there. You got to see how a newspaper was put together. I loved it."

"I can't imagine a better way to work through college," he said.

The Detroit History Podcast hits the web the second and fourth Monday of the month. For more information and to listen, visit [detroithistorypodcast.com](http://detroithistorypodcast.com).



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**As warmer weather rolled into town, it brought with it a haze of fog Monday, Jan. 22, which blanketed the Grosse Pointes, including the short course at Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Farms.**



PHOTO BY SUSAN HIGBIE

## Winter warm up

**Grosse Pointe Farms resident Susan Higbie snapped this shot Saturday, Jan. 20, at Pier Park. Rising temperatures caused ice to shift on Lake St. Clair.**

## BREAKS:

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ities to be marked before Woods DPW workers can begin repair work.

Schulte added DPW staff are on call 24/7 and

residents aware of a water main break should report it to public safety, who will dispatch public works staff to initiate the repair.

To report a water main break, call public safety at (313) 343-2400.

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attended Rochester Adams High School.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from Michigan State University before launching a career in nonprofit work and healthcare. She worked for the American Red Cross out of college and then served as director of public relations from 1985 to 1998 at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester. In 2014, she underwent a career transition into retail as Fairlane Town

Center marketing director, where she remains until stepping into her new position at SOC next month.

"I joke around that every 20 years I change my focus a little bit," Hayes said. "I reinvent myself. But I've worked a lot with seniors in all the positions I've been in, because obviously healthcare, retail, mall walkers. We do a lot of interaction with seniors. I thought this was a logical next step in my career."

Rader said tasks ahead for Hayes include finalizing SOC's strategic plan. "It'll set the course for

years to come," he said.

SOC also is undertaking a needs assessment for the community's aging population. Rader said one-third of residents in the five Pointes and Harper Woods are 65 years old and older. The board recently commissioned marketing firm Upmost Group to assist with conducting a needs analysis and with branding the organization and promoting its services and programs.

"It's really important we have a solid, stable executive director to help us navigate through these major initiatives," Rader said.

Of Cathy O'Malley — the SOC board member who stepped up to fill the gap as interim executive director for six months — Rader said, "She did a great job."

O'Malley worked with Hayes in retail and said Hayes will handle the transition into her new role well.

"I've worked with (Hayes) for many years," O'Malley said. "She was, in my opinion, an ideal candidate because we both understand the service business, working with people."

O'Malley admitted she'll miss her role leading SOC. New programs launched under her direction are Balance and Ballroom Dancing.

"It has been a wonderful experience for me," she said.

"I'm really excited

about the position," said Hayes. "This has been something I've been wanting to do — kind of get back to my nonprofit roots again. And this organization, from my research and talking to the people I know there, just seems like such a great organization. The people are wonderful. They've got a strong board of directors. It's a needed service in the community."

"I'll be helping as much as I can," O'Malley said. "I'll help Peg with the transition and help where I can. I want to see SOC succeed and continue on."

"I really gotta get in there and see where we're going as an organization," Hayes said. "I think there's been some strong board members. They're looking at the future over the next five years. So I'm going to get in there and look at what they're thinking and planning and then put my touch on it once I get my feet wet."

"(SOC) is a really wonderful place and we're both committed to keep it that way," O'Malley said. "We want to make sure we're giving all of the nutritional and educational and health programs to our aging population."

In her spare time, Hayes said she enjoys "amateur interior decorating," gardening, travel and doing volunteer work.

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educational technological advancement, Niehaus said.

"In our case it's awarded off of our title," Niehaus said. "We get about a 40 percent payback from E-Rate. This whole project would qualify for E-Rate at 40 percent."

Hudson also said Rocket Fiber would invest an undisclosed amount in the project and put its own fiber in the ring to potentially expand service to residences and businesses in the Grosse Pointes. Right now, according to Hudson, residential and business service isn't in the scope of the current project, but it's an option it would like to keep open. Rocket Fiber currently only serves downtown and midtown Detroit with residential and business internet, but it is eyeing the suburbs.

"It'd still be a significant capital investment," Hudson said. "There

would still be a lot of things that would need to line up for us and we would need to continue to grow in our business core in Detroit to have that opportunity. But it is certainly something we would want to work with down the road."

If it does work out on Rocket Fiber's end, it would give Pointers another option. Right now, only AT&T offers a fiber optic network in Grosse Pointe.

Not only would it give another option for high-speed internet, but Hudson said access to a fiber optic network could boost real estate values and economic development.

"There's been a number of studies done that show that high-speed gigabit fiber networks increase residential values an average of 3 to 5 percent," Hudson said, "and we are actually seeing those numbers increase over time as the value of those networks is recognized."

Hudson points to Chattanooga, Tenn. and



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**Rocket Fiber is working with GPPSS, the five Pointes and Harper Woods to develop a municipally owned fiber optic internet ring.**

Kansas City, Mo., as prime examples of the impact fiber optic networks have on local economies.

In 2012, Google Fiber installed a fiber network ring in Kansas City. Hudson said he watched the project closely as it developed. When it went live, Hudson said, "all of these really interesting things started happening. Startups started moving to Kansas City, technology companies started moving to Kansas City."

In Chattanooga, the same thing happened when the public utility

created its own ring.

"The city of Chattanooga had a lot of similarities, a lot of parallels to Detroit," Hudson said. "Post-industrial city with a declining economic base. The city-owned utility company, Chattanooga EPB, decided to build their own fiber network, right after the recession actually. They were really looking for ways to differentiate themselves from other communities and so they built their own high-speed gigabit fiber optic network. You saw the same thing you saw in

Kansas City with Google Fiber, which was an influx in investment and economic development."

According to Hudson, Volkswagen located a multi-billion-dollar plant in Chattanooga and a big reason was the fiber optic network.

While the Pointes may not be looking for big investors like Volkswagen, they are jockeying for position as being the place for young families to settle down and raise their families.

City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Peter Dame said access to fiber optic internet would be a "game changer."

"I think it would be a great attraction for people to live and work," Dame said. "For our communities to be able to say that would be a huge game changer for our community. It would be a very positive thing. It feeds into the premise that, as long as good things are happening in Detroit, it almost always benefits the Grosse Pointes because of our proximity."

While the final numbers aren't in yet, Dame said, "I know there will be a positive return on our investment for the City of Grosse Pointe. I'm confident there will be. We don't have the final numbers, but I am very positive that this would pay off over a period of time."

But, first things first. There's a lot to be done before the project can move forward.

Right now, Rocket Fiber is "going deeper on the network planning and (finalizing) all of the locations that would actually be connected to that fiber ring," Hudson said. "Seven partners all with different requirements from the connectivity stand point. So a very big project, very ambitious, but exciting and a lot of details we are still working through."

Hudson said he hopes to have presentations to councils in the next few months and if the numbers look good and all goes according to plan, the ring could be lit sometime in 2019.

### City of Grosse Pointe

#### Eggs with a side of larceny

A package containing a \$25 egg cooker was stolen from a porch in the 600 block of Rivard Tuesday, Jan. 16.

The resident said he received an email and photo of the package from Amazon after it was delivered to his house 11:30 a.m. When he returned home at 6:30 p.m., the package was missing.

#### Mysterious caller

A resident has been receiving harassing phone calls. The resident said she received a call, but when she answered, no one was on the other line. As soon as she hung up, another phone call came through with a number associated with her boss. Again, when she answered, no one was on the other line.

After the second call, she called her boss, who advised both numbers are old and no longer in use.

The resident believes someone was using a phone app to disguise the phone numbers.

#### Repossessed?

A vehicle theft was reported 2:50 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, in the 800 block of Washington.

The resident said she parked her 2014 Chrysler Town and Country in the driveway approximately 6 p.m. Friday.

Her husband reported seeing a truck pull into the driveway 2:30 a.m. and thought it was their daughter being dropped off. However, when the husband checked 15 minutes later, the family minivan was missing.

According to the residents, they were three payments late on the van, but had not received any notices from the credit union.

#### Denied benefits

A resident filed an identity theft report Saturday, Jan. 20. The resident said they received a letter from the state stating their unemployment benefits claim was denied. The resident

said they never applied for the benefits.

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

#### Grosse Pointe Shores

##### Possession

A 19-year-old Virginia woman was arrested for possession of marijuana Sunday, Jan. 21, on Vernier at Michaux. When the woman was pulled over for a burned-out headlight 1 a.m., officers noticed a strong smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle.

The driver admitted to having marijuana and handed over approximately 4 grams of the drug to officers.

A field sobriety test was conducted; however, she was not cited for operating under the influence of drugs because of the relatively cold weather, which could have affected the test.

##### Identity theft

A resident filed a report of identity theft Saturday, Jan. 20. The resident said a false claim for unemployment benefits was filed using his name and Social Security number.

##### Plowing into jail

A 46-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested for driving with a suspended license 10 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15.

Officers observed the man pushing snow with a snowplow on Fairford near Ballantyne in violation of the city snow removal ordinance.

The driver was unable to produce a driver's license, using his passport for identification instead. After running the driver through the system, it was discovered the man's license has been suspended since 2013. The driver was arrested and vehicle towed.

— Anthony Viola  
Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe

Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

#### Grosse Pointe Park

##### Wallet taken

A Vera Bradley wallet containing \$30 cash and an Apple iPhone was taken sometime Friday, Jan. 19, at Pierce Middle School. The student left the wallet in the hallway as she decorated a locker and returned to find it missing.

##### Bike rolls away

A silver MongOOSE Montana bicycle was stolen from an open garage in the 1400 block of Lakepointe sometime between Monday, Jan. 15, and Sunday, Jan. 21.

##### Fight!

A fight broke out between three patrons of Excalibur 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. Minor injuries resulted; however, all parties refused to press charges.

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

#### Grosse Pointe Farms

##### Fraud

Following legal advice to report missing funds managed by a broker registered with a securities firm in the 20 block of Kercheval, a 67-year-old St. Clair Shores woman made a police report with Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety Saturday, Jan. 20.

The victim contacted attorneys after noticing her fund balance of \$181,881.90 depleted to \$0. An attorney informed the victim her broker has 11 active cases filed against her and "is currently in arbitration with the federal government."

##### Drunken driving

♦ Officers arrested a 53-year-old Taylor man at Lakeshore and Kerby

at 3:08 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 20, following a traffic stop for traveling 36 miles per hour in a 25-mph zone and making an illegal turn on red from Moross to Lakeshore.

The driver did not have a valid driver's license and showed three prior suspensions in the LEIN system. He also gave officers an incorrect birth date.

Officers observed the driver as having slurred speech, glassy eyes and the odor of intoxicants. Asked if he had been drinking that night, the driver said, "No."

After field sobriety tests and a breath test resulting in .16 percent blood alcohol content, officers arrested the driver, charging him with a second count of operating while intoxicated, a second count of driving with license suspended, providing false information to a police officer, prohibited turn on red and driving over the posted speed limit.

♦ Officers arrested a 54-year-old Royal Oak man following a traffic stop at Rivard north of Waterloo shortly after midnight Sunday, Jan. 21.

Detecting a strong odor of alcohol from the driver

and his slurred speech and watery eyes, officers conducted field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test resulting in .2 percent blood alcohol content.

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

#### Grosse Pointe Woods

##### Intent to deliver pot

Police arrested a 34-year-old Detroit man Saturday, Jan. 20, after stopping him at Mack and Fleetwood for making an illegal turn onto Mack from Vernier.

When the driver acknowledged to officers he was driving with a suspended license, he also said the vehicle he was driving was not his

and he was dropping it off at a coffee shop for a friend.

Officers learned from a LEIN check the man had 33 prior suspensions and 19 convictions. He also had active warrants for failing to appear in court in Detroit and Inkster.

An inventory search of the vehicle uncovered an open container of beer and two containers of marijuana. One container, displaying the driver's name on it, had 30 separately packaged plastic bags of marijuana, totaling 79.9 grams. The other container housed nine separately packaged plastic bags of marijuana, totaling 48.8 grams.

When officers asked the driver if he had a medical marijuana card, he told them he did but lost it. He said he is a patient and his own caregiver.

— Melissa Walsh  
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## OUR VIEW

## Library contracts settled?

We have refrained from commenting on the ongoing labor dispute involving our Grosse Pointe librarians and support staff, who have been working without a contract since June 30 last year. On Tuesday evening as we were preparing to go to press, the library administration and union representatives planned to meet.

It has been some time since we experienced an ongoing labor dispute at our libraries, perhaps not since 2004, if memory serves.

As we all know, public libraries, like municipalities, experienced sharply dropping revenue due to plummeting property values following the 2008 economic crisis. While property values are beginning to climb back up, property tax revenue is limited to 5 percent per year or the inflation rate, whichever is less. So even if property values skyrocket, property tax growth — and library and municipal revenue — is limited to 5 percent or less.

In 2011, voters approved a supplemental millage for the library of up to .70 mill to offset some of the library's loss of revenue. At the time, the library board said it would refrain from levying the full .70 mill and levy only so much as necessary to balance the budget.

With the economy improving, the library board is finally in a position that it can offer union employees a two-year contract with a 2.5 percent pay increase the first year and 2 percent the second year. So far so good. A sticking point, however, was a change in health insurance. The employees preferred to stay with their current carrier, MESSA.

At an impasse, the unions decided last July to go for fact-finding, a nonbinding dispute resolution process. While many issues were addressed, the fact finder sided with the unions and recommended they be allowed to continue with MESSA for health insurance coverage. The library administration and board agreed.

However, with health insurance resolved, the unions "pivoted" (the library board and administrator's term) to the existing "sick bank" provision for covering short-term disability. Under the plan, employees contribute some of their sick days to the sick bank for use by employees suffering short-term disability. The library board and administration sought to replace the sick bank — which it called "antiquated," "inherently unfair" and difficult to administer — with a typical short-term disability policy.

The employees wish to maintain the sick bank system, and the fact finder recommended the sick bank be maintained, especially since there was serious dispute as to how employees would be compensated



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## Grosse Pointe Past

**Cadieux School and students circa 1909. The school currently houses the Grosse Pointe Public School System administration building at 389 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe. The building often is used for school board work sessions, curriculum and development meetings and the day-to-day operations of the school district, among other activities.**

for the sick days they had contributed and not used if the sick bank was eliminated. The library administration decided not to go with the fact finder on the sick bank issue.

There have been several letters to the editor in the past several months from both sides of the issues. We are quite fond of our libraries, librarians and support staff. It is personal to many of us. It is emotional.

Today's letter to the editor by retired assistant library director, James Moffet, reflects many of our frustrations. In fact, he calls for the entire library board to be reappointed. (Library trustees are appointed by the library board and the five Grosse Pointe municipalities and Harper Woods.) While we don't necessarily go that far, we appreciate his frustration.

In his letter, Mr. Moffet accuses the library board of levying the maximum amount of supplemental millage. That is true, except the maximum levy has been reduced due to Headlee Amendment rollbacks to .69 mill. The library board maintains that while immediately after the millage was approved and for several years after, the millage was kept as low as possible, reflecting the economic conditions of the time. But now, with the economy improving, it feels justified in levying the full amount into order to restore programs patrons want and in alignment with the library's Comprehensive Strategic Plan.

Also, by levying the full supplemental millage rate, the library board says it can pay off the Ewald and Woods branch library bond debts five years early, saving taxpayers \$600,000 in interest.

That is all very good, but Mr. Moffet is correct in that originally, when selling the public on the need for the supplemental millage, board members at the time (the publisher of this newspaper included) promised to only levy as much as necessary to balance the budget. There was no talk at the time of using the supplemental millage to pay off the building debts early. As noble, and fiscally smart, as that is, that is not what voters were told in the beginning.

If, and when, the library board goes for a supplemental millage renewal, as Mr. Moffet wrote, it will

have to come clean with voters if they want them to re-up.

Mr. Moffet also takes umbrage with the fact the new library director was hired in at a pay that took her predecessor 20 years to achieve and was rewarded with a pay raise not long afterward. That, again, is true. However, the board maintains the compensation was compatible with other similarly situated library directors, and the raise reflected the director's successful completion of a new strategic plan during her first year on the job.

The letter writer also asserts the library board has spent \$40,000 in legal fees and "still mounting." Again, that is true; although those fees are due to the prolonged labor negotiations and the fact-finder process. He also accuses the library board and administration of ignoring the fact finder's recommendations. That assertion is true and false.

It is false in that the library board did accede to the fact finder on health insurance, but it is true in that the library board is ignoring the fact finder's recommendation the status quo be maintained as far as the sick bank is concerned.

It is also true, as Mr. Moffet alluded, that an unfair labor practices suit has been filed with the Michigan Employment Relations Commission. The library board feels all actions on its part have been lawful and anticipates the charges will be dismissed.

Lastly, Mr. Moffet believes the whole kerfuffle has "utterly destroyed staff morale." That is probably true, and we would be surprised if it hadn't after more than six months without a contract and distrust between the parties. The library board says "utterly destroyed" is an exaggeration, and acknowledges the contract negotiation process is inherently frustrating for staff and management.

The board is eager for a settlement and with 2.5 and 2.0 percent pay raises and additional paid holidays, it thinks it is a generous contract. We agree. Most workers haven't seen a raise in 10 years. We hope the unions Tuesday night agreed and that the front page space we left open in this week's newspaper bears that good news.

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## Library board needs to go

## To the Editor:

The time has come to discuss the removal and replacement of the current library board. These appointed individuals have consistently failed the taxpayers they were designated to represent.

This library board has raised the taxes residents pay to the maximum, from .53 to .70 mills. It hired a new library director at a start-

ing salary it took the previous director 20 years to achieve, then shortly after gave her a raise.

It has generated \$40,000 in legal fees — still mounting — because it has refused to negotiate a contract with staff in good faith.

It has forced staff to work without a contract for six months, at their personal expense.

It ignored the decisions of a respected fact finder, because he ruled in favor of the staff's

position. It has generated an unfair labor practices lawsuit against the library system. It has utterly destroyed staff morale.

It has attempted to force more expensive health care on employees than they are requesting.

It has raised the salaries of all administrators but refused to negotiate raises with staff. And in the face of this maladministration, it is preparing to approach residents for another millage!

This library board refuses to acknowledge public complaints regarding the hostile atmosphere it has created and ignores addressing these concerns during trustee comments at their meetings.

Every one of these appointed functionaries has failed in their duties to their communities and to the taxpayers they are

mandated to represent.

Our communities do not need to approve more millage money for these fiscally irresponsible individuals. We require a new library board.

JAMES MOFFET  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Protect Dreamers

## To the Editor:

As of Jan. 22, it is impossible to predict how long the government shutdown may last or whether Congress will deal appropriately with the 800,000 "Dreamers" who have been living in suspense and fear since President Trump determined the DACA immigration policy would be terminated March 5.

DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) was adopted

See LETTER, page 7A

I SAY By Bob St. John

# Division title contenders ready



**W**e are heading into February and the final full month of the winter high school athletic season.

It's a tough time for the teams not in a division-title race. Going to practice every day and looking to the state play-offs is the focus of these coaches and players.

However, for the teams involved in division-title races, the month of

February brings pressure-packed games.

On the hard court, the Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team is trying to defend its share of last year's Macomb Area Conference White Division crown.

Head coach Ron Kochan and his Norsemen will be battling three squads for division supremacy — Roseville, Warren Mott and Romeo. I wouldn't be surprised to see another co-champion this season and the Norsemen are in great shape heading down the stretch.

The Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team also has a shot at a division title after knocking off Macomb Dakota

last week. The Norsemen sit one game back in the loss column, but their margin for error is very slim.

Head coach Gary Bennett will have his Norsemen ready to compete every night and their schedule is daunting. It can be done with a few more big victories.

Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School boys and girls basketball teams are battling, but each of the four are looking up at the teams ahead of them in their respective divisions. Each squad is improving with a month to go before the district playoffs.

In the pool, Grosse Pointe South's boys swimming and diving team is halfway home in its quest to win another MAC Red Division regular season title. Head coach Eric Gunderson's squad is ranked in the top 10 in Division 2 and they look to be getting stronger heading down the stretch.

The Blue Devils are heavily favored to finish 4-0 in the division and captured yet another league title the final weekend of February.

On the ice, Liggett's boys hockey team is tied for first with Detroit Country Day in the Michigan Metro Hockey League East Division. Head coach Mike Maltese and his Knights have some crucial games looming on the schedule. If they win the rest of their league games, they will capture the division

title.

Both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South boys hockey teams are looking up in the ultra-tough Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League South Division. Both teams are playing hard, but division wins have been hard to come by.

The Lady Knights are in the middle of the pack of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League. It's going to be tough to climb over the teams ahead of them, but the potential is there to get the job done.

Head coach Anna Kuehnlein and her Knights have a very tough slate ahead of them, but just like the boys, if they win going out, they will be a top 3 seed in the Division 1 playoffs the first full week of March.

The Grosse Pointe

South and Grosse Pointe North girls hockey teams are positioned higher in the standings and each has more balanced squads heading into February. First-year head coaches John Weidenbach for South and Casey Quick for North will be in the thick of the division-title race. In the next few weeks, North, South and Liggett battle each other in key division games.

Stay tuned for those barn burners.

On the mat, Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team is in position to contend for a MAC Silver Division dual meet crown. Coming up is a big home battle with contender Center Line. Head coach Patrick Salazar will have his grapplers ready.

Head coach Kristin Remillet and her gymnastics team has a full lineup, which is loaded with tal-

ented and fearless competitors. They lost a couple of early season league meets, but look for the ladies to get redemption in the league meet.

In competitive cheer, Grosse Pointe North is currently second in the MAC Gold Division behind Chippewa Valley and Grosse Pointe South is third in the MAC Blue Division behind Anchor Bay and Clawson.

Both the Norsemen and Blue Devils under head coaches Kia Jordan and Ashley Gerbi will have their squads ready for upcoming pressure meets the next couple of weeks.

The figure skaters and synchronized swimmers also are preparing for upcoming big events. Those head coaches, Claire LaDue and Robin Hartnett, also will have their competitors ready to shine.

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through an executive order of President Obama in 2012. It allowed minors who entered the United States illegally to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and to be eligible for a work permit under which they could drive, attend college, work for an employer, etc.

Many of the Dreamers have taken admirable advantage of these opportunities and have achieved positive results in education and the workplace. They have paid federal and local

taxes and, since 2014, have served in our Armed Forces. Their incidence of drug abuse and other crimes is statistically insignificant.

Given this background, it is mind-boggling that these fine young men and women, who treasure America as their only home and country, have not received a path to permanent residency and, ultimately, to citizenship.

I urge all Americans to contact the White House and his (enablers) know they will suffer a severe political price if they do not take action to support the Dreamers.

WILLIAM D. HODGMAN  
Grosse Pointe Park

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

**POINTE IS SET FOR DAY ALERT:** A daylight air raid alert next week will find the Grosse Pointe Office of Civilian Defense functioning in force.

All traffic will be stopped, drivers being obliged to pull to the curb and remain until the "all-clear" signal.

1968

50 years ago this week

**PARK GROCERY STORE INVADED:** Park police are positive a very small person broke into a grocery store on Mack.

The belief is based on the fact that such a person squeezed between very narrow window bars, after breaking a window pane.

1993

25 years ago this week

**SERMON INTERRUPTED:** A man seated in the front row was speaking loudly and using profane language directed at the priest.

The man, who fought efforts to calm him down, was carried out by an off-duty officer and several parishioners.

—Karen Fontanive

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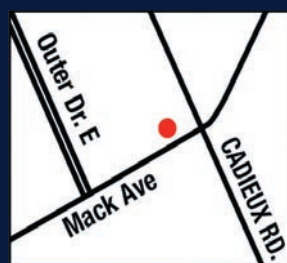
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# Sophomore to perform at Carnegie Hall

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Playing at Carnegie Hall is a dream for many musicians. For Victoria Ortiz, a sophomore at University Liggett School, it's a dream come true.

The Grosse Pointe Park resident was one of 700 out of more than 18,000 nominations selected for the 2018 High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. She will perform violin with the Honors String Orchestra — one of five honors ensembles participating in the series.

Finalists will come together in New York City Feb. 1 to 5, to learn from world-renowned conductors, work with other finalists and experience the city. Two performances open to the public — an honors choral performance and honors instrumental performance — will take place Sunday, Feb. 4. Ortiz said her family — father, Pablo Ortiz; mother, Mariela Mendez and brother, Santiago Ortiz, 11 — plan to attend.

Participation in one of the five honors ensembles is limited to the highest rated high school performers from across the world, according to a news release. Ortiz will join other performers from all

50 states plus the District of Columbia, Guam, six Canadian provinces, Australia, China, Hong Kong, Mexico, New Zealand, Qatar, South Korea and the United Kingdom.

Ortiz was introduced to violin in preschool, but started studying music six years ago and is a member of the Detroit Youth Symphony Orchestra. She also plays with Liggett's orchestra and last year participated in the pit band for Liggett Players' production of "Hello My Baby" at the urging of Phillip Moss, Liggett's creative and performing arts chairman.

"I've never been a musical theater person, but I decided to give it a shot," Ortiz said.

After this experience, "she was hooked," Moss said. She already is on board to play in the band for this year's production of "She Loves Me," a musical set in Budapest that includes Hungarian violin solos in the orchestration, giving Moss the opportunity to stage the production with Ortiz taking the spotlight on stage.

Moss said the opportunity to play at Carnegie Hall was "a testament to (Ortiz's) skills as a musician and also her willing-

ness to put herself out there and really push to do things at a high level.

"Skill and talent, support at home are all things that help a child that's interested in the arts succeed," Moss continued, "but at some point there's got to be that inner drive to make that choice, take that risk and — especially in the performing arts — put themselves in front of an audience, put themselves in front of adjudicators, judges, and rise to the occasion.

"She took a shot and away she goes," he added.

Ortiz auditioned for the Carnegie Hall performance series by submitting an audio recording at the recommendation of her private violin instructor, Hai Xin Wu, the assistant concert master for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Wu said Ortiz was recommended to him as a private violin student by instrumental teacher James Gross when she was a student at Pierce Middle School.

"Mr. Gross was raving about her," Wu said, adding her success is a combination of inner drive, talent and a good ear.

"She seems to love the music and I'm just going to guide her," Wu said. "Her drive is going to

take her as far as she wants to go and I think the sky's the limit."

Auditioning and winning awards is nothing new for the 15-year-old. Having attended Grosse Pointe Public Schools through middle school, Ortiz spent a day shadowing a student at Liggett her eighth-grade year. She decided to apply for high school and was selected for a four-year full scholarship as a Liggett Merit Scholar. It was an opportunity she couldn't pass up, she said.

Mendez credits preparation from violin teachers and other mentors, including Gross, for her daughter's success. This success includes an array of achievements — acceptance to the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association All-State High School Orchestra as 9th chair, first violin in January; a full scholarship last summer to Sphinx Performance Academy — a camp in Chicago for Latino and African American students from all over the country; and top rankings at MSBOA solo and ensemble competitions in middle and high school. She also has won scholarships to Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp three consecutive summers and was invited to participate in the



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Victoria Ortiz is a student at Liggett.

Blue Lake international tour program in 2016.

Ortiz succeeds outside of music as well, whether playing soccer for her travel team or at a national soccer college showcase, winning Scholastic writing awards, including gold and silver medals for her poetry, or volunteering for St. Clare of Montefalco Parish, Services for Older Citizens or Liggett.

It's too early to say where her interests may lead when it's time to

apply for college, although Ortiz said she is looking for a music experience in college even if it's not her focus.

"I'm very grateful for this opportunity," Ortiz said. "This opens up everything for me, not only in the musical world, but in different relationships with people, amazing musicians and amazing conductors, mentors I can learn with."

"It was a dream, honestly," she added.



## Auto show standout

Grosse Pointe North High School senior Adam Weinkauf received first place in the 12th-grade category out of 825 entries for the North American International Auto Show poster contest. In addition to having his poster on display during the 2018 show at Cobo Hall, he received a \$500 prize and show tickets. His artwork was included in the NAIAS press release and his name and artwork mentioned in the auto show program.

Weinkauf created the poster — a whimsical play on a Hot Wheels package — as part of an assignment for his computer graphics class. He said he was inspired by his teacher, Michael Lamb, to enter the contest.

"I didn't expect to win," he said. "Mr. Lamb just said do it, it couldn't hurt, so I did it."

"I am really proud of Adam and happy for his success," Lamb wrote in an email.

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## #OneGP North and South host charity week

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

In the stands at the basketball game Thursday, Feb. 1, they will be rivals, cheering for different teams. Off the court they have become friends.

They are members of the planning committee for Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools' inaugural Charity Week. Committee members include North Student Association President Sydney Seemack, South Student Association President Rachel Harris, and event co-chairs Lucy Burgoyne and Evie Kuhnlein from South and Eva Ciaramitaro and Clare Loch from North.

The idea of working together on a charity event throughout the Pointes grew from the district's focus on #OneGP, Seemack said.

"It's really interesting to work with students who are our rivals," she said. "It's been really great. We've grown a friendship over this."

Charity Week begins Thursday, Jan. 25, and consists of events throughout the week to benefit the I Love Lucy Fund, concluding with the North vs. South girls' basketball game 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at North.

The I Love Lucy Fund at the Meade Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Unit on the campus of St. John Hospital was founded by the Loch family, residents of Grosse Pointe Woods, in 2013. The Lochs' daughter, Lucy, was diagnosed with Stage 3B Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a common and treatable form of childhood cancer, when she was 14 years old. Loch underwent two surgeries, six rounds of chemotherapy and 18 rounds of radiation at the Meade Unit. When a fun-

draiser was created to help pay for Loch's treatment, the family requested a fund be created to support other children with cancer and their families.

Loch graduated from Grosse Pointe South in 2017, and is studying at the University of Michigan. She has been in remission for more than three years. The I Love Lucy Fund continues to help families battling childhood cancer.

Charity Week consists of activities during school night and restaurant nights, where community members dine at participating restaurants to have a portion of their bill be donated to the I Love Lucy Fund. The total amount raised will be revealed at halftime at the basketball game.

T-shirts will be sold at both high schools and during the game for \$10 a shirt or \$15 including admission to the game and a raffle ticket.

Burgoyne, a junior, and Kuhnlein and Loch, both sophomores, hope to carry the event into the future, learning from this year and, based on the week's success, setting a goal for next year.

"We're hoping to get the whole entire community involved," said Burgoyne. For example, a movie night attracts elementary school students, Grosse Pointe Mr. Blue Devil — a mock beauty pageant for senior boys — and the North vs. South basketball rivalry appeal to the high school set and restaurant nights provide a way for adults to contribute while enjoying an evening out.

Clare Loch, who is Lucy Loch's sister, said helping to plan the event is "a huge thing for me and my family, especially just to know that people

in the community really care and want to help others. It's very reassuring. It's so nice the students are doing something that's bigger than us. We're participating in a big, week-long event. It's amazing and it's helping so many families. I Love Lucy has helped I think over 50 families in the last three or four years. It's just incredible to see the lives we have touched and it's incredible to know that so many people are working together to keep it going. Our family is so thankful."

As for her sister, Loch said, "She is great. She's healthy. She's a freshman at U of M and she absolutely loves it and she's having the time of her life."

To donate, go to bit.ly/2Dvp6Dn or email gpcharityweek@gmail.com. For more information, find the Grosse Pointe Charity Week on Facebook.

### Schedule of Events

#### THURSDAY, JAN. 25

◆ Restaurant Night at The Hill & Seafood Chophouse

#### FRIDAY, JAN. 26

◆ Elementary School Movie Night, 6:30 p.m., Parcels Middle School

#### MONDAY, JAN. 29

◆ South pizza lunch and North pancake breakfast

#### TUESDAY, JAN. 30

◆ Grosse Pointe South Mr. Blue Devil Event, 7 p.m., South auditorium, followed by a fundraiser at TCBY (Village and Woods locations) and Restaurant Night at Telly's

#### THURSDAY, FEB. 1

◆ North vs. South girls' basketball game, 7 p.m.



# Students spread kindness district-wide

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Can kindness be taught? Dona Johnson-Beach thinks so. The school psychologist at Defer and Trombly elementary schools believes there are both physical and emotional benefits to teaching kindness, but the way to make those lessons last is to provide opportunities for children to experience it.

That is why she worked with other "kindness leaders" throughout the district to champion kindness as part of The Great Kindness Challenge Monday to Friday, Jan. 22 to 26.

The Great Kindness Challenge was created by Kids for Peace to provide schools a tool for creating a positive school environment. The positive, proactive bullying prevention reaches millions of students the last full week in January each year.

Grosse Pointe schools have participated in The Great Kindness Challenge before, but this is the first time the effort has stretched district-wide in a unified community service project. All Grosse Pointe Public School System elementary schools and Barnes Early Childhood Center will collect hygiene items for Kindness Care Kits for Crossroads of Michigan, a social service outreach program with two locations in Detroit.

Student leadership teams and clubs helped organize this project at their schools in collaboration with district liaisons and teacher leaders. Students in clubs at the middle and high schools will help as well. High school students will pick up the kits from Barnes and elementary schools at the end of the school day Friday, Jan. 26, and middle school students will assemble the kits the following week. Maintenance staff member Dave Fluary will deliver assembled kits to Crossroads.

"There's a lot of time spent talking and thinking about kindness, but many feel that kindness is best learned by actually feeling it so it can be reproduced,"



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Pictured at the One GP Great Kindness Challenge kickoff at Trombly Elementary School Jan. 12, are members of Trombly's Be Kind Club, from left, Claire Hathaway, Elyse Lenglet, Isobel Briseno, Drew Hess, Sam Rouleau, Beatrice Stuckey, Brooke Trombly and Charlie Ramsey.

Johnson-Beach said. "That's why it is so exciting that GPPSS has embraced the #OneGP Great Kindness Challenge. Students, staff and families are involved in the actual act of doing kindness. Education needs to encompass more than solely focusing on academics to have children grow up to be happy, healthy and well-rounded people."

Brandy Rokicki, a social worker at Mason and Poupard elementary schools, said while students at both schools are excited to participate in The Great Kindness Challenge, kindness is not restricted to one week of the year.

"Kindness is something that we strive for in our schools and our life on a daily basis," Rokicki said. "At Mason, students are reminded every day that we expect everyone to be a learner, a leader and kind. At Poupard, students are reminded every day to work hard and synergize to help make the world a better place. These reminders are reinforced through posters in the hallways, the daily announcements and conversations with others. Both schools emphasize the importance of kindness through our words and actions."

Examples of projects include preparing lunches for the homeless, collecting blankets and towels to donate to the Humane Society and actively supporting families in the district who have fallen on hard times.

Students at Defer also participate in community service projects each year, donating items to Crossroads and collecting hats, gloves and socks for the Eimers Foundation, according to Tricia Gout and Jane Nugent, teacher leaders of the student leadership team.

"Even before Dr. Johnson-Beach presented this opportunity to us, the children on the student leadership team had already asked about doing another community service project like we had done last year," Nugent said. "We think that having the children be proactive and ask about how they can help the community shows they are strong leaders exhibiting kindness toward others. Being the teacher leaders of the student leadership team allows us to help make their dreams and visions of how to better Defer and our community a reality. It is very exciting to watch the children feel empowered to make a difference and feel confident in knowing that change starts with themselves. It can start with something as simple as an act of kindness."

According to Susan Fell, social worker at Brownell and Parcels middle schools, promoting kindness school-wide helps counteract the negative impact of media and gives students the opportunity to model and experience the benefits of being kind.

"Kids — and adults — are overexposed to

images of rude, mean behavior," Fell said. "Reality TV, movies, social media, our political climate and even YouTube videos are full of negative imaging. It's easy to get the false impression that these images represent the majority when, in fact, they do not. Acts of kindness are everywhere if we take the time to notice them. Focusing on acts of kindness in schools gives both adults and students a refreshing reminder that being kind to others has immeasurable benefits."

"As a school social worker, I often work with students who have weak social skills or have a history of making bad choices," Fell continued. "At times it is very useful to help these students reinvent themselves by helping others with acts of kindness. Students benefit when they are provided with opportunities to make amends, assist peers with special needs, or serve in a leadership role to be helpful to others."

Jodie Randazzo, a fifth-grade teacher at Kerby Elementary School and kindness coordinator for the central part of the district, has been involved with The Great Kindness Challenge as a Kindness Ambassador since it began five years ago.

"We know that kindness can be taught and that it is like anything else you practice, the more you do it, the better you become," she said. "It's also contagious and our district prides itself on a culture of caring, empathy and compassion for our school communities."

Randazzo, like other kindness leaders throughout the district, credits Johnson-Beach for organizing the district-wide initiative.

"It's fantastic to see us all work together for the benefit of one another," she said. "Students see that small acts of kindness put together with others can make a large impact."

## Week Ahead

### SUNDAY, JAN. 28

◆ St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School is hosting an open house 2 to 4 p.m., 16231 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park. St. Clare serves students in pre-school through grade 8. For more information, go to [stclareschool.net](http://stclareschool.net).

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

◆ The first of a series of facilities planning town halls is planned 6:30 p.m. at Mason Elementary School, 1640 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods and will include a presentation on the facilities and enrollment study and plan, information specific to Mason, a tour and question-and-answer session. For more information and dates of other town halls, contact Rebecca Fannon at [fannonr@gpschools.org](mailto:fannonr@gpschools.org) or (313) 432-3007.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 1

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School's choirs host their Winter Spectacular concert 7 p.m. at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The evening features soloists as well as ensemble performances. Tickets, available at [gp.southchoir.org](http://gp.southchoir.org) and Posterity Gallery in The Village, are \$10 for lower level and balcony seats and \$8 for students or senior citizens. Gold Cards are accepted.

◆ The district hosts a facilities planning town hall 6:30 p.m. at Defer Elementary School, 15425 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, contact Rebecca Fannon at [fannonr@gpschools.org](mailto:fannonr@gpschools.org) or (313) 432-3007.

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## Teacher of THE WEEK



### Samantha Cooley

**School:** St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School

**Years at St. Clare:** 2

**Grade/Subject:** Grades 3/4

**Nominated by:** Ann Tonissen, principal

**Principal's quote:**

"Samantha Cooley is a very dedicated and talented second-year teacher. Her students and parents have a high regard and respect for her. Ms. Cooley is extremely creative when planning exciting and interesting lessons for her students. Ms. Cooley demonstrates a high level of professionalism in working with both students and colleagues. Samantha is presently serving as the facilitator for our Strategic Planning Committee. Samantha gives generously of her time and offers help to her

students whenever needed. St. Clare School is blessed to have Ms. Cooley on staff."

**What do you enjoy most about teaching?**

My favorite part about teaching is getting to know the students in my classroom. I love teaching my students the skills they need to be successful, and most importantly, I love making sure they know how important they are.

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

Seeing the growth of my students at the end of my first year of teaching has probably been what I am most proud of so far in my career. I had an incredible class and I felt blessed to be their teacher.



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

I have always wanted to be a teacher, but some of my teachers throughout my schooling have really inspired me to be the best I could be. If my students remember me the way I remember some of my teachers, I will know I've done my job right.



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## Phoemale helps when others can't

### Nonprofit hosts Phire & Ice fundraiser Jan. 27

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

What started as sort of a recurring girls' night out has morphed into a grassroots nonprofit for women, run by women in Grosse Pointe.

Phoemale — pronounced FEE-male — arose after a group of friends decided to use their regular get-togethers for good.

"We started as a group of women, a group of friends, doing a lot of fun activities and events with other women," Phoemale President Jenelle Lefief said. "We're a community group of women supporting each other, which is unique, because usually women are competitive with each other, but we genuinely support each other."

The impetus for Phoemale occurred after a member learned of a woman asking area businesses for plastic bags.

"She had run out of diapers and couldn't afford to buy any," Lefief said. That woman asked her friends to pool their resources to buy diapers, gift cards and "whatever we could do to help," Lefief said. Eventually, they were able to present the items to the woman in need.

"There are so many women who don't have family, who don't have friends, who don't have that safety net," Lefief said. "We were getting together anyway, so we thought why not form a nonprofit and start charging for our events and use the money so we can love and support someone else who needs it."

The friends met December 2015 and by January 2016, Phoemale was incorporated. Soon after, the group hosted its



Above, Phoemale board members celebrate at a recent fundraiser. Left, Phoemale volunteers helped clean the yards of tiny homes on the Cass Community Social Services campus.

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first Phire & Ice party at Lefief's Grosse Pointe Park home.

"We wanted to be a unique charity," Lefief said. "With other charities, say you pay \$100 for dinner and drinks, but \$60 is for the event and only \$40 goes to help others. We wanted the opposite. We have parties that are free or very little cost to us. The whole point is 100 percent of what's raised goes directly to benefit women."

Lefief said last year

Phoemale raised four and a half times what it raised its first year. She predicted raising more than last year's total this month alone.

Phoemale finds recipients by working with social service agencies, including Wayne County S A F E, Turning Point and Cass Community S o c i a l

Services. It aims to help women who have overcome horrendous circumstances and are trying to rebuild their lives, but who cannot be helped by other organiza-

tions or charities due to restricted grants, for example. Phoemale's funds are unrestricted and are used to fill those gaps in resources.

"From the beginning we decided to help victims of human trafficking, sexual assault, domestic violence and homelessness," said Phoemale Vice President Jamie Baker. "We have professional counselors who nominate someone from their caseload who fit the criteria."

The criteria includes someone who has overcome one of the four circumstances listed above and has a plan in place to

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Teepa Snow

## Expert advice

### Teepa Snow to present 'ABC's of Dementia and Caregiving'

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Stress. Frustration. Irritability. Hopeless. Helpless. Defeated.

The range of emotions one can experience as a caregiver to someone with dementia is never-ending. The disease often leaves caregivers feeling no matter what they do, they're wrong.

Nationally-renowned dementia-care education specialist Teepa Snow, who has more than 30 years of clinical experience, wants to help open the lines of communication between patient and caregiver and teach strategies for better care and tips for managing behavior.

Snow presents "The ABC's of Dementia and Caregiving," hosted by The Family Center, Wednesday, Feb. 7, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event is underwritten by Senior Helpers and sponsored by ShorePointe Village, The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Magazine and Grosse Pointe News.

Statistics show one in five families currently are dealing with dementia. In 15 years, that number rises to one in two. By age 85, one in three people will have some form of dementia. Like cancer, there are many forms of dementia; Alzheimer's is just one of 110.

"The statistics are alarming," said Barbara Roden, owner of Senior Helpers. "I had the opportunity to see Teepa Snow at a conference on home care for seniors. Teepa taught us about Alzheimer's type dementia and how it affects different parts of the brain and then how that affects behaviors. When we understand the behaviors, we can learn how to

work with people with Alzheimer's. One of the most important examples is to be with the person in whatever moment in time they are — to not argue with them and tell them they are wrong."

Roden used what she learned from Snow to care for her father, who had Alzheimer's. She said the lessons helped her better care for and communicate with him.

Among the topics Snow plans to cover are:

- ◆ Understanding symptoms and behaviors in dementia
- ◆ How to communicate with someone who has dementia
- ◆ Improving your hands-on skills for giving care
- ◆ Creative and practical tips for getting through the day
- ◆ Managing behavior: Start with yourself
- ◆ Learning the art of being an advocate and partner

The free program is presented three times throughout the day, with sessions beginning 8:30 a.m., noon and 4:30 p.m.

Family Center Executive Director Debbie Liedel said the program is fitting for anyone dealing with dementia — family, friends, coworkers, professionals — as well as anyone interested in learning more about the disease and its many forms.

"The stress is so incredible," Liedel said. "I see the toll it takes on people. This generation, we weren't prepared for this. You're going to be touched (by dementia) at some point."

Added Paige Domzalski, communications and program support coordinator with The Family Center, "Everyone will be affected somehow in

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## Mom shares message of inspiration

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Life's been an adventure for Susan Stapleton — and not always a good one.

Harrowing and heart-breaking experiences defined many parts of the Grosse Pointe Farms resident's life, but that's not stopping her from moving on and up with a spirit of positive energy.

She has chosen to use her past for good, rather

than wallow in it, and shares her experience, strength and hope in her book, "So What: There's Always Today."

"My whole life people have been telling me I should write a book," she said. "I've had an adventurous life .... I got to the other side of bad things that happened to me and I felt I had to share this. I want people to not feel so bad. They don't have to. That's no way to live."

Stapleton said she felt

it was her duty to publish the book, because, "When you go through so many horrific things — and make it through — your voice matters."

She said she also hopes readers find inspiration and hope through her words.

Stapleton, 42, said while it's difficult to describe the book, "The main focus is to help the reader become their best

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Susan Stapleton

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# Handbags wanted

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library seeks gently used handbags for its Books, Bags and Bagels event, planned 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Handbags may be dropped off at any of the library's three branches

through Tuesday, March 20. Tax receipts are available upon request.

Books, Bags and Bagels is a "ladies morning out" event during which handbags and books are available for purchase at discounted prices. Bagels also are available. All proceeds support new programs at the library. Call (313) 343-2072.

# SJP offers free education session on depression in seniors

St. John Providence offers a program for seniors who may be struggling with depression. The free event takes place 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Wilson Center: Senior Resources for Independent Living, 648 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.

A St. John Providence geriatric nurse practitioner and geriatric social worker discuss common causes of depression in older adults, signs and

symptoms, strategies to manage and prevent depression and strategies for caregivers taking care of depressed seniors.

Seating is limited. Register through St. John Providence Health Connect at (866) 501-3627. Snacks and water are provided. Parking is available in City Lot 3, located on the north side of St. Clair, west of Kercheval. Guests may bring parking tickets inside for validation.

# AREA ACTIVITIES

## BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

## Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Peter Baumann M.D., speaks about a recent trip to Nigeria with Doctors Without Borders. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

## GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association has put out a call for entries for its "Looking In and Looking Out" exhibit. Deadline for entries is Monday, Feb. 12. Artists will be notified Friday, Feb. 16, and intake is 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26. The show runs Wednesday, Feb. 28, to Sunday, April 15. A lecture and awards ceremony are 2 p.m. Sunday, March 4.

GPAA presents the following programs at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms:

◆ 10:30 a.m. Fridays, Feb. 2 and 16, March 2 and 16, "A Morning Out," an art program for seniors and their caregivers.

◆ 3:30 to 6 p.m. Mondays, Art After School, offering artists of all ages the chance to

work together and share ideas.

For information, call (313) 881-3454.

## Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, invites 3- to 10-year-old boys and their moms to watch the Disney animated movie "Zootopia" at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. Cost is \$5 per person and registration is required by Friday, Jan. 26. The event includes the movie, snacks and a keepsake photo. Call (313) 343-2408.

The center shows the movie "Maudie" during its next Lunch and a Movie program Tuesday, Feb. 13. Lunch is served at noon, followed by the film. Reservations are required by Tuesday, Feb. 6. Cost is \$10 for residents, \$12 for non-residents. Call (313) 343-2408.

## SOC

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

◆ noon to 1:30 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 26 to March 23, Conversational French-Beginner, with instructor Dib Saab. There is no charge for this class, but reservations are required.

◆ 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 26 to March 23, Conversational French-Intermediate, with instructor Dib Saab. There is no charge for this class, but reservations are required.

◆ 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, "Annuities: Should I buy one, what

to do if I own one and why would I want one?" Economist Michael Coliton facilitates this free program. Reservations are required.

◆ 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Thursdays, Feb. 1 to March 29, "What is an app and how can it make my life easier?" Wayne State University student Erica Jankowski facilitates this free event. Reservations are required.

◆ 1:30 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 6 to April 3, "Brainstorm — A Workout for the Mind Workshop," with Janet Horan RN and social work intern Allie Short. Cost is \$15 for nine sessions and reservations are required.

◆ 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, February birthday celebration. Those with February birthdays are invited to a complimentary gourmet lunch, birthday cake and keepsake photo. Reservations are required.

◆ 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, "Keeping You Fit at Home — Core Strengthening Exercises," with physical therapist Craig Miller. This program is free, but reservations are required.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

## Meditation

Morning Meditation with Michael takes place 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Jan. 28, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$29. Call Marla Ruhana at (586) 801-4701.

## Blood drive

The American Red Cross offers the following blood drives:

◆ 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800

Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

To register, visit red crossblood.org.

## Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 882-9600.

## Wilson Center

The Wilson Center: Senior Resources for Independent Living, 648 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe, presents "Creating Magical Moments," an interactive workshop, 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2. Presented by Faye LaPorte, certified dementia practitioner with Brightstar Care, the program helps attendees connect with loved ones through games and activities, gain positive results through interactions, create accomplishments for loved ones and more. Register by calling (313) 264-6460.

## PFLAG

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. For information, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

## NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

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and true self." She started the book with personal stories from her life, using the second half to "provide tools and inspiration, different ways of working at things.

"The only person I can really talk about is me," she continued. "The more life I live, the more it shapes everything. It's about getting out there, living life and doing the best I can and learning. Failure shouldn't be in anyone's vocabulary. You have success or you learn something. You go on and don't beat yourself up."

Stapleton said she's inspired by her family — husband, Wayne; daughter, Lizzy, 14; and son, Joe, 11. Her daughter, in particular, inspired Stapleton to publish "So What," after anonymously sharing inspirational sayings during Unity Day at Brownell Middle School.

"Watching my little girl get in the right, I thought, 'I'll be darned if I'm not going to get in there with her,' she said. "A week later, I was published."

Stapleton said she's gotten a favorable response to her book. Many readers have told her she's brave for sharing her story.

Stapleton is sharing her message via public speaking events as well, having already spoken to

of as many people as will listen and encourage as many people as possible," she said. "I would love to sell millions of books, not for the money but so people could feel inspired."

"So What" is the first in a series, Stapleton said. She hopes to have the second completed in the next six months. The Oakland University graduate, who has an English degree, said the writing experience has been empowering and eye-opening.

"I know what it feels like to be the lowest you can feel," she said. "I was my own worst enemy. It's exhausting blaming others for everything. I wrote about taking responsibility for your own life. It makes it easier when I have no one else to blame."

"It's important to listen to yourself," she continued. "When I haven't, that's when I've gotten into trouble."

Stapleton said her book takes tough subjects and handles them with grace.

"Life is not that complicated. It's hard, but it's worth the work," she said. "Even when things were at their darkest, I still got up, put one foot in front of the other and gave it another try."

"So What" is available on amazon.com.

# New season of Arts at the Alger begins

The War Memorial welcomes back its performing arts series, Arts at the Alger, featuring a complete season of diverse musical performances accompanied by dining experiences in the lakefront ballroom. "Arts at the Alger brings together top-shelf artists from the United States and abroad, presenting wide-ranging performances that entertain, elevate and inspire," said Brooks Hoste, War Memorial senior director of community engagement. "The War Memorial stands out as a unique venue, because we're able to combine

multiple forms of art to create truly memorable experiences. In this case, we're joining the musical and culinary arts. Both music and food are extremely personal, but they're communal, too — we enjoy them inwardly, but also yearn to share the experience, the sounds and the flavors with friends and loved ones. It's a pleasure to offer this caliber of dual-programming through Arts at the Alger." Four main events form the winter portion of Arts at the Alger. Three Sunday brunch concerts, one monthly January

through March, allow audiences to experience everything from jazz to cabaret to classical chamber music. Brunch precedes each concert, including bottomless mimosas. Patrons who purchase tickets to multiple brunch concerts benefit from a subscription discount. Audiences also are treated to an evening concert as The War Memorial and Michigan Opera Theatre present "Sing to Love," featuring MOT Studio artists — soprano Monica Dewey, mezzo-soprano Briana Elyse Hunter, tenor Michael Day, baritone

Harry Greenleaf and bass-baritone Jeff Burns — under the guidance of MOT's Director of Resident Artist Programs Richard Leech and Studio Principal coach and accompanist Tessa Hartle. These young professionals perform opera and Broadway gems, Silver Screen favorites, as well as new work by acclaimed contemporary composer Ricky Ian Gordon. "Sing to Love" features a gourmet multi-course dinner and specialty cocktails. Limited tickets also are available for the concert only. "Michigan Opera

Theatre is thrilled to partner with The War Memorial once again for this special event," Leech said. "It has quickly become a favorite of our patrons and artists alike. Great food, glorious singing and a spectacular setting. What else could one ask for?"

**Arts at the Alger Winter Brunch Series**

- ◆ Sunday, Jan. 28 — Dave Bennett (jazz) — 11 a.m. brunch, 12:30 p.m. performance.
- ◆ Sunday, Feb. 11 — Edising with Bonnie Brooks, Dorothy

Duensing and Wes Fishwick (cabaret) — 11 a.m. brunch, 12:30 p.m. performance.

- ◆ Sunday, March 18 — Hai Xin Wu, Zhihua Tang, Caen Thomason-Redus and Kristi Crago (classical) — 11 a.m. brunch, 12:30 p.m. performance.
- ◆ Saturday, Feb. 3 — The War Memorial and Michigan Opera Theatre present "Sing to Love" — 5:30 p.m. doors, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. performance.

Arts at the Alger is presented by the support of Valerie and Patrick Moran. Tickets, subscriptions and additional details, including full menu, are available at warmemorial.org/arts or by calling (313) 881-7511.

## Senior social

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its annual Senior Holiday Social Dec. 1, which included lunch, gift drawings and a performance by the Grosse Pointe North High School Pointe Chorale.



Lydia Eugenio and Genevieve Carron read through the event program before lunch.



Grosse Pointe Woods Director of Public Safety John Kosanke delivers a green bracelet to Bruce VanFarowe, who's name was called during the raffle.



Lee Kolb won a pair of sterling silver earrings from edmund t. AHEE jewelers.



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Alexander Jeffrey D.C., a chiropractor with Clairpointe Family Chiropractic in Grosse Pointe Farms, offered free posture screenings at the Neighborhood Club. Jim Carroll stands against the wall while Jeffrey scans his posture.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Neighborhood Club Recreation and Wellness Center marks 5th anniversary

As the Neighborhood Club celebrates its 107th anniversary this month, the community staple also marks the fifth anniversary of the grand opening of its Recreation and Wellness Center, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. "This is just one of the milestones we're achieving," said Stu Alderman, executive director of the Neighborhood Club. "We're glad to be a part of the community. We're very well-received by the community as our membership continues to grow each month. "We thank our board of trustees and staff and everyone in our community who supported the building campaign with gifts large or small, without whom the project would not have become a reality," he continued. "Our thanks

as well to Beaumont for signing on to the project from its inception to offer adult physical therapy, as well as the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Center for Human Development for children facing learning and developmental concerns. We also thank the many fitness center members whose participation and involvement enable our success." Throughout the week of Jan. 7, members were privy to special treats in celebration of the anniversary, including complimentary fruit, free posture screenings and raffle drawings. "We're here for everyone," Alderman said, "from preschool to teens to adults to seniors. It's hard to believe it's been five years."

— Jody McVeigh

# Beautiful Beginnings

## ENGAGEMENTS

### Berschback-Janjua

Mary and Rick Berschback of Grosse Pointe Park announce the engagement of their son, Eric Berschback, to Kiran Janjua, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Onkar Janjua of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. A May wedding is planned. Mr. Berschback is a 2005 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan School of Education and an MBA from Arizona State University. He is a research associate for the Arizona Charter Schools Association. Dr. Janjua graduated from the University of Alberta and Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine. She is a naturopathic doctor.



Kiran Janjua and Eric Berschback



Susanna McMillan and Benjamin Alter



Jenna Shier and Danny Calcatera

A March wedding is planned. Miss McMillan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colorado College and is a student at National University of Natural Medicine in Portland, Ore. She is expected to graduate in June with a doctor of naturopathy degree. Dr. Alter earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arizona and a doctor of naturopathy degree from NUNM. He is in private practice in Mountain View, Calif.

### Shier-Calcatera

Steve and Diane Shier of St. Clair Shores, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenna Shier, to Danny

Calcatera, son of Tom and Sally Calcatera of Chesterfield. A September wedding is planned. Miss Shier is a 2009 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Michigan State University and a Master of Arts degree in school and community psy-

chology from Wayne State University. She is a school psychologist with Fraser Public Schools. Mr. Calcatera also graduated in 2009 from Grosse Pointe North. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is a professional basketball player in Sydney, Australia.

### McMillan-Alter

Gioconda and Thayer McMillan of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Susanna Grace McMillan, to Benjamin Edward Alter, son of Ellen Friedman of Phoenix, Ariz., and William Alter of Tucson, Ariz.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

By the Rev. Ben Van Arragon

# Made for love

A close friend once caught me off guard by saying, "There's no such thing as a purely unselfish act." He had just read a pop psychology article on altruism. The article argued that apparently selfless behavior always is driven by hidden, self-serving motives. From an evolutionary standpoint, an individual's survival instinct comes to expression in caring for a community which will, in turn, take care of the individual. From a neurobiological perspective, helping others releases endorphins, which make the helper feel good. There is always some intrinsic reward to doing something that, from the outside, appears completely unselfish. In fact, argued the article (and my friend), it would be unnatural for a person to do anything completely selfless and sacrificial for someone else. It's natural, and best for everyone, if people are driven by some degree of self-interest.

The arguments make logical sense. We see persistent evidence that self-interest drives the engines of commerce and politics. But at an instinctive level we recoil. We want to trust that those in power place our interests before their own. We want to believe we are capable of a love that acts purely in someone else's best interests. We want to believe there are others out there capable of the same. Our most inspirational stories feature heroes and heroines who will, when neces-

sary, give their lives so others can live.

According to the Bible, human beings were created for love: first, to receive the perfect love of the creator God; second to reciprocate that love; third to recirculate God's love to one another and our fellow creatures. Self-interest became a reality only after humanity's fall into sin. The "natural" human tendency toward self-interest is an aberration. We were created to give ourselves self-sacrificially to make life possible for others. In 1 John 3:16 we read, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."

Jesus Christ demonstrates that the fabric of the universe is woven from love. And he demonstrates that love is, at its core, radical self-giving and self-sacrifice. This begs the question: Is my "love" simply self-interest in disguise? Or do I — one kind word, one donated dollar, one sacrificed hour at a time — give my life away so others can live? True love feels costly and unnatural. But it's what we were made for. We are never fully content and at peace — with ourselves, with each other and with God — until we are giving ourselves in love.

*Van Arragon is pastor of the First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park. Visit [firstcrdetroit.org](http://firstcrdetroit.org).*

# CHURCH EVENTS

## Christ Church

Christ Episcopal Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts an ecumenical service at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18 to 25.

## Woods Presbyterian

Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, presents the Grosse Pointe North High School choirs in concert 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. The choirs include Pointe Chorale, Norsemen, and

CounterPointe. Admission is a free-will offering. Call (313) 886-4301 or visit [gpwpres.org](http://gpwpres.org).

## Fort Street

The Fort Street Choir, under the direction of Marilyn Biery, offers an afternoon of opera music and treats at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort, Detroit. Singers Leslie Douglass Mason, Erika Thompson, Carol Ambrogio Wood, Sheena Law-Killinger, Suzanne Fournier, Michael Fowler, John O'Brien

and Ken Shepherd will be joined by Marilyn and James Biery on the recently acquired Steinway C piano. Treats will be served at intermission. Suggested donation is \$10. Visit [fortstreet.org](http://fortstreet.org).

## First English

The Faith Circle at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its fourth annual chili cook-off 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10. A freewill offering includes a variety of foods; beer and wine are available for purchase. Prizes are awarded for the best chilis. Deadline for entry is 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9. Rules are available online at [feelc.org](http://feelc.org). For more

information, call Jeff Gates at (586) 771-8482 or email [gator613@hotmail.com](mailto:gator613@hotmail.com).

◆ The church's annual Valentine salad luncheon and card party takes place noon Tuesday, Feb. 13. Cost is \$12 and includes food, beverages and door and table prizes. Guests are invited to bring cards or games. Reserve a seat by calling Chris Judson at (313) 886-4914.

◆ The church offers Holy Yoga 9 a.m. Fridays. The program incorporates traditional yoga positions with God's word and worship music. A donation of \$5 to \$10 is suggested. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat; mats also are available.

## ASK THE EXPERTS By Barbara Roden

# Caring for a loved one with dementia

**Q: My mom was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's-type dementia. She lives alone, so when I visit she is always very excited to see me. Over the course of my visits, she keeps repeating herself over and over. I tell her she's already told me that, but then a little while later she tells me again. How can I help her memory so she doesn't keep repeating everything?**

**A: Unfortunately, you won't be able to "help" her memory. It is a physical change and currently there is no cure. What you can change is how you react to her repetitive statements and questions. Repetitive behaviors often are caused by stress, anxiety, frustration or fear.**



Your mom may be unsure of what's happening, where she is or what time of day it is. You can imagine how unsettling that might be. Teepa Snow M.S., an occupational therapist and dementia education expert, has some good ideas how to react to your mom when she repeats herself.

In the early stages of dementia, your mom likely will have the greatest difficulty storing and recalling information. Some days may be clearer and some days "their wirtiyng won't work," says

Snow. Recognize she is having trouble with her short-term memory. Let her know you understand she is having trouble and say you're sorry about that, then give her something to do to make her feel successful or helpful, like clipping coupons or folding laundry. This distraction may help break the repetitive cycle.

If you are traveling by car and the same statements keep coming, making you feel frustrated, answer or react to your mom, then engage in something else. Music most likely will be the most effective because, according to Snow, "music is one of the few retained skills in people who have dementia." So get a CD of

## SAVE the DATE

The ABC's of Dementia and Caregiving with Teepa Snow Wednesday, Feb. 7, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Three free sessions occur: 8:30 to 11 a.m., noon to 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 to 7 p.m. Register for a session online at [warmemorial.org/familycenter](http://warmemorial.org/familycenter) or call (313) 447-1374.

older music that will be familiar to your mom and she may even sing along.

It can be challenging to continue to answer a question that's being repeated over and over without becoming annoyed and letting it be heard in your voice. You are human and your feel-

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# 'Tasty Treats' for the palate, ear Feb. 11

Lighthearted love songs, classical treats and pieces that are just plain silly are paired with pastries when the professional singers of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church present "Tasty

Treats" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, in time for Valentine's Day.

The fourth annual performance is part of this season's continuing Music at Memorial series at the church.

Artists include sopranos Carol Ambrogio Wood, Suzanne Grogan and Sheena Law-Killinger; mezzo sopranos Dianne Schoff and Kayla Williams; tenors Michael Fowler and

John O'Brien; and baritone Ken Shepherd and Dan Aggas. James Biery, artistic director for Music at Memorial, and his wife, Marilyn Biery, accompany on piano.

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church is located at 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. General admission is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at the church or online at [ticketriver.com](http://ticketriver.com), as well as at the door. For more informa-

tion, call (313) 882-5330.

Looking ahead this season, Music at Memorial welcomes Wei Yu, principal cellist of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, with his wife, Keun-a Lee, on piano at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3.

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**9:30am**  
Sunday School

**11:00am**  
Late Service with Holy Communion the 1st and 3rd Sundays

Rev. Sean Motley, Senior Pastor  
"Go Make Disciples" ~ [www.feelc.org](http://www.feelc.org)

**Grosse Pointe Congregational Church**  
(United Church of Christ)

**Worship Sunday at 10:00 am**  
Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver  
An Open & Affirming Church

240 Chalfonte G.P. Farms  
313-884-3075  
[www.gpccong.org](http://www.gpccong.org)

**Saint Ambrose Catholic Church**  
15020 Hampton  
Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230-1302

**Masses**  
Saturday Vigil — 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday — 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

(313) 822-2814 • [stambrose@comcast.net](mailto:stambrose@comcast.net)  
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**Christ the King Lutheran Church and Preschool**  
Mack at Lochmoor • 884-5090  
[www.christthekinggp.org](http://www.christthekinggp.org)

**SUNDAY**  
8:15 & 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study  
10:45 a.m. - Sunday School

**MONDAY**  
7 p.m. - Worship Service  
2nd & 4th Monday of the Month

**WEDNESDAY**  
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9:30 am Worship/Holy Communion  
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The Rev. Justin Dittrich

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Sunday, January 28  
One Worship at 9:30 a.m.

20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods 313.884.4820  
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[stmichaelsgpw@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsgpw@gmail.com) [www.stmichaelsgpw.org](http://www.stmichaelsgpw.org)

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey we invite you to walk with us as we walk with Jesus

# OBITUARIES

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

## Zenaida Villanos Capulong

Zenaida Villanos Capulong, 72, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018.

She was the beloved wife of the late Wilfredo; loving mother of Wilfred (Kimberly), the late Winston and Walter (Shailani); dearest grandmother of the late Derek, Jessica, Zachary, Jacquelyn and Wallace; great-grandmother of Cailynn and dear sister of Marilou, Eduardo, Oscar, Imaculada, Mario, Sammy, Precious, Jose and Gamy.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 22 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

## Wayne H. Jens

Wayne H. Jens, 96, beloved husband of Dorothy Akin Jens, passed away Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, at his residence.

He will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Born in 1921, in Manitowoc, Wis., to Elmer and Evelyn Jens, he graduated from Manitowoc's Lincoln High School in 1939. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1943. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and was wounded at Okinawa. Following the war, he married Dorothy Jean Akin. He and his wife enrolled at Purdue University, where he earned both master's and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering.

Dr. Jens was employed with Argonne National Laboratory, where he assisted in the design for the nuclear submarine, Nautilus, and other nuclear projects. After leaving Argonne, he worked for Nuclear Development Associates and was project manager for a number of nuclear projects in the United States and overseas. He also was employed at Detroit Edison, and served in various management positions, ultimately becoming vice president for all nuclear activities in 1980. He retired in 1986 and moved to Seneca, S.C.

In retirement, he took up watercolor painting and developed an interest in genealogy. In 2003, he and Dorothy moved to Brandon Wilde Retirement Community in Evans, Ga., and he continued his activities as a genealogist and artist.

In addition to his wife, Dorothy, Dr. Jens is survived by his children, Kathryn Jens, Martha Bale, Emily Doubler and Andrew Akin Jens; 10 grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.

Donations may be made to the Brandon Wilde Scholarship Fund, 4275 Owens Road, Evans, GA 30809 or the Blue Ridge Art Council, 111 E. South 2nd St., Seneca, SC 29678.

## Elizabeth Ann Martin

Elizabeth Ann "Betsy" Martin, 85, passed away peacefully Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center, surrounded by family and friends. She rejoined her beloved husband of 63 years, who passed away just weeks earlier. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, friend and volunteer who will be missed by those who knew her.

Betsy was born Oct. 15, 1932, in Detroit, the only child of James Theodore and Lalah Ellen Huette. She grew up in Grosse Pointe Park and met the love of her life, Robert Andrew "Bob" Martin at Grosse Pointe High School. After graduation, Betsy attended Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. two years, then graduated from the University of Michigan in June 1954 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. She and Bob married Aug. 21, 1954, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church. Betsy then worked as a kindergarten teacher in Ann Arbor while Bob attended law school. After Bob's graduation in 1957, they moved to Grand Rapids, before returning to Grosse Pointe in 1961 so Bob could join the family business.

Betsy was a devoted mother, proud homemaker and active volunteer. She enjoyed sharing in all her children's activities and her heart and home were open for their friends and activities. Betsy impacted the lives of hundreds of young women through Girl Scouts. She served as a leader many years and led numerous groups of scouts to Europe, Mexico and across the United States. In 1974, with the blessing of Michigan's first lady Helen Milliken, she took the first group of girls to serve as the Governor's Honor Guard on Mackinac Island, a tradition she continued 20 years. She was active in the local Girl Scout Council as well, serving in many capacities, and received many of its highest awards.

Betsy volunteered with Bon Secours Nursing Care Center Auxiliary many years, managing the gift shop and serving as chairman of its annual holiday fair. She enjoyed crafts of all sorts and especially loved working with the "glitter girls" to make Christmas trees to sell at the fair. Even in the last months of her life, she was helping others by making Thanksgiving centerpieces for Services for Older Citizens and knitting scarves for the homeless. Betsy also volunteered her time and talents to Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe Assistance League and Grosse Pointe Congregational Church.

She enjoyed gardening and beautiful flowers. Betsy also loved decorating her home and celebrating all the holidays, but Christmas was her favorite. Handmade Christmas cards, her

famous gingerbread men and "cookie day" are all treasured family traditions.

Betsy and Bob raised five children, Cathy (John Leverenz), Peg (Jim Rohrkemper), Barbara (Andrew Glassberg), Andy (Sue) and Jim. She was blessed with 11 grandchildren, Lisa (Patrick Coletta), Johnny (Neena), Matt (Vanessa) and Kimmy Leverenz; Christine, Jeff (Taylor) and Eric Rohrkemper; Sarah and Emily Glassberg; Alissa and Hailey Martin, and one great-granddaughter, Ava Leverenz. She also had a Swedish "daughter" (through a student exchange program), Ann Charlotte (Anders Nygren), and was "grandma" to her children Miriam, Emelie and Elias as well.

Visitation is 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A memorial service begins at 7 p.m.

Donations may be made to the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan, 1333 Brewery Park Blvd., Suite 500, Detroit, MI 48207 or at [gssem.org](http://gssem.org); Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe Assistance League, 468 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230; or Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or at [gpcong.org](http://gpcong.org).

## Eileen Marion Hatty

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Eileen Marion Hatty, 88, died surrounded by her family Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born April 21, 1929, in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. Prior to moving to Detroit in 1949, Eileen graduated from St. Vincent Girls High School and Modern Business College. She lived her life by the notion that Christian charity was her duty. She was an enthusiastic volunteer for many causes, from co-founding a co-op nursery school as a young mother to Cub Scouts, Altar Society and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen as a senior citizen. Eileen joyfully directed the Meals on Wheels program out of St. Matthew Catholic Church for Detroit's east side more than 30 years. Eileen embodied hospitality, creating a welcoming and loving home. There always was room for one more at her table. Eileen loved to garden, swim and walk with friends. She was a talented crafter, quilter, knitter and crocheter, whose handiwork has kept many of her family, friends and strangers warm and will serve as reminders of her love for them. Her family said Eileen was a kind and generous soul who lived a good and full life.

Eileen is survived by her children, Louis J. Hatty (Kathy Leavey), Hon. Michael P. Hatty (Vivian), Janice H. Capaldi (Tom), Cynthia H. Plourde (Mark) and



Zenaida V. Capulong



Wayne H. Jens



Elizabeth Ann Martin



Eileen Marion Hatty



Angelo P. DiClemente



Beverly Ann Nesler

Michele H. Fritz (Todd); honorary son, John Verpoort; beloved grandchildren, Veronica H. Thelander (Steven), Caroline H. Martin (Joel), Michael A. Hatty (Claudiu Coltea), Eileen Dyer (Scott), Janine Plourde and Christopher Capaldi and great-grandchildren, Ava, Leah, Louis, Thomas, Miles and Elliot. She also is survived by her brother-in-law, Joseph P. Hatty (Mary Jo) and many loving cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Michael T. Hatty, to whom she was married 64 years. She also was predeceased by her brother, Paul P.D. Hatty, Esq. BCL.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m.

Donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

## Angelo Pasquale DiClemente

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Angelo DiClemente, 89, passed away Monday, Jan. 22, 2018.

Born June 22, 1929, in Italy, to Lucia and Pasquale DiClemente, Angelo graduated from University of Detroit. He was well known in the Grosse Pointe community as owner of the Dried Flower shop and also as a member of various Grosse Pointe Woods committees. He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in Eastpointe and enjoyed serving the church in various capacities.

Angelo is survived by his wife of 59 years, Antoinette "Toni"; daughter, Lucy Poulos; sons, Mike, Anthony and Vincent and nine grandchildren. He also is survived by his sister, Dahlia Frenette.

Visitation will be 1 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 27, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Share a memory at [ahpeters.com](http://ahpeters.com).

## Beverly Ann Nesler

Beverly Ann Nesler, 80, passed away Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018.

She was the beloved wife of Robert for 56 years; loving mother of Mark (the late Andrea) and Kevin; dearest grandmother of Andrew, Kevin Jr., Michaela, Jacob and Markie and dear sister of Alice Siehda (Doug), Daniel O'Callaghan (Patricia) and Mary Ellen Reister (Bruce). She also is survived by many loving nieces, nephews, remaining family and friends.

Beverly was employed more than 40 years in the health care industry. She was an active member of Zonta and enjoyed traveling and art.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 24 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores. Donations may be made to Zonta International Foundation at [zonta.org](http://zonta.org).

Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

## Sandra Fitzpatrick Johnson

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Sandra Fitzpatrick Johnson, 83, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, at Delray Medical Center in Delray Beach, Fla.

Born Aug. 9, 1935 to Leo James and Agnes Patricia Fitzpatrick, Sandra attended Grosse Pointe University School, Madeira School and Mt. Vernon College. She was a homemaker who enjoyed gardening, boating and volunteer work. She was a member of and volunteered for Junior League, March of Dimes, CROS Ministries, Mounts Botanical Garden and the Herb Society of the Palm Beaches.

Sandra is survived by her daughters, Lisa Johnson Van Orman, Kris Johnson Kreseski and Alexa Fitzpatrick Johnson; son, John Gallagher Johnson and grandchild, Casey Fitzpatrick Van Orman.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Leo James Fitzpatrick II.

A celebration of life will be held 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at The Beach Club at Lake Worth Golf Club, One 7th Ave., Lake Worth, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to



Sandra F. Johnson

CROS Ministries, 3677 23 Ave. South, B-101, Lake Worth, FL 33461.

## Cliff F. Gray Jr.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Cliff F. Gray Jr., 93, passed away peacefully Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, surrounded by his family.

Cliff was born Jan. 12, 1925, in Detroit, to Cliff and Zina Lane Gray. He graduated from Michigan State University and served in the U.S. Navy toward the end of World War II. He then took over his father's engineering firm in Detroit, where he flourished until his retirement in the 1980s.

An accomplished sailor and Detroit Yacht Club member more than 65 years, Cliff enjoyed many seasons of success racing and judging. He married Martha "Pat" Flash in 1956, and they raised a family of four daughters and one son. After Pat's death in 1975, Cliff married Caroline "Carol" Robertson in 1978. For many years, the two of them enjoyed a second home in Lyon, France, from which they traveled to Europe, Western Asia and Africa.

In addition to his first wife, Cliff was predeceased by his youngest daughter, Rebecca in 1990. He is survived by his much beloved second wife of nearly 40 years, Carol; sister, Caroline; children, Martha, Caroline, Elizabeth and Cliff and stepchildren, Carrie, Trip, Dana, Heidi, Hillary and Cameron.

His family said he will be missed as a loving husband and compassionate and influential father. His striking intellect, pragmatism and dry wit will not be forgotten.

Due to family allergies, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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## OBITUARIES:

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**Joseph Richard Mikula D.D.S.**

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Joseph Richard Mikula D.D.S., "Mickey," died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017, at Orchard Grove Health Campus in Romeo. He was 89.

He was born Aug. 29, 1928, in Detroit, and earned a doctor of dentistry degree from the University of Detroit. He practiced dentistry in the Detroit area more than 40 years.

A captain in the U.S. Army, Mickey enjoyed playing tennis and golf and cheering on the Michigan State University Spartans football and basketball teams.

He is survived by his daughters, Karen Gasior and Pamela Bambrick; son, Kevin Mikula; grandchildren, Megan, Nick, Jennifer, Zak, Cassidy and Cameron and great-grandchildren, Nora, Scarlett and Harper.

He also is survived by his sister, Jeanette Darcey.

He was predeceased by his sister, Lillian Szymanski.

Donations may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

**Thomas Harrison Mercier**

Thomas Harrison Mercier passed away Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018.

He was the loving husband of Ann (nee Cahalan) for 63 years. He is survived by his children, Tom (Eleanor Alcala), Julie (David Mikesell), Mary Robinson, Denise and Sheila O'Neill (Pat) and niece, Julia Mahon. He also is survived by his siblings, Anne, Peter, Peggy McDonald, Craig and Michael; six grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by siblings, Mary, Suzie Zerweck and Larry.

Tom earned a dual degree in finance and philosophy from the University of Detroit and earned a juris doctor degree from U of D's law school. Tom then spent 56 years working at various investment firms, including 20 years as officer and director of a New York Stock Exchange firm. He focused his career on investment management and financial planning for individuals.

Tom was active in organizations focused on improving young lives including the Urban League, Boysville and St. Vincent de Paul. He also

was a catechism teacher at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and an active member of the Catholic community, including the Cardinal Club.

Tom loved his family, friends, jazz, fly-fishing, skiing and travel. And of course, Bird Dog (Tom) loved Babe (Ann).

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 20 at St. Paul on the Lake.

Donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

**Kathrine Morris Schoew**

Former Grosse Pointe resident Kathrine "Kay" Morris Schoew, 97, passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018.

Born Nov. 26, 1920, in Richmond, Va., she was the daughter of Charles W. and Kathrine Cabell Morris. She was a proud member of The Colonial Dames of America and fondly remembered childhood summers visiting her grandmother at Point of Fork, the family home near Columbia, Va.

In the early 1940s, Kay met and married F.W. "Bill" Schoew Jr., a U.S. Army Air Corps test pilot. His career took them to Georgia, Texas, and North Carolina, but the majority of their marriage was spent in Grosse Pointe, with summers in Virginia Beach.

In the late '70s, Bill and Kay moved to Virginia Beach for good and lived



Joseph R. Mikula D.D.S.



Thomas H. Mercier



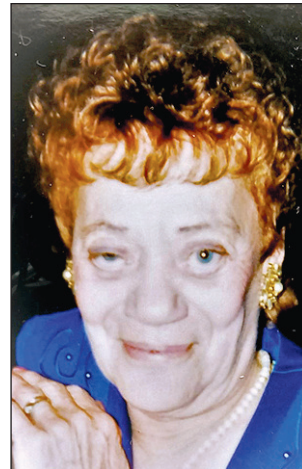
Kathrine Morris Schoew

at the oceanfront. In recent years, Kay lived at Atlantic Shores Retirement Community.

She is survived by her daughter, Chrissie and husband Roger Powers of Grosse Pointe; son, Rick and wife Alison of Norfolk, Va.; grandchildren, Carrington Smith and husband Andy of Grosse Pointe; Amy Graziano and husband Paul of South Mills, N.C.; and Coalter Powers and wife Andrea of Wellesley, Mass.; and great-grandchildren, Coalter and Alston Smith and William and Addyson Powers.

At Kay's request, there will be no formal services. She will be laid to rest in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, fairly near where she was born.

Donations in Kay's memory may be made to the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad, 740 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23451 or at vbvrs.org.



Bettie A. Long

**Bettie A. Long**

Grosse Pointe Park resident Bettie A. Long, 87, passed away Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017, after a brief illness.

Bettie was born Sept. 12, 1930, in Ecorse, to Luther and Lassie Cobb. She was married to Jack Long 40 years until his death in 1990. She was the beloved mother of Jack Christopher (Mary Kay), Mark (Shannon) and Kimberly; proud grandmother of Aaron, Jeff, Scott and Ryan and great-grandmother of Zachary, Megan and Preston.

She was predeceased by her sisters, Carol and Donna and brother, Raymond.

Bettie raised her family in Taylor before moving to Grosse Pointe Park in 1997, with her daughter and son-in-law. Bettie was a lifelong homemaker who relished her role as wife, mother and grandmother. She loved baby-sitting her grandchildren and going to their many sporting events. She enjoyed traveling and had criss-crossed the country by car and RV, visiting many states and landmarks with her family. She had an affinity for card playing and especially loved getting together with family and friends for lively games of poker or euchre.

She will be missed by her family and friends.

A celebration of life service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian



LaVonne Klein Snyder

Church, 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe.

**LaVonne Klein Snyder**

Former Grosse Pointe resident LaVonne "Bonnie" Klein Snyder, 94, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018, at Tidewell Hospice in Venice, Fla.

She was born Oct. 28, 1923, in Spokane, Wash., and attended the University of California, Berkeley. She worked as a secretary in the downtown office of Chase Bank.

Bonnie enjoyed musical theater, tennis, golf and sewing. She was a member of the Theatre Arts Club of Detroit, Fine Arts Society of Detroit and Ibex.

She is survived by her daughters, Bonnie Lee Fox (Bruce), Gretchen Klein, Heidi R. Minnick (Dave), Maryanne Perry (Jim) and Carol Wood (Frank); stepdaughter, Kathy Snyder; stepson, Ralph Snyder; grandchildren, Amanda K. Fox, Emily Oermann (Matt), James H. Perry, Carol Perry (Andrew), Erika Minnick, Katherine W. Sniadecki (Matt) and Travis Wood; and great-grandchildren, Maxwell Chmielewski and Alexa Chmielewski and Noah and Connor Oermann.

Interment is in Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, Fla.

Donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice: Venice Hospice House, 220 Wexford Blvd., Venice, FL 34293.

## What's the plan?

## ASK JEFF AND DEBRA

**Q: Our 29-year-old daughter is completing inpatient treatment for alcoholism. We think she's done well in treatment, but she doesn't seem interested in her aftercare plan. What can we do to encourage her?**

**A:** What's your aftercare plan? The best help you can give your daughter at this phase of her recovery is to model the behavior you hope to see from her.

Is she being encouraged to attend Twelve Step meetings like AA? We assume these meetings will be a key component of her continuing care plan. In that case, it's critical for both of you to begin attending Al-Anon meetings. Al-Anon is the Twelve Step program for friends and family members of alcoholics. (Tip: Google "Alanon" and your home town.)

In your daughter's case, it won't be enough to attend a few AA meetings, then get back to her normal schedule. Like any major diet or exercise plan, recovery from a substance use disorder requires commitment to be successful.

You can lead the way by showing her your commitment to your recovery program in Al-Anon. Don't just go to a few meetings; pick a meeting or two you're always going to attend, then stick with the schedule to the best of your ability.

Participate actively in meetings by getting a sponsor and working the Twelve Steps. All AA and Al-Anon meetings are self-sustaining. They accept no outside contributions, so be a part of the group and help with one of the little tasks that make meetings possible, like setting up chairs. This seemingly innocuous task will do more to cement you into the group than almost anything else. It's called service work and it requires humility and commitment. Not coincidentally, these are exactly the qualities you will hope to see from your daughter.

Lead by example. We guarantee she will be amazed if you announce you've selected a home group, you've asked someone to be your sponsor and you're working the

steps.

If you want to super-charge your recovery — and hers — read the book, "It Takes a Family," and follow its weekly meeting format. You can either work with a trained Structured Family Recovery® counselor or follow the step-by-step guide on your own. The book provides structure and accountability so the whole family starts building a positive program. It also provides basic education on the disease and recovery process.

It's natural for parents to worry about their child's recovery process, but put the focus on yourselves. When you provide a positive example and demonstrate real commitment to the process, you make it far more likely she will follow suit. We do recover.

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



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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 7PM**  
**The Invisible Man, Ralph Ellison**

**Lecturer:** Rose Gorman is the Resident Fellow for The Tuxedo Project and an Assistant Professor of English at Marygrove College in Detroit, Michigan.



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 7PM**  
**"The Poetics of Democracy in Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass"**

**Lecturer:** Dr. Alison Powell is Assistant Professor of Poetry at Oakland University where she teaches Poetry, Creative Writing and British Literature, among other topics.

**Thursday, March 29, Ernest Hemingway's Nick Adams Stories**  
**Lecturer:** Christopher Struble, President of the Michigan Hemingway Society

**Thursday, April 19, "What's Great about Gatsby" a lecture about F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby**  
**Lecturer:** Professor Vanessa Stauffer. Professor Stauffer earned an MFA in Poetry and a PhD in Literature and Creative Writing from the University of Houston.

All lectures are free and will take place at the Ewald Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library at 7 pm. Seating is limited to the first 70 so those interested in attending should register on the Friends website by visiting [gplibraryfriends.org](http://gplibraryfriends.org)  
Participants may also register by calling 343-2074 ext 204 by leaving your name, phone number, number in your group and mailing address.

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## CARING:

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ings are real. If you lose your patience, step out of the room or get a quick breath of fresh air. Forgive yourself, then go back to your mom. With a little time for yourself, you can again handle your mom's behavior with kindness.

Roden is owner and director of client relations at Senior Helpers of Farmington Hills and Grosse Pointe. She also is a board member on the Alzheimer's Association's Greater Michigan Chapter. For more information, call (313) 885-0600 or visit [seniorhelpers.com](http://seniorhelpers.com). Senior Helpers is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals.

The Family Center's mission is to serve the community through programs and resources vital to today's families. As a nonprofit organization, it is completely supported by community donations. To learn more, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org), call (313) 447-1374 or email [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org).

## About Teepa Snow

Teepa Snow is one of the world's leading advocates and educators for anyone living with dementia. Her philosophy is reflective of her education, work experience, medical research and first-hand caregiving experiences. Her advocacy efforts led her to the development of the GEMS® dementia classification model and the Positive Approach® to Care training strategies.

An occupational therapist by trade, she graduated from Duke University and has a Master of Science degree from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Snow has more than 35 years of clinical experience in geriatrics and dementia care, as well as having provided care to family members with dementing illnesses. Currently, she has an independent practice as well as clinical appointments with Duke University's School of Nursing and UNC-CH School of Medicine. She provides interactive and creative educational and practical hands-on training sessions to organizations and providers throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom. Learn more at [teepasnow.com](http://teepasnow.com).

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their life. Dementia doesn't hit a population; it hits everybody. (Snow) will give them tools to manage successfully."

"She can train people at many levels," said Mary Ellen Brayton, community engagement coordinator with The Family Center. "The more people understand, the more people can help."

"And she's funny," Brayton continued. "She's not like a professor lecturing in class. She's anecdotal; she acts it out. She gives a lot of information in a short amount of time, but it's a great overview of what you can do."

Roden agreed. "Even though she is talking about a difficult topic that is intimidating and frightening, Teepa

Snow's use of humor and compassion creates a very special and effective learning environment," she said. "She explains the science of dementia and through role play teaches how to better understand symptoms, interact more effectively and provide better care through real-world techniques that work. This program is for everyone because sooner or later, most of us will either develop the disease or have loved ones who do. But we can take action and this event is a great starting point." Videos of Snow's work are available online at [teepasnow.com](http://teepasnow.com). A Family Center podcast featuring Roden is available at [bit.ly/2rtyd29](http://bit.ly/2rtyd29).

To register for the Feb. 7 event, visit [warmemorial.org/familycenter](http://warmemorial.org/familycenter) or call (313) 881-7511.

"Due to dementia's significant growth and

impact, there is a great need for education," Liedel said. "Most of us don't know what to do when someone close to us starts showing dementia symptoms or understand why our loved one's demeanor is changing. It can be very unsettling and painful for everyone involved. This program is an exceptional opportunity to understand the disease, recognize symptoms and learn tips for improved communication."

Added Roden, "I am a strong believer in education. I hope that attendees gain a better appreciation for the things their loved one can still do as the disease progresses. I would like attendees to learn some tips and suggestions to try as they are providing care that will make it just a little easier while dealing with a tough situation."

## HELP:

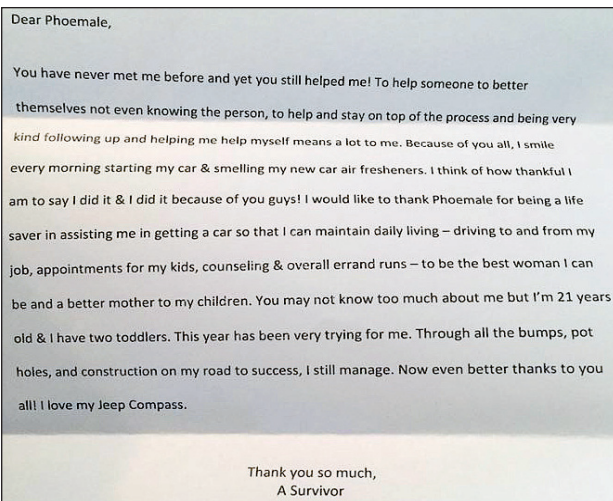
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recover, but has a gap in that plan.

"Anything they need that they can't get donated anywhere else, we help them fill in the blank," Baker said.

Phoemale has paid for mental health counseling; purchased a car so a sexual assault survivor could get a job and support her children; paid off the debt of a domestic violence survivor so she could move to a home where her abuser couldn't find her; and gave a refrigerator to a woman who's domestic abuser stole her fridge.

"We can't help every-



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one, but we would like to," Lefief said. "Our goal is, if they've overcome this traumatic event and are trying to get back up — which can be hard — to help these girls rebuild their lives, get back to school, have housing, have a steady job. It's not easy." The group hosts occa-

sional events to raise money — including guest bartending at Rustic Cabins Bar in Grosse Pointe Park, where tips earned benefit the nonprofit, and its summertime Bikes & Beers event.

Phoemale was selected as the recipient of Village Wine's annual wine-tasting event as well.

Its biggest fundraiser, however, is Phire & Ice, which for two years Lefief hosted at her home. This year, the event moves to Bayview Yacht Club.

"It's wacky, zany fun," Lefief said of previous events. "Everyone had a great time and we raised a lot of money. We had 120 people last year. This year our goal is 200, so we're having it at

Bayview."

The event includes "bocce curling" and other winter games on an outdoor ice rink, a live band, pig roast, bar, fire pits, raffles and an auction. Prizes include sporting event tickets, weekend getaways, art, jewelry and fitness packages.

The public is welcome. Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased at [phoemale.org/events.html](http://phoemale.org/events.html).

Apart from raising funds, the 12-member board of Phoemale does volunteer work, as well as hosts social and networking events.

"We're getting together, doing fun activities, supporting women and helping at least one woman build her life back up,"

Lefief said. "We know we're lucky. We have family and friends and each other. But how many women out there don't have that? So we're spreading that love and support."

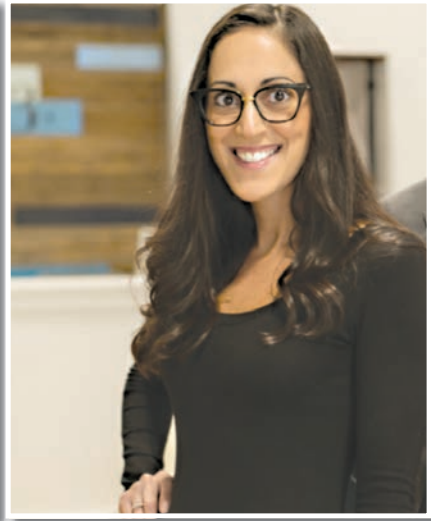
Added Baker, "We're unique in the way we are out of the box ... Everybody's filling in the gap and getting each other to think outside the box (to remedy) a difficult situation."

Lefief said currently meetings are limited to board members, but she expects the group to host general membership meetings later this year. The club is open and all are welcome to join.

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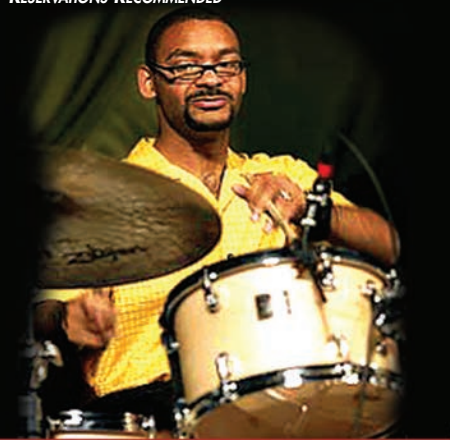
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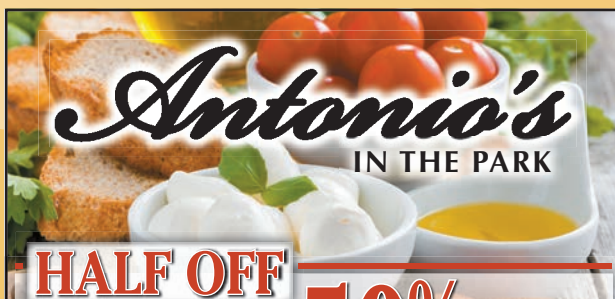
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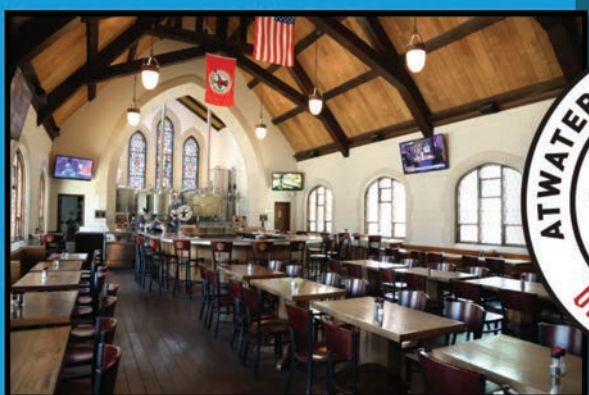
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## Girls basketball

### RIVALS

# Norsemen overwhelm Blue Devils

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls basketball teams battled in the first of two regular season contests early last week.

The Norsemen had the upper hand the past few contests, and they kept the streak going with a 44-32 road win.

“(Head coach) Kevin (Richards) has done a good job with them and they’ve improved,” North head coach Gary Bennett said. “We didn’t play well in the first half, but the girls took care of the ball in the second half, played good defense and passed very well. I was happy with the effort.”

It was the second straight game the Norsemen played a lackluster first half before turning on the jets in the second half. Bennett

played all 11 girls in the half and each contributed.

“We played hard and played well at times, but in the end we didn’t shoot the ball very well, and it made a big difference in the outcome,” South’s Richards said.

The Blue Devils shot the ball well in the opening quarter, leading 10-6 thanks to triples from juniors Savannah Srebernak and Sydni Hall and freshman Alexa Downey.

The Norsemen took advantage of the Blue Devils’ cold shooting in the second quarter, using a 13-7 stanza to take a 19-17 halftime lead.

Despite the lead, the Norsemen had 14 turnovers, which allowed the Blue Devils to convert a couple of easy baskets on their end.

The Norsemen turned up the defensive intensity in the second half,



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North’s Josie Ciaravino goes up for a layup with South’s Alexa Downey looking to block the shot.

forcing several turnovers and countless missed shots.

They outscored the Blue Devils 12-6 in the third quarter to lead 31-23. It was 31-25 after the home team scored the first basket of the fourth quarter, but once again the visitors used a run to up the lead to double digits.

Three-pointers gave

the Blue Devils life in the final period as they cut a 38-25 deficit to 38-32 with 3:46 left. That would be the closest they could get as the Norsemen spread the floor on the offensive end and used patience to get consecutive layups from freshman Maddie Kohler to make it a 10-point game.

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## Swimming

### RIVALS

# Blue Devils beat rival Norsemen

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South’s boys swimming and diving team continued its run of victories over rival Grosse Pointe North, winning 135-48 early last week.

It’s been more than a decade since the Norsemen beat the Blue Devils. The host Blue Devils won each of the 12 events.

In the 200-yard medley relay, Ethan Briggs, Thomas Jogan, Matthew Koueiter and Khalib Rahman won with a time of 1:41.48 and North’s quartet of Anthony Diamond, Owen Schaaf, Connor Lefebvre and Hunter Adelson was second with a time of 1:47.57.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the Blue Devils squad of Koueiter, Raef Akkary, Nick Vallan and Matthew Melican

won with a time of 1:35.17 and North’s team of Tommy Hartzell, Sam Stafford, Sean Rogos and Jonathon Stander was third at 1:48.97.

South was able to nab second place in the 200-relay with Jackson Jogan, Zack Grieser, David Swegels and Ryan English posting a time of 1:43.43.

In the final event of the meet, Melican, Thomas Jogan, Rahman and Briggs won with a time of 3:31.17. Taking second was South’s Vallan, Akkary, Rizer and Michael Currier at 3:38.51 and North’s Schaaf, Lefebvre, Adelson and Hartzell was third at 3:49.28.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Currier, Rizer and Jackson Jogan helped the Blue Devils sweep the event as they had times of 1:56.88, 2:03.80

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## Gymnastics

### GROSSE POINTE UNITED

# Ladies improve; win league meets

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team evened its record at 2-2 last week, beating Port Huron Unified 133.675-129.625.

Head coach Kristin Remillet watched her gymnasts hit on all cylinders as they won each of the four events for a second straight meet. For Port Huron, it was its first meet of the season.

The team had a trio of ladies who were within a point of each other in the all-around score.

Junior Emma Scott was first for the team with a 33.800 all-around score, followed by junior Elizabeth Byarski at 33.550 and sophomore Amanda Nguyen at 33.425.

Scott’s scores were 8.725 on the floor exercise, 8.675 on vault, 8.450 on balance beam and 7.950 on uneven parallel bars. Byarski had 9.100 on floor, followed by 8.650 on vault, 8.250 on beam and 7.550 on bars, and Nguyen scored 8.950 on floor, 8.750 on vault, 8.000 on beam and 7.725 on bars.

Senior captain Maggie Bowers also competed in the four events and was above 30 in the all-

around score, netting 31.750. She had an 8.550 on vault, 8.200 on floor, 8.050 on beam and 6.950 on bars.

The other scorers on the “A” team were sophomores Emma Burney, who had 22.225 points in the all-around, Lexi Poulos with 24.650, and Claire Yee with 24.550.

The girls on the “B” team competed on a select few events and those gymnasts were senior captain Sydney Dugan and senior Kiyla Harris, and sophomores Bella Cameron, Callie Kersten and Kaileigh Wu.

On Monday evening, Grosse Pointe improved to 3-1 in its division with a 132.600-124.625 home victory over Troy.

Scott led the team and was first in the all-around with a 33.875. She scored a 9.100 on floor, 8.350 on vault, 8.325 on beam and 8.100 on bars.

Byarski was a close second, earning 33.525 and Nguyen had 33.175 points.

Byarski had an 8.775 on floor, 8.450 on vault, 8.200 on beam and 8.100 on bars, while Nguyen had 8.550 on floor, 8.450 on vault, 8.275 on beam and 7.900 on bars.

Bowers, Burney, Poulos (three events)

and freshman Kate Ennis also competed on the “A” team and had all-around scores of 30.775, 30.575, 24.525 and 31.025.

Bowers recorded a high of 8.300 on vault and had an 8.025 on floor. She scored a 7.900 on beam and 6.550 on bars.

Burney put together a score of 8.150 on vault, followed by 7.950 on floor, 7.425 on beam and 7.050 on bars.

In her three events, Poulos scored an 8.250 on beam, an 8.150 on vault and an 8.125 on floor.

Ennis scored an 8.600 on vault, 8.200 on beam, 7.725 on floor and 6.500 on bars.

The girls who scored points on the “B” squad were junior Emma Andreoli, Yee, Cameron, Dugan, Harris, Kersten and Wu.

The team competes in the Jeanne Caruss Invitational Saturday, Jan. 27, and travels to Port Huron for a league meet Wednesday, Jan. 31.

Senior night is at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at home and the league meet is Wednesday, Feb. 14, with Birmingham, Dearborn, Fraser, Port Huron, Troy and Grosse Pointe competing.



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## Boys basketball

# Norsemen turn corner

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Ron Kochan knew his Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team would get in the swing of things after a small setback during the holiday break.

The Norsemen put their game in second gear last week as they beat Utica Ford 59-38 and Warren Mott 63-53. "We played some good basketball and played the way I think we are capable of playing," Kochan said. "We have confidence as we head into the second half of our division schedule."

Against Mott, senior Philip Ross scored a career-high 18 points as the Norsemen knocked off the division co-leader.

"Phil played a great game, and he had the hot hand," Kochan said.

"This was the win we were looking for."

The Norsemen carried the momentum to the Ford game.

They started slowly, leading 9-6 after the first quarter, but then stretched the advantage to nine points, 23-14, at the half.

Their defensive effort was impressive. Rebounding, blocking shots, holding the Falcons to one shot and creating turnovers were the keys to the home team leading.

They put the game away with an 18-7 third quarter as junior Ryan Webb was a force in the paint. He scored 12 of 16 points in the period as the Norsemen led 41-21.

Each team traded baskets in the fourth quarter as the Norsemen cruised to their second win in a row.



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

**North junior Ryan Webb, left, scored 16 points to lead the Norsemen to a home win over Utica Ford.**

Webb led the team with 16 points, 10 rebounds and five blocked shots, while juniors Troy Herd and Joe Rheume had 10 points apiece.

Junior Joe Ayrault

chipped in with seven points, with Ross and senior Tyler Hill netting six points apiece.

Grosse Pointe North is 3-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 5-6 overall.

## Girls basketball

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Knights split

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls basketball team salvaged a split of its division games last week.

After losing 57-30 to division-leading Marine City Cardinal Mooney, the Knights regrouped to beat host West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy 28-17.

"Thank goodness we like to work hard and give a great effort each time we play," head coach John Bandos said. "Defense won this game for us. Our offense kind of 'hit the wall.' Shots were not going in, we were missing layups, fumbling passes, and we were getting frustrated with the lack of scoring."

"These are signs of a young and inexperienced team. At halftime we talked about always giving our best effort and, for this game, rely heavily on our defense."

The Knights led 11-10 in a low scoring first half. They put up 12 points on the board in the third quarter and held Jewish Academy to two to build a 23-12 lead.

"The third quarter was our best and turned the game in our favor," Bandos said.

Olivia Fetterman led the Knights with 11

points and eight rebounds, followed by Maria Pas with seven points and six assists.

Delaney Garvey had seven points and four assists, while Mimi Wujek finished with two points and nine rebounds. Rounding out the scoring was Aidan McFarlane with one point.

In the Cardinal Mooney game, the Knights were at a distinct height disadvantage as they went up against a front line consisting of girls 6-foot, 2-inches, 6-foot and 5-foot, 8-inches.

In addition, their guards were 5-foot, 8-inches, and 5-foot, 7-inches.

The Knights fell behind 18-6 in the first quarter, held their own in the middle two stanzas, and lost the fourth quarter 14-1.

"We worked hard the entire game, but couldn't find the solution to stopping Mooney's power game," Bandos said.

Garvey led the team with 16 points and seven assists, while Izzy Brusilow and Delaney Bandos had six points apiece. Fetterman had two points and six rebounds.

Liggett improved to 5-3 in the Catholic League Intersectional Division and 5-5 overall.

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Knights battle to the end

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Chris Housey and his University Liggett School boys basketball team have been in every game this season.

The Knights played two more close games last week and, unfortunately, both ended in the loss column, 43-40 to Madison Heights Bishop Foley and 39-36 to Royal Oak Shrine.

Both games were on the road and were division contests.

Against Bishop Foley, seniors Anthony George and Casey Scoggin led the way, scoring 18 and 12 points, and in the game with Shrine it was Scoggin leading the way with 15 points, followed by George with 12.

Liggett is 1-4 in the Catholic League Intersectional 1 Division and 2-8 overall.

Of the eight defeats,

two came in overtime and the past five have been by four or fewer points.

The Knights have been in position to win each of those games, but haven't found a way to put them in the win column.

## Benefit

On Friday, Feb. 2, Liggett hosts Bishop Foley on Coaches vs. Cancer night, where the coaches will wear sneak-

ers with their shirts and ties, and the kids will do the same at school.

"We will have a donation jug, and a portion of the gate will go to the Coaches vs. Cancer foundation to help fund cancer research," head coach Chris Housey said. "We'd like to get all of the publicity that we can and have as many people in attendance as possible."

Game time is set for 6:30 p.m.

## RIVALS:

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"We had it down to six in the fourth, but couldn't get any closer," Richards said. "We are getting better, which is encouraging. We had trouble

Dakota 66-63.

The host Norsemen were down 33-26 at the half, but used a 21-8 third quarter to build a 47-41 advantage.

The Cougars, who entered the game without a division loss, couldn't get over the hump as the Norsemen made several

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# FTs doom team

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team was in position to earn a road win last week at Utica Eisenhower.

After trailing 21-17 at the half, the Blue Devils used a 15-8 third quarter to take a 32-29 advantage.

It was close throughout the fourth quarter before the Blue Devils eventually lost 50-42 to drop to 0-4 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 1-9 overall.

"The boys played hard and were in position to win a big road game," head coach Troy Glasser said. "We couldn't make free throws and Eisenhower did. That was a big difference in the outcome."

"I think we played with energy."

The Blue Devils made only 6-of-14 free throws in the fourth quarter and 11-of-25 for the game, including several front ends of one-and-one



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**South freshman Daryl Houston, right, is getting a lot of playing time on the varsity squad.**

opportunities.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is a 7 p.m.

home game Friday, Jan. 26, against Sterling Heights Stevenson, and

an away game Tuesday, Jan. 30, against Chippewa Valley.

*'Our girls played great at both ends of the court. It was one of our biggest upset wins in my time here. We lost by 22 at their place.'*

GARY BENNETT,  
North girls basketball head coach

defending Julia (Ayrault), who made a lot of nice plays at both ends of the court. She is a great player and that is why she is going to Michigan State."

Ayrault had a double-double, netting 14 points and 15 rebounds. She also had seven blocked shots, six steals and four assists.

She was able to get her teammates more involved in the offense.

Kohler finished with six points, followed by juniors Evelyn Zacharias and Rachel Sexton, as well as senior Josie Ciaravino, with five points apiece.

For the Blue Devils, Srebernak and Downey had eight points apiece, followed by Hall and junior Lily Adams with six points apiece.

Two nights later, South rebounded to beat Romeo 38-35 on the road.

With the win, South improved to 1-5 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 5-7 overall.

North continued its steady play and beat division-leading Macomb

clutch plays down the stretch to pull off the victory.

"I think the key was that we played with energy and enthusiasm and without any fear," Bennett said.

"We had fun, and we were going to have fun win or lose."

"We fell behind 33-19 late in the second quarter but then scored the last seven points of the half to make it 26-33. Julia hit a three from half court as time ran out. We began the third quarter with at least a 10-0 run to take the lead. We ended up winning 66-63."

"Our girls played great at both ends of the court. It was one of our biggest upset wins in my time here. We lost by 22 at their place."

Ayrault led the way with 32 points, 11 rebounds, three steals and two assists. Sophomore Christina Braker had 14 points and five rebounds and Ciaravino had seven points and four assists.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 3-2 in the MAC Red Division and 7-2 overall.

## Youth hockey

## GROSSE POINTE BULLDOGS

## Title team

The Grosse Pointe Bulldogs 14U hockey team won the Irish South Bend Cup, a tournament held in South Bend, Ind., the weekend of Jan. 12.

"This was a tremendous team victory. I'm really proud of the boys," said head coach Jon Bartoy.

The Bulldogs outscored their opponents 16-2 over the course of four games.

The first game against the Skokie Flyers was a penalty-filled affair with each team spending their fair share of time in the penalty box, but the team won 3-1. Tournament Most Valuable Player alternate captain Jake Kolk opened the scoring and was followed by goals from Will Byrum and Liam Mathieson.

The second game, which saw Kolk playing defense, was a hard-fought 2-1 victory against the Chicago Bruins. The Bulldogs earned their winning goal off the skate of Ryan Bernard. The officials determined the goal was good as



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**The Grosse Pointe Bulldogs 14U hockey team celebrate after winning the Irish South Bend Cup.**

there was no kicking motion from Bernard's skate.

The Bulldogs took control of the third game and cruised to a 6-0 victory against the Springfield Kings. Billy Rauh scored two goals and notched one assist, earning first star of the game. Charlie Devought, Bernard, Ben Lenhard and co-captain Sean Sullivan rounded out the scoring.

In the final game the Bulldogs once again faced their toughest opponent of the tournament, the Chicago Bruins.

"The game was going to be a challenge, but the boys took control. It was great," said Bartoy.

The first period was a battle in which neither sided found the back of the net. The Bulldogs found themselves down two players for nearly three minutes as a result of a barrage of penalties during the first period.

Byrum opened the scoring midway through the second period on a goal assisted by Sullivan and co-captain Jacob Leese. The Bulldogs found success in the third period.

As the Bruins found

themselves with their own penalty trouble, the Bulldogs capitalized, scoring four unanswered goals to go on to win 5-0 in the championship game.

Goaltender Dougie Cowan gave up two goals in four games and recorded two shutouts during the tournament.

Two other Bulldogs teams captured tournament championships. The 2006 squad won the MLK Tournament in Lansing and the 2007 squad won in sudden death shoot out to capture the Irish South Bend Cup.

## Girls hockey

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Knights play well, but fall to Cranes

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls hockey team was rusty after a near month-long hiatus from its schedule.

The holiday break and two postponed games left the Knights without game action since Friday, Dec. 23.

The host Knights needed the first period to get back in the swing of things. They fell behind Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 3-1 before falling 4-2.

Head coach Anna Kuehnlein watched her Knights get outplayed in the first period.

However, it was all Knights in the final two periods and a victory was well within their reach.

The Cranes scored first, but junior Abby Doppke tallied a couple of minutes later to tie it 1-1. Senior Maddie Hamilton had the assist.

Two quick Cranes goals made it a 3-1 game, and the home team was

back on its heels.

Kuehnlein was able to get her players refocused, and they played well in the final two periods.

They had a lot of quality shots on goal, and several just missed the mark.

They hit the post on a couple of shots.

The Knights crept to within a goal at 3-2 when senior Olivia Yates scored at the 10:10 mark of the second period. Hamilton and junior Nicole Rivera assisted.

The home team continued to play most of the second period in the Cranes' zone and the Knights' defense played better.

It was the same story in the third period, but in the end the Cranes put the game away with only an empty-net goal with only 47 seconds left.

Sophomore Evie Bournias played well in net, but suffered the loss.

Liggett is 3-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 5-4 overall.

## Boys hockey

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Dominating victories

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys hockey team stretched its winning streak to three games last week, beating Allen Park 5-2 and Troy 9-2.

Freshman goaltender Grant Lindsay earned the win in each game, stopping 26 of 28 shots against Allen Park and 25 of 27 shots against Troy.

The visiting Knights jumped out to a 3-0 lead against the Jaguars as seniors Spencer Warezak and Spencer Stefani scored in the first period and senior Alex Johnson tallied in the second period.

Stefani, Warezak and junior Dan Bowen had

the assists.

The Jaguars scored the next two goals to make it a 3-2 game, but Stefani scored to give the visitors a two goal cushion and Johnson tallied again to put the finishing touches on the victory.

Sophomore Will Nicholson and senior Dylan Paulsell had assists on the Stefani goal, while junior Caden Lewandowski and Stefani assisted Johnson's goal.

The win over Allen Park put Liggett at 6-1 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League East Division, tied for first with Detroit Country Day. These teams meet Tuesday, Feb. 13, for what should be the division title.

Against Troy, the game

was tied 2-2 after the first period.

The Knights put the game away by scoring four goals in the second period and they added three more in the third.

Senior Sean Detloff had the hat trick and sophomore Tristan Reilly had two goals and one assist for a three-point night. Lewandowski also had three points, netting three assists.

Stefani led the team with four points on two goals and two assists. Other goal scorers were junior Luke Zinn and senior Santo Scarfone. Senior Matthew Moroun, Bowen, Paulsell and Johnson also had assists.

Liggett improved to 13-3 overall.

"We had a pretty good showing against one of

the top teams in the OAA against Troy on Saturday for the Metro/OAA Showcase in Trenton," head coach Mike Maltese said. "They were previously ranked in the top 10 in Division 1. The boys responded well after falling behind 2-0 early in the first period. It was a good test for us to prepare us for the state tournament, especially falling behind 2-0 halfway through the first period."

Coming up for the Knights is their Liggett Showcase Friday, Jan. 26, and Saturday, Jan. 27.

They play at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 26 against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard and at 2 p.m. Jan. 27 against Toledo St. Francis.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Last-minute defeat, 4-3

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team played a sluggish game from the start of its 4-3 league loss to Plymouth-Canton-Salem last week-end.

Head coach Casey Quick and his Norsemen trailed 1-0 and 2-1 in the first period, before scoring twice to lead 3-2.

Junior Clare Murphy scored at the 12:12 mark, while freshman Erin Murphy had the second goal and senior Kylee Banaszewski the final goal.

Erin Murphy and Banaszewski scored 10 seconds apart near the end of the opening period.

The Penguins tied the game with a goal at the 2:10 mark of the second

period and scored the game winner on the power play with only 31.4 left in the third period.

Senior Erika Benoit suffered the loss in net.

The Norsemen's high octane offense was less than stellar.

Very little passing and too much standing around made the job easier for Penguins goalie Savina Osann.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 4-3 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 9-3 overall.

The Norsemen get two huge tests this week, hosting league-leading Livonia Ladywood at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at Eastside Ice Arena, and playing Grosse Pointe South at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at Eastside Ice Arena.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils fall, 4-3

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team has followed a similar script this season: play hard, outplay the opposition and play a one-goal game.

Last weekend, the Blue Devils hosted U-D Jesuit and played a hard-fought, one-goal game.

Unfortunately, the Blue Devils were on the losing end of a 4-3 league game.

"We dominated that game and should have won, but didn't," head coach Bobby McKillop said. "That has been this

team all season. Outplay the other team, get scoring opportunities, but find a way to lose. I can see the guys getting better, and I hope these games start turning in our favor as we head toward the playoffs."

Senior Garrett Bollenbacher scored for the Blue Devils in the first period. It was a 1-1 game despite the fact the home team had four power-play opportunities.

Freshman Dean Therriault did score on the power play in the second period. The Cubs had two goals and led 3-2 after two periods.

Sophomore Keegan Spitz scored at the 8:59 mark of the third period to tie it 3-3. The Blue Devils had all the momentum and the offense was swarming around the Cubs goal.

They had a couple of chances to take the lead as the ensuing shift put the pressure on, but it was the Cubs that used a 2-on-1 odd-man rush to score and take the lead for good.

The Cubs' game-winning goal came at the 7:35 mark.

Grosse Pointe South fell to 2-7 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 5-9 overall.

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Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Coach happy with progress

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team looks like it has turned the corner.

After a rough first half of the season, head coach Joe Drouin and his Norsemen were anxious to put that in the rear-view mirror.

The Norsemen had their best week of the season last week, playing better against Romeo, Trenton and Warren De La Salle.

They tied De La Salle 3-3, scoring a goal late in the third period to force overtime. Junior Joey Hellwarth lit the lamp to make it 3-3. Junior Chris

Lorelli had the lone assist.

Neither team scored in the extra session, but the Norsemen were able to earn a point in the standings. It was their first point in Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League action.

"We took advantage of the mid-term exam schedule half days to bring the team in for a film study Friday afternoon before we played De La Salle," Drouin said. "The team, assistant coach Chris Bahash, skill instructor Tim VanEckoute and myself spent the afternoon in my classroom.

"We pointed out the good things, corrected

some breakdowns, and found a couple of schemes De La Salle ran that we could take advantage of. We picked up against the Pilots right where we left off against Trenton."

Junior Connor Albrecht scored a goal in each of the first two periods as the Norsemen led 2-1 heading into the third stanza.

His first tally was unassisted, and the second was assisted by sophomores Evan Berger and Joe Lucido.

"We killed off a 5-on-3 for the last minutes of overtime," Drouin said. "Our kids were putting it all on the line, diving in front of shots. The will to

win was there."

Hellwarth missed the first half due to the Michigan High School Athletic Association transfer rule, and he is making an immediate impact.

In the Trenton game, the Norsemen lost 5-3 as Chris Lorelli, with assists from Hellwarth and sophomore Charles Ramsdell, scored in the second period.

In the third period, Albrecht scored on the power play, assisted by Chris Lorelli and senior Ryan Rokicki, and Rokicki's goal, with assists from junior Kyle Losinski, lit the lamp to conclude the Norsemen's offensive output.

North started the week with a 4-3 loss to Romeo.

The Norsemen built a 3-0 lead off goals from Kolinski, junior Frank Lucido and senior Austin Albrecht.

Austin Albrecht and Berger assisted on the first goal, while senior Tim Bowers assisted the second goal. Austin Albrecht's goal was shorthanded and unassisted.

Romeo scored in the second period and had the three goals in the third period.

The Bulldogs scored the tying goal at the 13:12 mark and the winning goal at the 14:13 mark.

"We jumped out to a

3-0 lead, but just couldn't put the Bulldogs away,"

Drouin said. "Our boys did not deal with adversity very well as the Bulldogs battled back. The way our season has been going, things had to get worse before they could get better. Romeo was the low point of the season.

"As coaches, we wanted the players to have ownership over the second half of the season. Since we played Trenton and De La Salle twice in the matter of two weeks, we wanted to see how we could grow as a team."

Grosse Pointe North is 0-8-1 in the MIHL and 1-15-1 overall.

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and 2:03.86.

Melican won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:04.25. Schaaf of North was second with a time of 2:12.87 and Jared Pearson of South took third at 2:19.31.

In the 50-yard freestyle, South's Koueiter and Briggs took first and second with times of 22.74 and 23.05, while North's Lefebvre was third at 24.15.

The three finishers in diving were South's Nicholas Rabaut, winning with 192.61 points, followed by North's Austin Robbins with

184.65 and Benjamin Bania with 131.86.

Koueiter came back to win another event, taking the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 53.16.

Teammates Rahmaan and Kinkade took second and third with times of 55.46 and 1:04.66 and in the 100-yard freestyle it was Thomas Jogan winning with a time of 51.37, while Jackson Jogan and Adelson finished second and third with times of 55.00 and 55.31.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Melican, English and Rizer gave the Blue Devils another event sweep. They posted times of 5:12.19, 5:20.38 and 5:30.49.

The 100-yard backstroke was won by Currier with a time of

59.06. He was followed by North's Lefebvre and Thomas Jogan, who had times of 1:00.77 and 1:03.20.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, South's Rahmaan was first with a time of 1:02.01 and was followed by Briggs and Pearson, who had times of 1:06.53 and 1:11.16.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 3-1 overall, while Grosse Pointe North dipped to 1-1 and 3-1.

Next for the Norsemen is an away meet Tuesday, Jan. 30, against league foe Chippewa Valley.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is a home meet Tuesday, Jan. 30, against Ann Arbor Huron.

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W	A	S	P		D	I	M		S	L	I	P
A	G	U	E		E	S	P		C	A	S	E
D	R	E	A	M	I	N	G		R	I	L	E
E	A	T	A	F	T		D	E	T	E	R	
				S	K	Y		O	N	A		
A	D	D	T	O		A	D	A	M	A	N	T
P	O	O	R		I	C	E		I	D	E	A
R	E	C	E	I	V	E		S	N	O	O	P
				A	M	Y		S	A	G		
S	K	I	M	P		B	I	G		T	A	U
P	E	R	I		G	L	E	A	M	I	N	G
I	N	O	N		P	U	G		I	D	O	L
T	O	N	G		S	E	E		D	E	N	Y

**ACROSS**

1 "Mamma Mia!" group  
5 Apprehend  
8 Colorful fish  
12 Clay-rich soil  
13 Blunder  
14 Portrayal  
15 Democrat or Republican  
17 Radiate  
18 Faucet  
19 Arouse  
21 Fireworks reaction  
22 Delany or Carvey  
23 Venomous viper  
26 Zodiac cat  
28 Passenger  
31 Prosperous time  
33 Knock  
35 Pepsi competitor  
36 Soothe  
38 Tatter  
40 Actor Danson

**DOWN**

1 Swiss peaks  
2 Animated Betty  
3 Java neighbor  
4 Chihuahua chum  
5 "— a borrower ..."  
6 Curved path  
7 Wide  
8 Occurring naturally  
9 Bikini pattern?  
10 Lotion additive  
11 Chopped  
16 Implement  
20 Card game for two  
23 Lawyers' org.  
24 Scale member  
25 Edwin Land's company  
27 Rowing need  
29 — out a living  
30 Primary color  
32 Purplish  
30-Down  
34 Kneecap  
39 Indiana city  
42 Brownish tone  
44 Heathen  
45 Back talk  
46 World's fair  
48 Wise one  
49 Ostriches' kin  
50 Deli loaves  
53 On in years

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by Linda Thistle

Solution for last weeks puzzle 1/18/18

2	5	9	7	4	1	8	3	6
4	8	7	5	3	6	9	1	2
1	6	3	8	2	9	5	7	4
7	1	4	6	8	3	2	9	5
3	9	6	2	7	5	4	8	1
8	2	5	1	9	4	3	6	7
6	3	1	4	5	8	7	2	9
9	4	2	3	6	7	1	5	8
5	7	8	9	1	2	6	4	3

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		7	8					6		
	1					3				7
		2	4							3
	9					5				8
7						6		9		
3						1				4
	6					3	1			
		8	9							2

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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