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Council talks DPW in closed session

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — City council held a special meeting Monday, Feb. 5, to enter into closed session and discuss a memo subject to attorney-client privilege. The contents of the memo are unknown, but the subject concerned the City's proposed Department of Public Works facility in Detroit, according to Mayor Christopher Boettcher. Council talked for approximately one hour and did not vote after coming back to open session.

The closed session and memo come approximately one week after Detroit rescinded its initial conditional site-plan approval of the DPW.

Detroit Corporation Counsel Lawrence Garcia said the approval granted October 2017 was given illegally and told Detroit's Building, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department to walk back its decision Thursday, Jan. 25.

According to Garcia, 4849 Canyon, the proposed DPW site, is not zoned for the proposed uses and the City did not disclose in writing there would be garbage trucks stored in the facility.

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Library reaches contract agreement

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Seven months of negotiations and stalemates finally resulted in an agreement between the Grosse Pointe Public Library board and the two bargaining units for GPPL employees — the Support Personnel Association and the Librarians Association.

Both units ratified the contract Friday, Feb. 2, pending approval by the board at a special meeting Monday, Feb. 5.

"We're very happy to have a contract," Librarians Association President John Clextan said. "That's first and foremost. That's what we wanted all along. We also are thankful to the community who

has given us support and followed us along the path."

The previous contracts expired June 30, 2017. The employees and administration began bargaining last spring, but reached an impasse over healthcare. The associations opted to file for fact-finding, a non-binding dispute resolution process, in July. The two sides

remained at a stalemate until mid-November, when the fact-finder's report was issued and an agreement was reached on healthcare. The parties returned to the bargaining table and were able to reach a deal with the assistance of a mediator from the Michigan Employment

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Ice castles

Mounds of ice first appeared along the shoreline behind the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House about two weeks ago. The cold weather, wind and current brought them piling up against the shore. A short spell of warmer weather began to push the ice back into the lake, but when cold weather returned, even larger ice chunks formed, as shown here, with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in the background. When the weather warms, the ice will flow back into the lake.

Shores sets CDBG budget

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The Shores is expected to receive approximately \$18,000 of Community Development Block Grant money this year to be spent on initiatives in the area.

The CDBG is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development program providing funds to communities to address a wide range of community developments. It is a flexible program requiring less federal oversight than other grants, as long as the projects meet broad national goals.

The Pointes receive CDBG money through Wayne County.

According to City Manager Mark Wollenweber, the Shores has participated in the program the last five or six years. It plans to use the money to benefit low-to-moderate-income residents and handicapped clientele.

This year, the Shores will spend \$13,000 on its jobs project, which helps provide a part-time job to a special needs person in its Department of Public Works and helps Full Circle Foundation run Osius Park's concessions during summer.

"This is consistent with the last couple of years," Mayor Ted Kedzierski

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Day to stand trial for home invasion, sexual assault

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

DETROIT — After refusing a plea deal offered by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Gerald Day Jr. will stand trial for a plethora of charges in six criminal cases occurring in Detroit, Grosse Pointe Woods, City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Farms.

Day's attorney, Christine Grand, clearly articulated the people's offer to her client on the record during Monday's motion hearing and final conference in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Kevin J. Cox.

With a guilty plea to home invasion and crim-

inal sexual assault, Day, 28, would serve 27 to 50 years in prison with parole and lifetime registration as a criminal sexual offender, plus another two years for a felony firearm count and 10 concurrent years for unlawful imprisonment charges.

With the resolution, the prosecution would drop two Farms home-invasion charges and unlawful use of a motor vehicle, also committed in the Farms.

"I want to go to trial," Day told the court, pleading "not guilty" with the knowledge he could be given a prison sentence of 177 to 257 years upon a guilty verdict by the jury.

Day was arrested the morning of April 23, 2017, by Grosse Pointe Farms police following a mutual-aid manhunt to apprehend the suspect of two overnight home invasions in the 300 block of Lothrop and 400 block of Madison. Evidence discovered by investigators of previous crimes in Detroit, Grosse Pointe Woods and the City of Grosse Pointe links Day to a wave of crimes, the prosecution alleges.

Six active criminal cases amount to 18 felony counts against Day. On March 12, he will stand trial for the April 15, 2017, home invasion and sexual assault crimes that occurred in

the 19000 block of Raymond. The trial for a home invasion in Detroit Dec. 15, 2016, is scheduled March 19.

"That is the people's one and only offer," Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Danielle Bennetts said of the resolution offered three weeks ago by the prosecutor's office.

Bennetts requested Cox allow "other acts evidence" as admissible during the trial.

Grand objected, arguing that admitting "other acts evidence" would be "extremely prejudicial against Gerald Day."

"It seemed legislators had this person in mind

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New office

Obstetrics & Gynecology Associates recently opened an office at 16815 E. Jefferson, Suite 210, in the Beaumont Building. The practice specializes in women's health care and cancer prevention. For more information, call (313) 277-0400.

Pictured at a recent ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Jenny Boettcher, president, Grosse Pointe Chamber; Eric Bradley, LabCorp; Nahida Akkary, medical staff; Thomas Murray, LabCorp; Chris Boettcher, mayor, City of Grosse Pointe; Mona Fakhri D.O., OB-GYN; Melissa Gondek R.N.; Ashley Erb, administrative assistant; Amanda Valice, LabCorp; Lauren St. Andrew, medical assistant; and Linda Reid, membership director, Grosse Pointe Chamber. Not pictured are Abby Nowakowski M.D. and John Leahy M.D., who also are partners in this practice.

Redistricting ballot initiative brings campaign to Grosse Pointe

The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club hosts a representative from Voters Not Politicians at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, during a general membership meeting. Kyle Richardson, regional director for the statewide ballot initiative, is expected to remark on the history of gerrymandering in Michigan and the status of the group's efforts.

After a six-month campaign comprised of thousands of volunteers collecting more than 425,000 signatures across the state, Voters Not Politicians was able to submit its petition to the Michigan Bureau of Elections Monday, Dec. 18. The ballot initiative, to be voted on this November, would establish an independent commission and transparent

process that would create a more fair and equitable redistricting system in Michigan.

"It is an important issue that voters in the area need to be informed about," Grosse Pointe Democratic Club President Gary Bresnehan said, "especially since it may fly under the radar with so much else going on in politics this year."

Many Democratic elected officials at the state and local levels are expected to attend the general membership meeting. The public is welcome, but membership is required to vote on all Grosse Pointe Democratic Club matters. The club will conduct regular business during this meeting.

Additional information about the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club and this event may be found at gpdems.com and on Facebook.

Michigan Restaurant Association honors Roma Café owner

Janet Sossi Belcoure awarded for decades of dedication

The Michigan Restaurant Association awarded Janet Sossi Belcoure the Distinguished Service Award, the highest award given by the association, at the MRA's annual Chairman's Dinner at the Detroit Foundation Hotel.

Belcoure, a resident of

Grosse Pointe Park, began her career in the restaurant and foodservice industry by spending time in her father's restaurant perched on a stack of telephone books to be tall enough to reach the table. Unknown at the time, Belcoure would become a pioneer in the restaurant and foodser-

vice industry with a valued voice and sought-after opinion in the city of Detroit.

Belcoure began working for her father, Hector Sossi, after graduating from Michigan State University. She was the third generation of the Sossi family to own and operate the Roma Café

— a proprietorship spanning 100 years.

The Roma Café, which was the oldest Italian restaurant in Detroit until its closure last year, is an iconic Detroit landmark and will live on in its newest iteration as Amore de Roma. Belcoure played an integral role in ensuring the Roma tradition she and her family cultivated will live on for generations to come.

During her 38 years of dedication to the restaur-

ant and foodservice industry, Belcoure served on the MRA Board of Directors, including as chairwoman 2012-13. Belcoure also is a founding member of the recently established Detroit Restaurant Association.

"Just as Janet has been an integral part of the foodservice industry in Michigan for decades, she has also been a key factor of our success at the Michigan Restaurant Association and now the Detroit Restaurant Association," said Justin

Winslow, president and CEO of the Michigan Restaurant Association. "Given the influence and dedication that surrounds her career, it was an easy decision to select her for the Distinguished Service Award."

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals who have provided exceptional and continuing leadership, vision and commitment to Michigan's foodservice industry. A recipient is selected each year by previous winners of the award.

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Klimko appointed

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Justin G. Klimko, president and managing shareholder with Butzel Long, has been appointed to the TriBar Opinion Committee.

The committee fosters national standards for legal opinions in business transactions through discussions, programs and a number of reports on issues relevant to opinion practice.

Klimko is the only member from Michigan. Klimko, based in the firm's Detroit office, has experience in securities regulation, corporate financing, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and general corporate matters, areas in which he has practiced since 1980. He has received numerous

awards and recognitions for business law matters and is ranked as one of Michigan's leading corporate and M&A lawyers.

He also has chaired the State Bar of Michigan Business Law Section's Ad Hoc Committee on Legal Opinions.



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City celebration

The City of Grosse Pointe hosted its annual Winterfest at Neff Park Jan. 27. People came out to enjoy skating, curling, costumed characters, lunch, a scavenger hunt and more. Right, Jack Nelson, Brady Bond and Charlotte Bond find their first clue in the Super Heroes scavenger hunt.



Maddie Johnson was excited to meet Iron Man and Spiderman.

Council dismisses online animal licensing proposal

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Opting not to automate animal licensing services at the projected cost of about \$7,000 per year, city council decided to increase animal licensing fees from \$5 to \$8 to support the current manual process.

During a committee of the whole meeting Jan. 22, Woods City Clerk Lisa Hathaway requested council approval to use the vendor PetData Inc. for online animal licensing. The automated, web-based service for issuing and tracking licenses would eliminate manual tracking by city personnel using a stand-alone Excel spreadsheet.

Services include synchronization of records

from participating local veterinarians and automated pet licensing renewal reminders to residents. Hathaway said she believed the current 43 percent animal licensing-compliance rate would increase with the convenience rendered by the online system and free up staff currently tasked with issuing and tracking licenses.

Hathaway also recommended amending the city's ordinance to include provisions consistent with veterinarian guidelines for pet vaccinations and proposed raising the cost of the dog license tag to \$8 to pay for license issuing and tracking costs.

Start-up costs for

PetData would be \$1,000, followed by the annual cost of \$6,785. With that information, Hathaway submitted a fee schedule used by municipalities using the service in Macomb and Oakland counties.

Tracking and renewing the current approximately 900 licenses using a spreadsheet costs the city \$5,500 per year.

— Melissa Walsh



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Above, Ted Wakar sculpts Iron Man out of ice. He also sculpts Baby Groot and Thor. Left, Amelia, Levi and Annika Carter roast marshmallows over an open fire.

Trustee openings

The Grosse Pointe Public Library is accepting applications for four seats on the library board to represent the Harper Woods portion of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Grosse Pointe Farms, City of Grosse Pointe and to serve in an "at large" position. Terms begin July 1, 2018, and expire June 30, 2022.

Applicants must be registered voters and reside in the municipality that will be considering their appointment, except for the "at large" position. Applicants for the "at large" position must be registered voters, but may reside in any of the five Grosse Pointe municipalities or the Harper Woods portion of the GPPSS.

Applications are available at the Central Library Administrative Office, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; or online. Go to gp.lib.mi.us.org and click on "About the Library."

Submit applications to: Secretary of Library Board, Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28.

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Relations Commission.

The new contracts include an immediate increase in wages of 2.5 percent and another increase of 2 percent July 1, 2018, along with a \$500 lump-sum bonus. Employees also receive two additional paid holidays, 50 percent reimbursement for membership fees to professional associations, a paid parenting leave for men and women and an early retirement incentive.

"We're pleased that our employees ratified these new agreements," GPPL Board President Elizabeth Vogel said in a news release. "The terms are good for our employees, good for our community and good for the long-term sustainability of the library."

During a closed session of the special meeting, the board voted to approve the contracts, but a motion was made

to extend them past Dec. 31, 2018, as originally agreed, to Dec. 31, 2019, with an automatic mid-term pay increase of 2.5 percent as of July 2, 2019, according to Vogel.

"We authorized the library director to give this proposal to the unions," Vogel said after the special meeting. "Either or both can approve it and it's entirely in their court. If they choose not to, we will begin this bargaining process again in the fall."

"We're inclined to think they'll look at it in favorable terms," she continued. "We're all somewhat bargaining fatigued. This is a way for us to get re-focused on implementing the strategic plan and doing all the really great things we have planned."

"I see it as a very positive sign and it's refreshing to hear," Clepton said. "This is what negotiations are all about. We're very happy on this and we'll take it back to the membership and we'll discuss and vote."

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Garcia also wrote required notice of a public hearing was not adequately given to residents in the vicinity of the site.

The City contends it did everything by the book and followed all of Detroit's protocols. The October 2017 approval states the required notice for the public hearing was sent to residents and published in the Detroit Legal News. The City also says it was open with BSEED about the facility's intended uses, specifically the storage of garbage trucks.

A City press release states it "followed all of the proper public processes, complied with Detroit zoning officials' counsel and fully informed Detroit officials during the plan-review and use-approval process."

Detroit residents in the vicinity of the proposed DPW site are worried the new facility will bring a rodent problem, an issue City residents living near the current DPW building on Maumee have raised.

However, according to

City Manager Pete Dame, there won't be a rodent problem.

"The first thing we have to do is dispel the myth we have a rat problem," Dame said. "We do not have a rat problem at the current site and we won't have a rat problem at the new site."

The DPW will not be a garbage dump or used to transfer trash, he said. It will be used to store its four garbage trucks after they have been emptied at the dump, as well as other DPW vehicles and materials.

City voters approved a record \$12.96 million bond issuance in a close August 2017 vote to build a new Public Safety Department on Mack and to purchase and renovate a warehouse in Detroit to house its DPW.

In January, council approved the architect to move forward with the design stage of the project. Although the public safety project will continue, after Detroit's recession, the City is holding off on further planning for its DPW until everything is cleared up.

The next council meeting is 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.

The Week Ahead

THURSDAY, FEB. 8

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

MONDAY, FEB. 12

◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m. council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.
◆ City of Grosse Pointe Council meeting, 7 p.m. council chambers, 17147 Maumee.
◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m. city hall, 90 Kerby.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m. city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

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The Gridiron Club's mover and shaker

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

John Steinger knows value and knows how to sell it. The 67-year-old life-long Pointer featured on American Pickers' "Risks and Rewards" episode Dec. 26, 2016, collects historic treasures he showcases in the old, massive brick building he owns on Jefferson in Detroit.

Steinger, 67, contributed his sense of collecting and marketing value as a new member of Grosse Pointe South High School's Gridiron Club in 2006, when his son John was a senior playing football for the school. When tasked with the assignment of selling ads in the football program book, Steinger knew a better way to solicit community support, using a special workforce to do it — South's football players.

Laughing, Steinger recalled, "I told them (Gridiron Club board), 'Basically that's extortion.' Because no one ever really benefits from an ad in the program book.

"You've got it all wrong," Steinger told the board. "The people in this room are the executive committee. The sales force is the football team."

That fall, Steinger went to work to launch the first Grosse Pointe South High School Blue Devils Coupon Book to benefit the school's foot-



John Steinger holding a Grosse Pointe South High School Blue Devils Coupon Book.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT.

ball program. Eleven years after the first 2006-07 book, sales raise between \$60,000 to \$80,000 a year.

Before the book, Steinger said, "They (Gridiron Club) were raising like \$6,000 a year and they thought it was the end of the rainbow."

Added Steinger, "I saw a need to create something the community could attach themselves to and give an object lesson to the kids. This establishes a direct relationship between their sales ability and the new equipment it will purchase."

Though coupon book sales do not eliminate South football's pay-to-play fees, sales revenue equips the players with high-quality gear and offers relief to families struggling to pay player

fees.

"There are some kids who can't afford pay to play, and the Gridiron Club will pick up their tab," Steinger said. "We make it happen."

Each spring, Steinger hits the pavement to sell coupon ads to local businesses for \$40 each, allowing two per business. Some businesses that ran coupons during the book's early "if-comes" years are grandfathered for purchasing three ads each.

Each year the book includes 180 and 190 coupons, divided into several categories. Each coupon is redeemable for a full year, Sept. 1 through Aug. 31.

"What's beautiful about this book is you can buy a coupon in the book for \$40," Steinger said. "So for \$40, as a

business person, you get 4,000 exposures in your target area. That's a phenomenal rate."

Steinger and Roger Basse, Gridiron coupon-book co-chairman, firm up sales and produce the ads to meet a June printer date. In August, South football players get their sales assignments — each required to sell 25 books. On "Blitz Day" in early fall, parent volunteers take the players around town in small groups to close sales. Some players do pre-sales, Steinger said.

"Entrepreneurial types make this book happen. They really drive it," he added.

The books also are stocked for purchase at The League Shop in The Village, Chemical Bank on The Hill, Maier Warner Salon, Irish

Coffee Bar and Grill and Small Favors Gift Shop.

Steinger produces the books for \$2.50 each. The players sell each for \$25, generating \$22.50 in profit.

This year the Grosse Pointe South High School choir began selling the book, earning \$10 per book for their program and adding another \$12.50 of profit per book sold to Gridiron Club fundraising revenue.

"A well-funded athletic program, and the extra-curriculars in general, attracts people to the community," Steinger said.

A former Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education member 2008 through 2011, serving as president the last two years, Steinger knows attracting additional students to the district increases state district funding.

"The more students you bring in, the better it is not only for the school system, but for the community in general, property values, businesses," Steinger said. "And that's what makes this book so valuable, because it feeds all those hungry needs."

Steinger, who lives in Grosse Pointe Farms, grew up on Hampton in Grosse Pointe Woods, graduating from Grosse Pointe High School in 1968.

Working his way through earning a degree in education at Wayne State University in 1974,

Steinger performed several jobs as a young man, including moving furniture for Hudson's Department Store, bartending at Diamond Lil's Saloon and working as a banana inspector at Standard Steamship & Fruit Co.

Steinger started his business, Grosse Pointe Moving and Storage, with a pickup truck and an ad in the Grosse Pointe News, falling into the moving business by being called on by friends seeking help with moving.

He recalled, "People knew I had a pickup truck, so they just started asking me to move furniture for them. They were getting their first apartments. Little by little, more and more people kept calling me. It wasn't just for beer and pizza anymore. They were willing to pay cash money."

He bought the building on Jefferson in Detroit in 1984.

Steinger, who still specializes in moving pianos, said, "What's good about the moving business is it keeps you in shape. You get a workout without having to pay for it."

As much or more than his work and the historic collections he showcases in his building in Detroit, Steinger appreciates Grosse Pointe.

"This is a great community. I'm really thrilled to live here. It's been really good to me," he said.

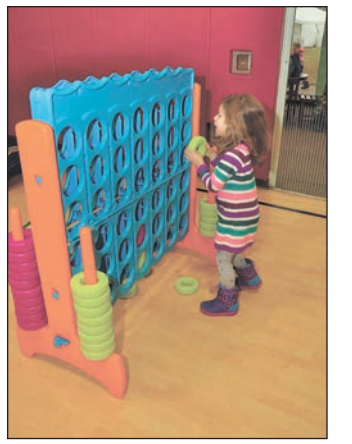


Woods Winterfest

Light rain didn't stop people from attending the Grosse Pointe Woods Winterfest, which included a chili cook-off and cookie-baking contest, inflatable slide, Score-O contest and a giant Connect Four game. Left, Cameron DuCharme holds a cookie while his brother, Charlie DuCharme, begins his lunch.



Above, Grosse Pointe Woods Park Foreman John Salter helps Lucas Khanolkar learn to use a hockey stick in the Score-O contest. Right, Lyla Dwaihy looks where to make her next move playing Connect Four — a new addition this year.



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said. "We benefit from staffing for the conces-

sion stand at our park as well as the groundskeeping with our special needs, part-time person with this money."

Approximately \$3,000

will be offered to Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services. PAATS is a SMART Transportation service offering bus rides to residents 60 years or older or handicapped. For more information on PAATS, visit socservices.org/

paats or call (313) 343-2580.

The rest of the grant money, approximately \$1,400, is set aside for administrative costs. In an attempt to lower those costs, Wollenweber said the Pointes and Harper Woods are exploring

joint administration for future CDBG funds.

"There is a potential for every contract the county administers that they take a portion for their administration costs out of our total," Wollenweber said. "So, if the county issues one

contract with, say Harper Woods, for all of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, that would result in having more funds available."

For more information on CDBG, visit hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/.

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when they wrote the 'other acts evidence' (Michigan Rules of Evidence) rule 404 (b)," Bennetts told the court.

Bennetts said she will introduce other acts of criminal misconduct with the common scheme of home invasion to com-

mit sexual assault against females unknown to Day.

"The people want the court to take notice of these other acts," Bennetts said.

Granting "other acts evidence" as admissible during trial, Cox said the evidence must meet a three-part standard:

◆ Is the evidence offered for the proper

purpose?

◆ Is the evidence relevant?

◆ Is the probative value of the evidence not substantially outweighed by unfair prejudice under MRE 403?

MRE 403 addresses "exclusion of relevant evidence on grounds of prejudice, confusion, or waste of time." MRE 404 addresses "character evi-

dence not admissible to prove conduct; exceptions; other crimes."

Cox added he will allow the prosecution's application of 404 (b) with "limiting instruction to be delivered to the jury."

In 1994, the Michigan Supreme Court clarified MRE 404 (b) as requiring the prosecution to give pretrial notice of at least 14 days before the trial date of intent to introduce other acts and the trial judge to require the defendant to state the theory or theories of defense, limited by privilege against self-incrimination. The same year, the Michigan State Court amended the rule to allow trial courts flexibility in evaluating admissibility of "other acts" to prove motive, opportunity, intent, scheme, plan or system of the accused.

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Grosse Pointe Shores

Didn't see ya

A 46-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested for felony operating while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license 12:40 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, in the 7-Eleven parking lot at Jefferson and Marter.

Shores officers first spotted the driver traveling at a high rate of speed on Lakeshore in the Shores. As officers followed the driver they observed him tailgating another vehicle and swerving in his lane. When the officers attempted to pull over the driver, he failed to stop and continued to drive into St. Clair Shores.

It wasn't until Jefferson and Marter the driver pulled into the convenience store parking lot.

The driver claimed he did not see the lights or hear the sirens.

He failed the field sobriety test and blew .174 percent blood alcohol content.

Passed out

A 34-year-old Ferndale man was observed by officers passed out in his car on the median of southbound Lakeshore at Fontana 1:15 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1.

When officers investigated the vehicle on the median, they saw vomit on the driver's door and the driver slumped over the steering wheel with his foot on the accelerator. The vehicle was resting on a one-way sign, with no apparent damage to the sign or the vehicle.

After a couple attempts,

the driver became alert but was disorientated. He fumbled to put the car in park and was unable to turn off the vehicle. Police noticed he had small pupils and was sweating.

He was removed from the vehicle and placed in a police vehicle while officers searched his car. Nothing was found. When officers returned to the driver, he was unconscious and snoring. Fearing an opioid overdose, officers administered Narcan with no change. An ambulance was called and the driver was transported to the hospital for further treatment. He will be booked when he returns to collect his impounded items.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Unlocked vehicle

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, a woman in the 300 block of McKinley reported a subject entered her unlocked vehicle and took items from the center console.

Narcotics paraphernalia

At 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, officers observed a 40-year-old woman known to be a heroine and crack cocaine user asking a construction

worker for money in the Mack alley near McKinley. She was arrested after revealing she had in her purse two syringes and a metal wrench socket with suspected cocaine residue.

— Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Unlocked vehicles targeted

Thieves took items from several vehicles left unlocked in driveways or near residences over the weekend.

◆ At 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, a married couple in the 800 block of North Oxford reported loose change taken from both of their unlocked vehicles parked overnight in their driveway.

◆ At 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, a married couple in the 800 block of South Oxford reported credit cards and \$300 to \$500 missing from their vehicle, which they left unlocked in their driveway overnight.

◆ At 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, a married couple in the 500 block of Heather Lane reported minor items from both of their unlocked vehicles parked overnight in their driveway.

◆ At 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, a resident in the 600 block of North

Oxford reported loose change and items taken from her unlocked vehicle parked overnight in the driveway.

◆ At 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, a married couple in the 1900 block of Severn reported items missing from their unlocked vehicles parked in their driveway, including an iPod.

◆ At 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, a resident in the 1900 block of Severn reported new rotors and drums taken from the back of his unlocked vehicle in his driveway.

◆ At 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, a married couple in the 1800 block of Prestwick reported items taken from their unlocked vehicles parked near their house, including a credit report, checkbook, backpack with three sweatshirts, Bluetooth speaker and XM radio,

— Melissa Walsh

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Fraud

◆ Eight residents reported fraudulent unemployment benefits taken out in their names between Tuesday, Jan. 30, and Saturday, Feb. 3.

◆ A resident reported 13 unauthorized \$100 cash advances sent from his bank account to a fraudulent account

Saturday, Jan. 27. The fraudulent account was set up in his name using his Social Security number and credit card information.

Didn't like anything

A vehicle was rifled through but nothing taken while parked in a driveway in the 200 block of Lincoln overnight Thursday, Feb. 1.

Car stolen

A Black Dodge Ram was stolen from a driveway in the 10 block of Dodge Place approximately 3:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1. The resident heard a car pull up in front of his house, then heard his truck start. When he went to the window to look, he saw his truck pulling out of his driveway followed closely by a white car.

An officer on Mack saw the two vehicles traveling toward Cadieux shortly after and started to pursue. However, he stopped following after the vehicles accelerated to unsafe speeds. They were last

seen traveling north on Cadieux from Mack.

Attempted B & E

A man was caught on security camera attempting to break into Alger's Liquor Store & Deli 3:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26. He was wearing dark pants, possibly grey hooded sweatshirt and black gloves and was carrying a light-colored bag. He was observed on camera approaching the liquor store, removing a brick or rock from his bag and attempting to break the front door glass. When the brick bounced off the door, unsuccessfully breaking the glass and setting off the alarms, the suspect picked up the brick and fled the scene.

He was not identified.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Park

OWI arrests

◆ A 57-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated 8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, on Mack at

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OUR VIEW

Library contract in the books

We were heartened to hear last week the Grosse Pointe Public Library librarians and support staff had reached agreements with the library board and administration. The unions ratified the contracts Friday and the board approved them Monday night. Amen!

Seven months in the making, the accords came not a moment too soon. The librarians and staff had been working without a contract since June 30. The initial hang-up was health insurance. Another sticking point was the library employees' legacy "sick bank" system in which employees donated some of their sick days to cover short-term disability by fellow employees.

The library board and administration agreed to follow the fact finder's recommendation on health care, and the unions, after receiving a copy of the proposed short-term disability contract, agreed to go with that and disband the sick bank.

The new contracts include an immediate 2.5 percent wage increase and another increase of 2 percent July 1. The library board Monday night also voted to give the unions the option of a one-year extension with an automatic 2.5 percent pay increase July 2, 2019. We think that is a generous offer and hope the unions give the extension serious consideration.

The library and administration also showed some class in offering a \$500 lump-sum bonus, which takes some of the sting out of working without a contract and subsequent pay increase for six months. Employees also will receive two additional paid holidays, 50 percent reimbursement for membership fees to professional associations, a paid parenting leave for men and women and an early retirement incentive.

It sounds like a pretty good contract and though the process was frustrating with recriminations spilling out into the public, we are sure the librarians and staff are happy to be working with a secure contract and the library board can now go about implementing its new strategic plan.

"We're happy to have a contract," said Librarians Association President John Clexton. "That's what we wanted all along." He also thanked the community for its groundswell of support that came out during the protracted negotiations. Board President Elizabeth Vogel added, "We're all somewhat bargaining fatigued," but she thought the contract extension offer would be well-received. Library administrator Jessica Keyser concluded, "Under these contracts, our union-represented employees continue to receive competitive wages and excellent healthcare. I see that as a victory for everyone."

We agree and are pleased this matter has reached an equitable conclusion.



Pure Grosse Pointe

The morning of Feb. 2, Shery Cotton, of Grosse Pointe Park, posted this sunrise photo to her Facebook page. In her post, she wrote, "If it has to be bitterly cold at least we had a spectacular sunrise!!!" Fran Twiddy commented, "A little cloud cover makes the sunrise better!" Laurie Lavins gave it a "Wow!" Sandy Calhoun said, "Oh, it does look cold — but, yep, spectacular!!" Margaret Hayek Haidinyak called it "beautiful," Patricia Costick, "Breathtaking." Publisher John Minnis suggested, "Looks like a Pure Grosse Pointe photo to me!"

City DPW site still in limbo

The Grosse Pointe City Council met in closed session for about an hour Monday night to discuss the fate of the purchase of property in Detroit for use as a department of public works facility. No decision was announced when the council came out of executive session. Perhaps a decision will be made at Monday night's regularly scheduled council meeting.

The proposed use of the former Grosse Pointe Tennis House property at 4849 Canyon, across Mack in Detroit, was derailed Jan. 25 when Detroit General Council Lawrence Garcia issued an opinion that the conditional approval granted Oct. 19 was illegal and must be rescinded. Detroit building department Director David Bell rescinded the conditional approval in a letter to Grosse Pointe City Manager Peter Dame the following day.

Mr. Garcia's reasons for ordering the rescission were

1) that storage of sanitation vehicles are not permitted under the current zoning, General Business, and 2) notice of the Oct. 11 public hearing for the conditional use was not sent to all property owners within 300 feet of the property.

The general council further stated Grosse Pointe's application for the conditional use did not state the facility would be used for sanitation truck and equipment.

The City maintains it "followed all of the proper public processes, complied with Detroit zoning officials' counsel and fully informed Detroit officials during the plan-review and use-approval process." Apparently, everyone was in the loop except the general counsel.

If there is a silver lining to any of this, at least the City hadn't closed on the purchase before Mr. Garcia dropped the hammer on the proposed DPW facility.

Not *that* cabin!

Last week we reported the good news that the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council has given the Grosse Pointe Historical Society the green light to raze the existing home at 375 Kercheval and build a new office and resource center on the site. As well as tearing down the existing quad-level home, which was deemed not suited for office space, the society plans to remove the existing faux log structure also on the property. Though the building looks old, it does not have any historical significance.

In our story, however, we included a description of the log cabin across the street behind the Provencal-Weir House at 376 Kercheval. That was in error. That log cabin does have historical significance and is used regularly by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. It originated in Macomb County, was moved to the Christ Church Grosse Pointe property for a number of years and housed the donkey that was in the church's Christmas pageants. It was subsequently

relocated in the early 2000s to the yard of the Provencal-Weir House and serves as a part of the historical society's living history museum and educational district for many Grosse Pointe children each year.

President Patricia O'Brien wants to make sure readers are not left with the wrong impression about which structure is being removed, and we wish to oblige and apologize for the error.

We are excited about the historical society's plans for the new building. It is slated to be a brick structure of more than 5,000 square feet. That, combined with the historic Provencal-Weir House and log cabin across the street, will make a nice "historical" campus.

No doubt the Grosse Pointe Historical Society will be launching a fundraising campaign, and Dr. O'Brien, naturally, is sensitive to any negative or erroneous press coverage at this time — and we don't blame her.

The Grosse Pointe News supports the historical society's mission and plans and we hope this missive sets the record straight. We cannot wait for work to begin!

LETTERS

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

Phoemale: Over the top

To the Editor:

When we started Phoemale a little over two years ago, it was as a group of friends with the idea that we could

have fun while doing good. We were looking to raise money to help women who were ready to change their lives, but lacked resources and had no one else to turn to.

Our first Phire & Ice

fundraiser in 2016 exceeded our expectations. We spent it all on women we found via local social-service agencies. We more than doubled our fundraising in 2017 and just wrapped our third Phire & Ice, held at Bayview Yacht Club, doubling our total again.

Every nickel of this will go to the women we help. We have more people and organizations to thank than space allows. To our wonderful hosts at BYC, to the people who bought tickets, the local businesses who donated auction items or wrote us checks, the many others who dug deep and gave gener-

ously: We thank you. The others who supported our previous fundraisers — guest bartending at Rustic Cabins, our Bikes & Beer pub tour — we thank you as well. And to the Grosse Pointe News, which publicized us so well? You surely put us over the top.

Grosse Pointe has proven to be a creative, giving and fun place to grow our grassroots charity. Now to find some women to help. We'll keep having fun, too. Join us next time.

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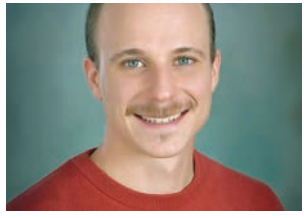
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I SAY By Anthony Viola

Looking North on bluebird days



Most sane people, when looking to take a long weekend away during the doldrums of winter, look South. They look to take a nice warm bask in sunshine, replenish that

Vitamin D and stave off maybe another month of the SAD, Seasonal Affective Disorder.

For me, though, nothing beats frigid, cleansing winds.

So, when an opportunity arose to get out of town last weekend, I jumped into the backseat of my friend's car and headed North.

There is no better sight than Marquette from M-28 as you round the corner coming out of Harvey. The ore docks

(once described to me by a poet as "The maws of God"), the Superior Dome and the old houses climbing up the hillside, lights blazing into the dark night of the North Woods. And of course, Mother Superior, her icy waters extending past the horizon.

I lived in Marquette three years (or four or five depending on who I'm talking to). I survived the Polar Vortex, when Marquette was the coldest place on the planet, in

a college apartment (read: slummy) with one working radiator and a couple of pairs of long underwear.

I worked for the student paper, earning a whopping \$180 a week, during the school year and threw 80-pound canoes around at a lively during summer.

It was ostensibly the hardest, most stressful part of my life up to that point. I never seemed to have more than \$20 in my bank account; I sur-

vived on noodles and olive oil (parmesan cheese if I was lucky), eggs and potatoes.

But it also was arguably the best part of my life up to that point. No real responsibilities. As long as I got my rent check in on time and passed my classes, I was good.

I met the most caring, kind and compassionate people. People who would do anything for anybody, because you won't survive the winter alone, and everyone understands that.

I was afforded accessibility to nature so often forgotten in the flatland. Waking up on a beach in the woods, watching the

sunrise over Superior is something you'll never forget; it sticks with you.

Even in winter, when the temperatures were below or close to zero, I would find myself layering up just to walk around and feel that blistering cold.

Those bluebird days, when it was the coldest, I would walk down to the beach and look out at the horizon and the endless ice.

It was those moments I felt the most insignificant but, at the same time, the most significant.

And because of those small moments, even during the gray, dark days of winter, I look North.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

POINT RATION BOOK DUE FEB. 22: Grosse Pointe residents will again go to the elementary schools to obtain their War Ration Book Two, the point book used for processed foods.

HURT IN FALL: A Neff Road resident suffered a deep abrasion on her right leg when she fell descending from a street car at the safety zone at Jefferson and Barrington.

She was given first aid at the police station and, at her request, was taken home by them in one of the patrol cars.

1968

50 years ago this week

HELEN AVE. CLOSING FOR SAFETY: The Woods public safety director informed the Woods Council that the State Highway Department has concurred with his recommendation Helen Avenue be closed to through traffic to Vernier for one year.

The recommendation was made because of the high accident rate at the intersection.

ARRESTED TRIO ADMIT SEVEN PARK BURGLARIES: An intensive investigation by Park police, dating back to last July, resulted in the arrest of two teenagers and a ju-

venile and the clearing of six burglaries of a local baker and an attempt and an actual burglary of a grocery store.

1993

25 years ago this week

STAR OF THE SEA ADVISES CLOSING HIGH SCHOOL: Despite pleas from parents and alumni to keep Our Lady Star of the Sea High School open, the parish council recommended the all-girls upper school be closed.

ROBIN HOOD FOES WIN AT LOCAL LEVEL: Opponents of the "Robin Hood" school financing plan were declared the victors in a recent

Macomb Circuit Court ruling that ended more than a year of litigation over the controversial measure that proposes to take funds from "rich" school districts and give them to "poor" school districts.

2008

10 years ago this week

POOL, GYMNASIUM PROJECT TAKING SHAPE: Construction of the main pool and gymnasium structure at Grosse Pointe South High School is almost on schedule.

The project is slightly behind due to poor weather, but is still expected to be completed before the 2008-09 school year begins in September.

— Karen Fontanive

Exec. Director Bury to leave Detroit Historical Society

Bob Bury, executive director and CEO of the Detroit Historical Society, will leave the organization at the end of the current fiscal year, June 30. The announcement was made Tuesday, Feb. 6, by Thomas C. Buhl, chairman of the board of trustees of the Detroit Historical Society.

Bury has led the society since 2002, responsible for the overall strategic direction, management and operations of the Detroit Historical Museum in Midtown, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle and the Collections Resource Center, home to the city's collection of more than 250,000 historic artifacts.

"The opportunity to lead the society with an outstanding staff, supportive board, generous donors and engaged community partners has been an incredible experience," said Bury. "Over the past 16 years we've made great progress and as Detroit moves forward, knowing our history has never been more important. I am honored to have had the opportunity to direct this important work and look forward to being part of Detroit's exciting future in other ways in the days ahead."

Under Bury's leadership, the society transformed from a small nonprofit providing modest support to the Detroit Historical Department that operated the museum for decades, to a fully inte-



Bob Bury

grated, visitor-focused organization responsible for all aspects of the museums' operations, under a long term agreement with the City of Detroit.

Most recently, the soci-

ety convened a host of diverse partners to launch "Detroit 67: Looking Back to Move Forward," a community engagement project that includes an award-winning exhibition now on display at the Detroit Historical Museum.

"Bob leaves a legacy of achievement and a strong foundation for the society," said Buhl. "We appreciate his years of dedication and service, wish him well in his future endeavors."

The society has established a search committee, led by Board Vice President Mark Albrecht, who chairs the organization's Human Resources Committee.

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Little League comes back from near closure

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

HARPER WOODS — The board of directors of Harper Woods Little League had a tough decision to make after last season. With a lack of volunteers and declining registration, board members didn't see a future for the league.

"We looked at it realistically and talked about combining with other Little Leagues in the area," said Tom Jenkins, board president. "Overall, that would mean less kids playing baseball in our area. We wanted to get as many kids as possible playing."

Jenkins said there were plenty of board members, but not enough coaches and "barely enough kids to get a solid league."

"The biggest issue is volunteerism," added Darius Emanuel, vice president of Harper Woods Little League. "A lot of organizations rely on volunteers. In today's world, it doesn't seem

like people really want to volunteer for organizations. It seems oftentimes people think the obligation is going to be greater than it actually is. They feel they don't have time ... so they end up not doing it. And doing that, the organization is hurt because we need volunteers to make it run.

"The board, looking at falling registration and lack of volunteers, said we can't do it anymore," Emanuel continued. "But once that was made public, people began to step up and volunteer. We had 30 or 40 people looking to help who understand the importance of these programs to children in Harper Woods and the surrounding vicinity."

Emanuel admitted he had "kind of lost faith" when the board was deliberating. Several board members had been on the board decades; their children had aged out of Little League.

"When you're in that position for that length of time, your perspective is different," Emanuel said.

"They're all great people. They understood what was happening."

Added Jenkins, "A lot of board members were older ... but a lot of people in the league didn't want to see it end. They were disappointed, so they stepped up. ... The consensus was people wanted Harper Woods Little League to continue."

Approximately 10 new members have taken seats on the board, Jenkins said, and other volunteers have stepped up to help with concessions. However, more help is needed, he said.

"This is one of the few things that gets the community together in a positive aspect," said Jenkins, whose children — ages 8, 10 and 12 — play Little League. "You learn how to be a good teammate, how to win properly and how to lose properly, too, with good sportsmanship. It teaches a lot of positive lessons for kids they wouldn't get from another sport."

Emanuel agreed.

"When I drive down the street, I hardly see kids out playing," he said. "When I first moved to Harper Woods, there were 15 families on my street who had kids, but I had no idea because I never saw them. It seems like it's difficult in today's world to get together and play. With Little League, kids learn the basic fundamentals, then hopefully expand on that. They make friends they may not otherwise have made. Families can get together with other families they may not get to see during the week. The sense of community is broadened. It's not different from other organizations like churches, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts. It's about building community."

"We compete with a lot — computers, television, phones," he continued. "There are so many things kids can get involved in to occupy their time. This is an avenue to help them learn about teamwork, rules of the game. Everything you



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOE RHEKER

Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter, Harper Woods Little League President Tom Jenkins and Harper Woods City Manager Randolph Skotarczyk recently met at the Harper Woods Community Outreach Building and reconfirmed the commitment of Harper Woods and Little League to each other.

learn translates into life."

Harper Woods Little League formed in 1955 and is back for its 63rd season this year. Its first registration was Feb. 3, with a second registration scheduled 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Harper Woods High School, 20225 Beaconsfield. The season starts end of March, with opening day end of April. Emanuel said he expects 200 players to register this year.

"Baseball is not as popular as other sports in today's world," he said, "but you can make a real good league with 200

kids."

Volunteers still are needed to coach, run concessions and for other responsibilities.

"Any available individuals — you don't have to know about baseball; you just have to like kids — who would like to volunteer, there are all sorts of positions available," Emanuel said. "And you get to watch an hour of really great baseball."

For more information or to volunteer, email hwll@comcast.net, visit harperwoodsbaseball.com or find Harper Woods Little League on Facebook.

Mack Avenue Records goes big at 2018 Grammys

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

HARPER WOODS — Following the 2018 Grammy Awards, The Recording Academy honored Grosse Pointe Farms resident, business owner and jazz music aficionado Gretchen Valade for her record label achieving eight Grammy nominations in a single year, the most of any independent label of any musical genre.

Valade founded Harper Woods-based Mack Avenue Records more than 20 years ago to bring young jazz talent and seasoned jazz veterans from across the nation oppor-



FILE PHOTO

Gretchen Valade

tunity for high-quality recording production and

distribution. At 92, Valade remains active in the industry, greatly involved with Mack Avenue's imprint Detroit Music Factory, which features local jazz talent.

At the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe — one among several businesses owned by Valade on The Hill — she listens to jazz artists as frequently as five nights a week. There, she refers artists to Mack Avenue Records Product

Manager Darrell Garrett.

In 2006, Valade opened a second Mack Avenue Records office and publishing division in Los Angeles. She also acquired three imprints to include gospel, R&B and blues artists.

Mack Avenue's recordings have reaped several awards and nominations, including Grammy distinctions over the years. The label proved popular at the 60th Grammy Awards Jan. 28, 2018, with three wins from eight nominations.

"We had eight nominations in five categories," Mack Avenue Records CEO Tom Robinson said. "In three of the categories

we were competing against ourselves."

The label had two nominees in the categories of Best Jazz Vocal Album, Best Jazz Instrumental Album and Best Large Jazz Ensemble Album.

Cecile McLorin Salvant won Best Jazz Vocal Album for "Dreams and Daggers." Billy Childs won Best Jazz Instrumental Album for "Rebirth." Christian McBride won Best Large Jazz Ensemble Album for "Bringin' It."

Mack Avenue nominees were Raul Midón for Best Jazz Vocal Album, "Bad Ass and Blind"; John Beasley for Best Large Jazz Ensemble Album,

"MONK'estra Vol. 2," and for Best Arrangement, Instrumental or A Capella, "Ugly Beauty/Pannonica"; Joey DeFrancesco & the People for Best Jazz Instrumental Album, "Project Freedom"; and Billy Childs for Best Improved Jazz Solo, "Dance of Shiva."

"This is a result of Gretchen Valade's dedication to produce the best quality jazz music that we could possibly produce," said Robinson. "We thank all the amazing people that work at Mack Avenue Records and work with Mack Avenue Records in achieving this great accomplishment."

At the library

The Harper Woods Public Library, 19617 Harper, offers a variety of programs this month.

◆ Saratoga Chips —

Children and caregivers are invited 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, to a potato chip-tasting event.

◆ Book Art Crafts — Participants create art on canvas with recycled books and bookish items during this program, for teens and adults, 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12.

◆ Fizzy Science with Mrs. Foster — Beacon Elementary School

teacher Mrs. Foster teaches science in a fun and fizzy way at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13.

◆ Anime Club — Tweens and teens are invited to watch, talk and craft anime at 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17.

◆ Magic: The Gathering — Ages 10 and older are invited to play — or learn to play — the game when the library's Magic the Gathering Club meets Saturdays, Feb. 17, March

17 and April 21. Participants may bring their own cards or use the library's.

For more information, visit harperwoodslibrary.org or call (313) 343-2575.

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Balfour. He was observed by officers slumped over the wheel.

◆ A 27-year-old Park man was arrested for operating while intoxicated 1:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, on Charlevoix at Beaconsfield. He was pulled over for speeding and found to be intoxicated.

Lock your car

◆ Change and a credit card were stolen from an unlocked car in the 1000 block of Harvard between Monday, Jan. 29, and Tuesday, Jan. 30.

◆ Approximately \$20 was stolen from an unlocked car in the 1100 block of Berkshire early morning Thursday, Feb. 1.

◆ A black leather briefcase was stolen from an unlocked car in the 1100

block of Kensington overnight between Wednesday, Jan. 31, and Thursday, Feb. 1.

◆ Change was stolen from an unlocked car in the 1300 block of Whittier overnight between Friday, Feb. 2, and Saturday, Feb. 3.

◆ A person rifled through an unlocked car in the 1400 block of Grayton overnight between Friday, Feb. 2, and Saturday, Feb. 3. Nothing was taken.

Larceny

A former employee of a business in the 17000 block of Mack is suspected of stealing \$700 from the business sometime between Monday, Jan. 22, and Sunday, Jan. 28.

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Home-grown teachers return to Grosse Pointe

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

An informal poll of Grosse Pointe Public School System principals revealed that out of approximately 550 full- and part-time teachers, an estimated 65 are alumni of the district. Mason Elementary School is home to 10 of them — along with night custodial engineer Jay Vernier and 17-year school secretary Patricia Bartos.

From Grosse Pointe North High School, five teachers graduated from the same class at North. In fact, social and innovative studies teacher Sean McCarroll was hired three days after he graduated from the University of Michigan.

“I joke with my students that I spent less time coming back to North than I did leaving it,” McCarroll said. “I thought it was a clear sign of fate.”

In a three-part series, district teachers and administrators reflect on why they chose to return to Grosse Pointe to teach and, in some cases, live and raise their families.

Inspirations

Beth (Bonbrisco) Rainbolt, reading specialist at Richard, comes from a line of North graduates, including her grandmother, mother and aunt. Her aunt, Carol Thompson, was an early influence, teaching her that “connecting with students is one of the most impactful ways to increase student learning,” Rainbolt said.

The other was her English teacher at Parcels



COURTESY PHOTOS

Top left, Sean McCarroll displays ID badges on his classroom bulletin board from his four years as a student at Grosse Pointe North along with each ID badge from his years as a teacher, beginning in 2012-13. Pictured are his freshman year and current ID badges. Top right, Beth Rainbolt's third-grade photo from Anita Rice's class at Mason Elementary School. Above left, Anna Court's first-grade photo from Poupard. Middle left, Pete Dettlinger's eighth-grade yearbook photo from Pierce and right, his faculty photo from Brownell's yearbook.

Top, Andrew Backman's senior class photo from Grosse Pointe South and Backman today. Above, Therese Schrage's senior portrait from South and Schrage today.

Middle School and North, Ruth Rothenburg, who “was determined to help me become a better writer and even more determined to help me develop a passion for reading. I think of her often as I came full circle back to Grosse Pointe, as now I am a teacher of reading. It is a great gift to be able to model the love of reading that Mrs. Rothenburg modeled for me years ago.”

Andrew Backman, a fourth-grade teacher at Monteith Elementary School, recalled Principal Custer Homeire and his gym teacher, Gene Pluhas — “a great teacher” —

from his days at Kerby Elementary School and, later, at South as his ceramics teacher.

“When I finally became a third-grade teacher at Defer Elementary in the Park, it was fun and a little odd to see my old teachers in district meetings,” Backman said. Also “on the odd side, my second-grade teacher from Kerby was still working for the district as a teacher, and yet I thought she was about 60 when I was in her class. How could that be?”

Backman lives in Grosse Pointe Farms, where he grew up. His sons, Luke, 11, and Jack, 13, follow in

his footsteps at Kerby and Brownell, respectively.

“Living, working and raising kids in the community you grew up in has been a great life experience,” he said.

Anna (Collins) Court said an early influence was her elementary school days, constituting some of her fondest memories.

“I remember coming home and playing school in my basement where I would recreate the day's lessons,” she said. “The older I got, the stronger my desire to become an elementary school teacher became.”

A mentor along her journey was Jill Barron, her fifth-grade teacher at Poupard Elementary School. Court reconnected with Barron — who still teaches at Poupard — for her student teaching.

“She was a teacher who set high goals for her students, always engaged students and pursued new things to implement in her classroom and, obviously, made strong connections with her students,” Court said, adding her student teaching experience in Barron's classroom was the most beneficial “class” of her educational career.

“Student teaching for GPPSS was just the experience I needed to know that I wanted to come

back as a teacher to this district full-time,” Court said. “I respected the structure, expectations and culture that I saw during my time at Poupard and wanted to be a part of it in my own building with my own classroom. My dream finally became my reality in 2013 when I was hired as a first-grade teacher at Mason.”

Coming home

Paige Yeager, a fourth-grade teacher at Poupard, said her experience as a student at Mason, Parcels and North — along with her teachers' passion for teaching — inspired her to return to Grosse Pointe.

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School board to consider triangulation policy

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The policy committee of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education met Jan. 31, to review a draft of a proposed policy on a concept called triangulation. The committee will present the policy — administrative guideline 5120, “Assignment within District” — to the full board at the next regular meeting Monday, Feb. 12, for discussion. The purpose of the policy is to maximize use of district resources. If the board decides to pursue it, voting will take place Monday, Feb. 26.

Triangulation is the process of placing elementary schools into

groups of three and, in the event a class is full in a particular grade, assigning a student to a school within that group. Students who establish residency and enroll by a set date — tentatively May 1, according to the draft — would be assigned to their home school based on where they reside.

The number of sections per grade and resulting staffing decisions are based on students enrolled the previous year and new registrations. Triangulation only comes into effect if a particular grade level is full based on class size maximums established by the board. The purpose is to avoid last-minute increases in

the number of sections in a grade, resulting in late hires and other unanticipated costs.

“I think this triangulation, if it happens, is going to be predominantly — but not exclusively — a kindergarten issue,” said Jon Dean, deputy superintendent of educational services. Parents who register their kindergarten student — or any new student, including younger siblings of current students — by the deadline would not be impacted.

After May 1, if all sections in a grade are full, students will be placed on a waiting list. Families with siblings at that school will be given priority if

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Adam Whitehead
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"I chose to come back to this district because I valued and enjoyed my education so much growing up," she said. "The schools emphasized the importance of working as a community to create awareness and really prepared me to pursue a higher education."

"I also always thought about how interesting and eye-opening it would be to be on the 'opposite side of the teacher's desk,' as I called it," she continued. "Ultimately, I saw it as a great way to try and give back to a community and district (that) has given so much to me."

For Peter Dettlinger, 6/7 social studies teacher at Brownell, teaching came later in life after a job in finance in Boston.

"I decided to leave my job, get my master's in teaching and return to the wonderful hometown in which I was raised to start my own family," he said. "One of the biggest reasons I wanted to teach in Grosse Pointe is simply because I had so many fantastic teachers as a student myself."

Among those teachers from Maire Elementary School, Pierce and South were his American history teacher at South, John Blondin, who "got me hooked with his energy and constant injection of humor."

Dettlinger said he has since taught some of Blondin's grandchildren,



COURTESY PHOTO

Scott Cooper in 1977 as a Parcels seventh-grader, left, and today as a Parcels seventh-grade teacher.

adding, "I hope I was up to snuff!"

Therese (McGratty) Schrage, a 23-year teacher at Monteith, said she knew after graduating from Providence College in Rhode Island she "wanted to return home to my roots and to live and teach in the community where I grew up. I am grateful to have had many teachers who believed in me, supported me and encouraged me."

"I remember times at South when I sought out additional help from teachers," she continued, adding these teachers invited her to come in early or stay late for extra help.

"I knew they genuinely cared about me and wanted me to be successful," she said. "Now, as a teacher, building those positive relationships with my own students and supporting them along their journeys of learning and growth is what I love most about teaching."

Scott Cooper, seventh-grade social studies teacher at Parcels,

returned to the district because "first and foremost, they were willing to hire me."

"It is a great school district," he added. "I received a great education and it is an honor and privilege to be on the giving end of that today."

Cooper, who attended Ferry Elementary School, Parcels and North, said when he first started teaching at Parcels, many of his colleagues were former teachers.

"I had a hard time calling them by their first names, so I didn't," he said. "Now I am teaching alongside former students of mine as colleagues and teaching children of former students. I cannot, for the life of me, figure out how that happened."

True North

Grosse Pointe North takes the prize for having the most teacher alumni from one class. Sean McCarroll, Christie Listwan, Ellen McNichols, Lauren Nixon and Chris



COURTESY PHOTOS

Left, Christie Listwan as a senior at North. Above, Listwan today with her fiancé, Anthony Ventimiglia.

Smith — recently hired as a long-term replacement in the business department — all graduated from North's class of 2008.

McCarroll said he got the position "as a complete fluke." He emailed the principals of all five secondary schools in Grosse Pointe days after graduating from the University of Michigan.

"There were no jobs posted, but I thought I'd at least reach out as an alumnus and inquire if there would be any openings anytime soon." A voice-mail followed from Kate Murray, North's assistant principal at the time — now principal — and McCarroll's former English teacher. After an impromptu phone interview with Murray and his former AP U.S. history teacher, Terri Steimer, during which a navigational device on a new car kept interrupting the conversation with directions, he was offered the position.

He began work the following day — three days after he graduated — and has been there ever since.

Listwan, who teaches students with mild cogni-

tive impairments, considers her teachers from North — Crosby Washburne, Brian Stackpoole, Ardis Herrold, now retired, and Julie Pappas, whose classroom is next door — her inspirations. Pappas "made it her mission to get me through algebra," she said. From her elementary school days at Ferry were Sherry Trickey and Karen Sullivan and from Parcels, Scott Cooper, Daniel Bens and Steve Gulian.

Her biggest influence, however, is her mother, Karen Listwan, currently in her 30th year as a special education teacher at Ferry.

"Looking back I realize how truly lucky I am to have had such amazingly dedicated educators," said Listwan, who is getting married in July. "I am looking forward to being able to give my future children the same experience that I once had."

Full circle

Kemmer Weinhaus, (formerly Mary Kay Van Hulle), a music teacher at Poupard and Richard,

said growing up in the Grosse Pointe district attending St. Paul Catholic School, Brownell and South afforded her opportunities to perform in music groups, be challenged in math, English and the sciences and "feel a sense of

belonging." She and her husband, who also attended Brownell and South, made raising their daughter, a 2009 South graduate, in Grosse Pointe a priority.

"Now she lives in the district with plans to raise their twins in Grosse Pointe schools," Weinhaus said. "As my husband and I see retirement 10 years or so down the line, friends and family ask where we will retire. We have no intention of leaving Grosse Pointe. It is home."

To be continued in the Feb. 15 issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

Week Ahead

THURSDAY, FEB. 8

◆ The district hosts a facilities planning town hall 6:30 p.m. at Richard Elementary School, 175 McKinley, Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact Rebecca Fannon at fannonr@gpschools.org or (313) 432-3007 for more information.

THURS.-FRI, FEB. 8-9

◆ Brownell Middle School produces Disney's "The Little Mermaid" at 7 p.m. in Brownell's auditorium, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$10 and available at gp.schools.seatyourself.biz until two hours before curtain time and at the door. Gold Cards are honored.

SUNDAY, FEB. 11

◆ Christ the King Preschool, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its annual Open House 1 to 3 p.m. Parents and children are welcome to tour the facility, meet the staff, enjoy refreshments and engage in classroom activities. Go to christthekinggp.org or call the school office at (313) 884-5998 for more information.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

◆ The district hosts a facilities planning town hall 6:30 p.m. at Monteith Elementary School, 1275 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, contact Rebecca Fannon at fannonr@gpschools.org or (313) 432-3007.

Native dwellings



Students in James Fisher's 4/5 magnet class at Ferry Elementary School were busy with their Native American study, with a focus on tribes representing the five geographical locations of the United States. Studies included language, pictograph drawings, culture and the economy. In addition, they were given a science, technology, engineering and math challenge to create a dwelling representing their clan that was large enough for a group of four to six students to work together and function as a unit for 10 days. Left, Eva Borowski holds a lantern outside of the Inuit igloo her group built.



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In front of their wigwam are, from left, Jack McHenry, Philip Prost, Zaire Polk, Wesley Ramsey, Tommy Tanedo and Joelle Latta.

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Grosse Pointe Park resident **William Gersche** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at the College of William & Mary.

Derek Demkowicz of the City of Grosse Pointe and **James Raudabaugh** of Grosse Pointe Farms were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at Emerson College.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Frank Sherry** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at Davenport University.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Christopher Morris** was named to the President's List for the fall 2017 semester at Davenport University. The recognition is awarded those who

maintain a minimum 3.8 grade-point average.

Michael Calcaterra was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at the College of the Holy Cross. He is the son of Stacy and Mike Calcaterra of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The following area students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at the University of Dayton: **Dallas Clem, Megan McCarren, R.J. McCarren, Madeline Roeske** and **Catherine Thibault**, all of the City of Grosse Pointe; Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Alexandra Etsios; Seth Adams, Ashley Nihem, Grace Scott** and **Cole Teranes**, all of Grosse Pointe Park; Grosse Pointe Shores resident **Thomas Goffas** and **Tyler**

Clogg and **Juliette Tripp**, both of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Abby Martinelli of Grosse Pointe Farms graduated December 2017 from the University of Dayton.

The following area students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 at Miami University: **Patrick Bourke** and **Caroline Calcaterra**, both of the City of Grosse Pointe; **Nathan Jones, Graham Ryan** and **Benjamin Schneider**, all of Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Mackenzie Clark**.

City of Grosse Pointe resident **Michael Coyle** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at Wittenberg University.

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space becomes available. If there are more families on the waiting list with siblings than space available, openings will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. Remaining slots for students without siblings at that school also will be placed on a first-come, first-served basis.

If students do not receive a spot based on that criteria, parents will be given a choice of an open school in the appropriate grade — assuming there is an opening — within the following groupings: north end triad — Ferry, Mason and Poupard elementary schools; central triad — Kerby, Monteith and Richard elementary schools; and south end triad — Defer, Maire and Trombly elementary schools. Parents who prefer a different school than the one offered in their triad may request an in-district transfer.

Beth Cueter, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, spoke at the meeting to oppose the policy, saying her home address is "known for being at Ferry. People like that area because of Ferry. I think the minute that you take that away or if I have to tell a home buyer that quite possibly may not be your home school, that changes the ballgame."

The primary issue for Cueter was disclosing to a potential homebuyer the triad on the north end included Poupard Elementary School, located across Interstate 94 in Harper Woods.

"I've spoken to multiple people and just posed this question ... would you look at my home and be willing to pay \$10,000 plus in taxes if you thought the possibility was even remotely there that you would have to send your child to the city of Harper Woods to go to school?" Cueter said. "And their answer across the board was no. So again, (my husband and I) feel that if this is going to even be a possibility, we're going to need to list our home and move before it does affect our property values."

"I think this is a horrible idea for this community," said board Secretary Cindy Pangborn. "I have to tell you that the realtors are so upset about this and so angry that today groups of them were putting together a brochure about it. ... They can't have one single client without giving the client the policy. That is a sale killer."

In an email to the board, Treasurer Judy Gafa expressed concern Pangborn planned to speak to local realtors about the policy at a staff meeting.

"Per board bylaw, the president speaks for the board or the superintendent should be presenting policies to local businesses," Gafa wrote, referring to board bylaw 143.1 on public expression of board members: "The Board President or designee functions as the official spokesperson for the Board."

"I have no problem with the community being informed, but I've already seen some of the misinformation on social media,"

Gafa continued. "I am advocating that Dr. Niehaus present this policy to this realtor's office and any other business interested in (reviewing) our new policies."

A flyer circulating Grosse Pointe encouraged residents to attend the Feb. 12 board meeting and "tell the school board 'No way on Policy 5120!'" It also included the statement: "If this passes it will be a dramatic negative impact on our real estate market and community!" Another statement, "The administration can decide which school a student can attend based on class size," omits the fact the policy only impacts new students who register after the deadline.

According to Dean, students enrolled by May 1 may attend their home schools.

"The administration believes that you have to give parents some way that if they demonstrate residency by some date, that guarantees them enrollment in their home school," he said at the policy committee meeting.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors did not yet have enough information to take a position on the proposed policy, according to GPBR President Lori Jaglois.

"Our intent is to send this to our government affairs committee and have them review it," Jaglois said. "They have a meeting next week. That way we'll become better informed to make an educated decision on this. It may be something that we may or may not speak out on whether we feel it affects the housing val-

Teacher of THE WEEK



Scott Brunner



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School: University Liggett School
Years at Liggett: 2 (11 total)

Grade/Subject: 11th- and 12th-grade physics
Nominated by: Brock Dunn, head of upper school
Upper school head's quote:

"Scott's colleagues consistently describe him as inspirational, both in terms of trying new approaches to further learning, as well as his upbeat, creative, humorous, calm approach. Simply, he is a gift to our learning environment."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I love how teaching and learning is always in flux at every level. It changes hour-to-hour, day-to-day, year-to-year, student-to-student, generation-to-generation. The challenge of making learning meaningful, challenging and manageable is a fun balancing act. I love the

social aspect of teaching. Teaching is about building relationships and working cooperatively, which is a different challenge in every group and every setting. I love physics. Teaching physics allows me to be a guide for students to gain new perspective and understanding of how the world around them works, which is really fun.

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

Once thought that having students create digital infographics of physics equations and diagrams would be a useful tool for unit review. As a class we quickly discovered it was going to be a giant confusing waste of time, but discussion of the reasons why inspired ideas about what kind of traditional and nontraditional things we could do for effective

review. I try to remember to use my failures and those of my students as moments to celebrate. They are our greatest opportunities to learn and grow.

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

"The Demon-Haunted World," by Carl Sagan
Favorite quote:

"Jumping from failure to failure with undiminished enthusiasm is the big secret to success."

— Savas Dimopoulos

ues. We don't have enough information to speak on behalf of the thousands of people in our membership."

Local realtor Chace Wakefield, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident and Monteith parent, sent an email to the BOE in support of the policy.

"Having sat on the Blue Ribbon Committee and attending all of those lengthy meetings, I fully understand the magnitude of our forthcoming district budget issues," he wrote. "As you know, there are much tougher decisions coming down the road. Tough decisions about the budget must be made as soon as possible. This triangulation one isn't the one to get bogged down in. Done the right way it will have little to no impact on property values."

Among other parents, many of whom learned of

the policy on social media, reviews were mixed.

"My response was I love it and I hate it," said Sara Scott, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident who hopes her daughter will begin preschool next year at her home school, Monteith. "I love it because it gives us an option not to close down schools and it also keeps our low class sizes, which I think are super important."

"I hate it because we're in a situation where we have to do this," she continued. "I was raised in Grosse Pointe. I went to Monteith. When we were looking at houses, I was really eager to live in this area because I wanted my daughter to go to Monteith because I loved it so much."

On the other hand, families new to the community may not have the same personal connec-

tion, she said, having chosen Grosse Pointe for the school district, not a particular school.

"I fully believe in our school board and they're doing the best that they can," she said.

Aimee Rogers, a Grosse Pointe Park resident and Defer parent, agreed the school board has a tough job.

"It sounds to me like they are exploring a lot of different options," she said. "I'm glad that they want community input, but I also don't think we can all have everything our own way. Some of us are going to have to compromise and give in a little bit. So when they start to talk about closing a school or triangulation or any of the other options they are putting on the table, it seems like they are trying really hard to find a solution."

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Laura Ver Beek, Marie Kelly and Aaron Sohaski rehearse a scene.



Rebekah Sellers, as Brooke Wyeth, performs the play's epilogue.

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Family secrets

Purdon Studio Theatre's 'Other Desert Cities' opens Feb. 15

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Theatre's Purdon Studio Theatre takes non-traditional plays to another level. Offering productions that are edgier, darker or more serious than GPT main stage acts, PST reaches its audience in a more intimate setting, just the way Jack and Carol Purdon wanted it when they designated funds to GPT for a black-box theater.

"Jack and Carol Purdon were heavily involved in Grosse Pointe Theatre," said Jerry Nehr, director of the upcoming PST production, "Other Desert Cities." "They bequeathed money to Grosse Pointe Theatre in the hope that they use the money to create a second stage. PST is for edgier stuff. There are no big, splashy musicals. It's edgy, dark. Sometimes we use questionable language. We tend to look at topics that are more on the serious side or darker side of what we experience as human beings."

"Other Desert Cities" is no exception. Nehr, in his PST directorial debut, shares the story of a family in turmoil, torn apart by a husband and wife's long-ago decision and their daughter's plan to air dirty laundry.

"The family endured a tragedy by the oldest son, who they lost to suicide, in the '70s," Nehr explained. The staunch Republican family, ostracized by their friends, moved to Palm Desert to leave their life behind. The play picks up in 2004 when their liberal daughter, Brooke, a novelist, announces she's written a tell-all about the family.

"Trip, her brother, is a Hollywood producer, kind of flaky, who never felt connected to what happened because he was so young," Nehr

said. "Brooke and their parents go head-to-head. Who has the right to tell the family story? And then we've got Silda, the aunt, who's an addict trying to get clean. She's on Brooke's side. They all collide."

Nehr said the play covers themes of depression, addiction, secrets and lies, the loss of a child.

But there's a twist at the end, he said.

"We drop this bomb." Written by Jon Robin Baitz, "Other Desert Cities" has been performed on Broadway and was a Pulitzer finalist. The PST performance is produced by Marianne Casey.

Nehr was part of Detroit Fine Arts' performance of the show last year.

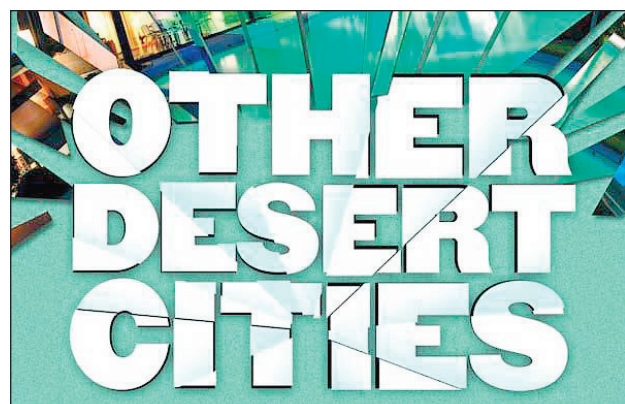
"It will appeal to anyone who likes drama or straight shows, though it has some funny in it as well," said Nehr, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident. "No one is exempt from some of the themes you're going to see in this play. We all have these stories. Everyone has a family member you don't want to talk about. This show will help raise some thoughts, like how authentic am I? How honest am I being?"

Nehr said the show was difficult to cast, but he feels he found the best

five actors for the parts.

Rebekah Sellers of St. Clair Shores is Brooke, the daughter ruffling her parents' feathers. "Other Desert Cities" is her first role since taking a break from acting in 2015.

"I'd never heard of the show, but I saw Jerry was directing and I've always liked him," she said. "There are a lot of paral-



els to my life in this story, so it's very meaningful for me to do."

Sellers' brother battled substance abuse issues and eventually took his own life, she explained.

"My parents tended to be more conservative," she added. "My brother's issues caused a lot of strife. There's enough of a difference between us where it's still acting, but some of the lines in the show are exactly how I feel. It's important for me to tell this story — to pay tribute to my brother and

along, I was interested in it. ... I thought of her as having a lot of humor in the play."

A GPT member since 2007, Ver Beek has been on the other side of Purdon's stage, making her directorial debut last year with "Love, Loss and What I Wore."

Forty-year GPT member Mike Trudel plays the father, Lyman, a role he's coveted since Stagecrafters performed the play four years ago.

"I've always had this show on my radar," he said. "I thought the story was cool, interesting. I like the part — Lyman. I've got some really opportunity. It's a challenging part." The St. Clair Shores resident noted the staging of

bring awareness to this issue."

Laura Ver Beek, who plays matriarch Polly, sought the part because of her character's sarcasm and wit.

"I think it's very well written, witty, with some turns that are unexpected," the Grosse Pointe Park resident said. "When the part came

the show "ratchets up the focus" from an actor's standpoint. It's a challenge for the audience, too, he added.

Rows of folding chairs rim the stage during the production, putting audience members up close and personal with actors.

"They're used to sitting in comfortable chairs, sitting away from the stage," Trudel said. "Here, they're in our house. You have to be careful where people are; you can't be cemented in one spot."

Trudel likened the cast to a family — portraying one onstage and solidly supporting each other off. It's a sentiment he shares with cast mate Aaron Sohaski, who plays Trip.

"It's a great cast," he said. "With smaller shows, nobody can hide from each other. Everybody has to pick everybody up. It's about families. It's appropriate this is the type of show I come back to."

Sohaski, appearing in his first community theater show after studying theater as an undergrad at Grand Valley State University, said it's been two years since he's acted.

"I've been an attorney two years," he said. "I decided to get back in the game. It's like riding a bike. I forgot how much of a process memorizing all these lines can be."

"It's a great cast," the Hazel Park resident continued. "It gets pretty intense. With Trip, there's a lot of rich dialect, heavy monologues. There's fun to be made when there's a rich circumference to a character."

Royal Oak resident Maria Kelly rounds out the cast as Silda, the addicted aunt trying to pull her life back together. The role spoke to her because it's not "cookie cutter."



Jerry Nehr directs a scene as Mike Trudel and Aaron Sohaski rehearse an old movie bit.

Show times and talk-backs

"Other Desert Cities" opens 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Subsequent performances take place 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16; Saturday, Feb. 17; Thursday, Feb. 22; Friday, Feb. 23 and Saturday, Feb. 24. Matinee performances begin 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 18 and 25.

"Four talk-backs are planned with the director and actors," Nehr said. "This will allow the audience to ask questions, talk about the show and give feedback. It's pretty neat, especially with a show with this many themes."

Talk-backs are scheduled after performances Friday, Feb. 16; Sunday, Feb. 18; Thursday, Feb. 22 and Saturday, Feb. 24. The sessions should last 15 to 20 minutes.

"I think this show has something to say," Nehr said. "When you go to the theater, you can't help but attach yourself to a character. There are many opportunities for that to happen in this show."

Tickets for "Other Desert Cities" are \$15 and available by calling (313) 881-4004 or online at gpt.org.

"There are surprises," she said. "I think for every character, they're very three-dimensional people. ... It's a great script. All the parts are really good."

While turmoil and tension dominate the stage, the play is about forgiveness, she said.

"Sometimes in families, that's when we're at our best, but often it's when we're at our absolute worst," Kelly said. "Everyone who comes to see the show will relate to that. How do you forgive someone in your family who's really someone you'd never be friends with? I hope people come and see it. It's unique. It's not a big, happy musical. But it's worthwhile, challenging and interesting."

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BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, 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, Feb. 9. Samaritas Detroit Chief Advancement Officer Kelli Dobner and Director of Congregational Advancement the Rev. Nik Schillack speak. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, offers a meditation workshop 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 10. Cost is

\$40; members and non-members are welcome. Registration is required by Friday, Feb. 9.

The Neighborhood Club offers "Stop Eating like a Jerk and Start Living like a Boss" noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24. Cost is \$40 for members, \$52 for non-members. Registration is required by Thursday, Feb. 22.

To register, call (313) 885-4600 or visit neighborhoodclub.net.

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. 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, offers 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, sponsors a day trip to the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport Wednesday, April 25. Cost is \$20 for Woods residents, \$25 for non-residents, and includes motor-coach transportation and admission to the museum, which provides unique and educational experiences through aviation, military and home-front history, such as the Willow Run B-24 Bomber Plant. Lunch at Cracker Barrel Restaurant is additional. Reservations are required by April 18. Heavy walking is involved. Call (313) 343-2408.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross offers the following blood drives:

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

◆ 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

To register, visit redcrossblood.org.

SOC

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

◆ Tuesday, Feb. 13, Paczki Fest. Cost is \$1 per paczek. Registration is required. Special orders are taken at (313) 882-9600 until noon Friday, Feb. 9.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, "A Winter Serenade" luncheon featuring the Michigan Opera Theatre. Cost is \$10 and includes a Chinese meal catered by Moy's.

◆ 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, "Keeping you Fit at Home: Balance Matters

Too," featuring physical therapist Craig Miller. The program is free, but reservations are required.

◆ 9:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, "Individual Nutritional Counseling," with registered dietician Andrea Hageman. Reservations are required for this free program.

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

Veterans Club

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Military historian and educator John Lind, who is director and founder of the Detroit Arsenal of Democracy, speaks about World War II. Admission is free and guests are welcome. Call John Bates at (313) 881-4125.

Herb Society

The Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe Unit meets Thursday, Feb. 8, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Guest speaker, unit member Barb Hayes, shares her knowledge on "Exploring the Herbs of the Medicinal Garden, Planting, Harvesting, Preserving and Using." Guests are welcome and there is no charge.

The Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe Unit also hosts "Scents and Sensibility: The Perfection of Peonies," 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle. The event includes lunch, a lecture and book signing by Dr. David Michener, curator of The Peony Garden at the University of Michigan Nichols Arboretum. Tickets are \$40 and available at eventbrite.com.

DHS

The Detroit Historical Society invites Grosse Pointers to Grosse Pointe Community Day at the Detroit Historical Museum, 401 Woodward, Detroit, for a viewing of the exhibit "Detroit 67:

Library hosts Rufus McGaugh Feb. 15

The Grosse Pointe Public Library welcomes local educator and author Rufus McGaugh at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

McGaugh discusses his book, "Longitude and Latitude with Attitude: One Man's Quest to see the Entire World." The semi-retired Brownell Middle School teacher has visited more than 250 countries near and far, well known and

obscure, including the closed regimes of North Korea and Libya. "Longitude and Latitude with Attitude" is the unpretentious, often comic, frequently informative chronicle of these and other adventures and misadventures he experienced on his journeys.

The program is free of charge, but seating is limited. Register on the library's online calendar at gp.lib.mi.us or call (313) 343-2074.

Perspectives" at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10. The exhibit is open daily, except Mondays, and runs through 2019. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Reserve a spot by emailing heatherd@detroitshistorical.org.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Family Center

The Family Center presents "Raising Empathic Children in a Disconnected Age" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods. Liggett Head of School Bart Bronk discusses emotional intelligence among children. Register online at familycenterweb.org or call (313) 447-1374.

Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center hosts Lisa Steinkopf, houseplant guru and author, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, The

War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Steinkopf discusses "Winter Lighting for Indoor Gardens," instructing northern gardeners on methods to provide lighting and other conditions required by tropical house plants. She also will have her new book, "Houseplants, the Complete Guide to Choosing, Growing and Caring for Indoor Plants." Admission is free, but reservations are requested. Call (313) 499-0743 or email gpgardenercenter@outlook.com.

Senior Men

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting Tuesday, Feb. 13, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Steve Johnson, author of "The History of Brewing in the Motor City," speaks. All men older than 55 are welcome, retired or still working. Guests are welcome. Lunch is \$15, with jackets suggested. Also, the club seeks to expand available sub club activities and members are welcome to make suggestions at the meeting. Call (313) 550-9661.

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres meets noon Thursday, Feb. 15, at the home of member Renee Siegan, with Lyn Gordon as co-hostess. A luncheon will be served, followed by speaker Mary Beals. The subject is tilandsias, or "air plants."

Retreat

An afternoon retreat for couples, "Be Seen, Be Safe, Be Celebrated," takes place Sunday, Feb. 18, at Hydrangea Kitchen, 371 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe. Cost is \$49. Call (586) 801-4701.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

LWV

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe welcome Samaritas President Vickie Thompson-Sandy at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Thompson-Sandy will discuss Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and immigration policy reform.



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Crawford is the medical director for the 2018 Go Red for Women, American Heart Association Greater Detroit Area. She also is the medical director of noninvasive cardiology and the Faculty Cardiology Fellowship Program at St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital. Crawford hosts a free education session on "Women and Heart Disease" at St. John Medical Center-Grosse

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Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Louis Theros stands with Louisa St. Clair Chapter NSDAR Regent Kay Burt-Willson, who holds a city proclamation at the 125th anniversary celebration.

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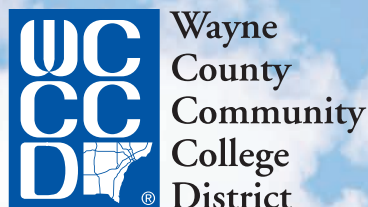
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PASTOR'S CORNER

By the Rev. Jim Rizer

Handling sin

It seems two or three times a year we hear of children playing with mercury. Mercury, the only metal that is liquid at room temperature, does some fascinating things, which helps explain its playful allure. Yet, mercury is toxic and can create serious health issues if vapor is breathed or it comes in contact with an open wound. The best advice to the public is to not handle mercury.

This also is wise advice as we seek to address our sin. In 2 Samuel 11, we find the account of David's infidelity with Bathsheba. David's initial sin is bad enough, but in the verses that follow we watch as David tragically and painfully tries to manage his own sin. As David attempts to handle it, the toxic situation is only made worse and by the end, David has created a sin spree, recklessly breaking commandments right and left. What was intended to "clean up the mess" only makes things worse.

The same is true for us. The more we try to manage our sin — whether like David through cover-up and lies, or by our

own created form of penance — we tend to make things worse. The reality is we can't handle our sin alone. As Eugene Peterson writes, "In dealing with sin we don't do it on our own, we deal with God as he deals with sin. Dealing with the intricacies, the subtleties and the pervasiveness of sin requires God in his mercy. And the overall way that does it is to forgive."

The best way for us to deal with our sin is to confess it and entrust it to the Lord who has died to conquer it and can forgive it. "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord and you forgave the iniquity of my sin" (Psalm 32:5).

Confession and repentance are the ways we deal with sin. They also are central themes in the season of Lent, which begins Feb. 14. I encourage you to give honest assessment to the reality of your sin and approach the only one who can truly handle it for us.

Rizer is the pastor at Living Hope Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visit livinghopeec.org.

St. Paul offers jazz worship service

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, is preparing for the Lenten season with a one-of-a-kind jazz worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 11.

The St. Paul Jazz Band, in traditional Dixieland style, plays "This Little Light of Mine," "Precious Lord," "Take My Hand,"

"Jesus Loves Me" and several other familiar hymns. New for this service is an instrumental arrangement of "Down by the Riverside."

"The service takes place on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, which is a perfect time for this type of worship," the Rev. Justin Dittrich said.

Under the direction of Eric Miller on piano, musicians include Rory Powell, Bob Mobley and Rick Grenzke on trumpet; Andrew Wrobel on trombone; and Dan Tripp on guitar. Paul Sikorski, Lance Vechinski and Brian Mark also lend their musical talents.

For more information, visit stpaulgp.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

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. For more information, call Jeff Gates at (586) 771-8482 or email 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.

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.

St. Paul Evangelical

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

come.

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

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

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

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

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.



Jackson Donnellon, Ryan Donnellon and Evan Benner had fun with their masks.

Mom-son bonding

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its annual Mother-Son Movie Saturday, Feb. 3, this year watching "Zootopia." Upon arrival, boys received goodie bags, then had snacks and decorated picture frames before the movie. Right, Joe Hern shows off the frame he decorated.



Susie Pope and her son, Mitchell, take a selfie to remember the fun they had at the event.

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OBITUARIES

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

Darlene Rae Krato

Darlene Rae Krato, 85, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, in Oberlin, Ohio.

Born Darlene Rae Clayton Oct. 27, 1932, in San Rafael, Calif., she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University in San Jose and a Master of Arts degree from the Tobé Coburn School in New York City. She worked as a buyer for Bloomingdale's in New York and department manager for Macy's in San Francisco.

She married John Charles Krato and raised four children in Grosse Pointe Farms. From 1970 to 1972, she was director of religious education at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church. Darlene also was a coordinator at Operation Linc and a grant writer for Focus Inc. in Detroit, and finished her career as an investigator for Michigan's Friend of the Court.

Darlene always was active in the community. While still in graduate school in New York, she became involved with the MacDowell Colony for the Arts. She was a lifelong member of Alpha Chi Omega and, with this group, worked to bring Aaron Copland to Ann Arbor.

Darlene served as "Bicentennial Lady" in 1976 at Kerby Elementary School and her Grosse Pointe history programs were used throughout the school system. She also was the first woman elected president of the Kerby PTO.

From 1981 to 1983, she served as president of the Metro Detroit Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, helping create the first program in the nation for adults with CF.

Darlene remained active, especially enjoying the Oberlin Heritage Center, Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, FAVA Gallery, Frank Lloyd Wright house,

Chalk Walk, Kendal at Oberlin Arts Committee and countless other cultural events in Oberlin and Kendal at Oberlin.

Darlene is survived by her children, Jennifer Rae Krato, Addam Krato and Peter Baillie; daughters-in-law, Jing Krato and Edie Estey; grandchildren, Mynda Rae Krato, Cody Krato, Nigel Baillie, Jacob Dickerson, Elisabeth Dickerson and Gabe Estey and great-grandchildren, Aiden Dickerson and Liam Dickerson.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, in Heiser Auditorium, Kendal at Oberlin, 600 Kendal Drive, Oberlin.

Donations may be made to Oberlin Heritage Center at oberlinheritagecenter.org or MacDowell Colony at macdowellcolony.org.

Angela Collinson

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Angela Collinson, 64, passed away Friday, Feb. 2, 2018.

She was the loving wife of Mark; dear mother of Anna Lynott (Sean) and Mark Collinson; beloved sister of Rosemary Gaglio, Russell Gaglio (Joanie), Matthew Gaglio (Annette) and Peter Gaglio (Norah). She also is survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Angela was a dedicated nurse practitioner who worked more than 42 years in the St. John Providence Health System. She enjoyed gardening and beach walking.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 5 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to St. John Providence Cancer Center of Excellence at stjohndprovidence.org/foundation; American Cancer Society at cancer.org; Salvation Army of Michigan at salmich.org

or March of Dimes at marchofdimes.org. Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Gregory John Bertelsen

Gregory John Bertelsen, 62, passed away Friday, Feb. 2, 2018.

He was born July 9, 1955, at Holy Cross Hospital in Detroit to Jack and Theresa (nee LeBeau) Bertelsen.

Greg attended St. Joan of Arc Catholic School and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1973. On Dec. 31, 1975, Greg eloped with his high school sweetheart, Jane. The couple enjoyed 42 years of marriage. Greg was the general manager of operations for Fraser Optical 35 years.

Greg was supportive of his children as they grew up. He never missed a game and served in various capacities, from coaching to volunteering. He was a hard-working man who had a meticulous attention to detail, from keeping his yard in immaculate condition to knowing the most obscure facts. He was a true gentleman who will be remembered for his kind and gentle spirit.

Greg is survived by his loving wife, Jane; son, Eric (Orchid); daughter, Kristen Campbell (Matthew) and adored grandchildren, Quinn, Henry and twins Cora and Lily.

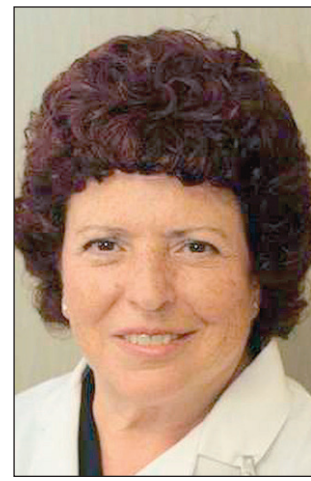
He also is survived by his mother, Theresa; sisters, Jackie Domenici (Mike), Pam Roth (Tom) and Marcie Glassner (Dave) and brother, Kevin (Marilyn).

A funeral service was held Feb. 5 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe North Athletic Booster Club at gpnathleticboosterclub.com or St. Michael's Episcopal



Darlene Rae Krato



Angela Collinson



Gregory John Bertelsen

Church at stmichaelsgpw.org.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Helen Tabert Neskow

Helen Tabert Neskow, 95, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018, and will be missed and loved by extended family from Minnesota, Michigan, Maryland, Washington, California and Arizona.

Born in Crosby, Minn., Helen Glynn was the youngest of three children of Etta Levina Carver Tabert and Henry Tabert. Growing up in Ironton, Minn., she spent her years focusing on school, church and music, excelling in piano and chorus and pursuing a vocation in bookkeeping.

Helen was a consummate sports enthusiast, particularly tennis, and an avid bridge player, all parlayed with extensive friendships. Marrying and caring for a family of six, she would see the world in her life as a U.S. Navy Dental Corps wife, calling home places as varied as Long Island, N.Y., Bethesda, Md., Trinidad, West Indies, Norfolk, Va., Key West and Tequesta, Fla. Helen devoted herself to raising four children which included thoughtfully shepherding them through and helping them acclimate to their many new communities.

Predeceased by her husband, Dr. Robert S. Neskow, Helen is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and Edsel B. Ford II of Grosse Pointe Farms and Leslie and RADM Richard I. Ridenour, USN, MC, retired, of Fountain Hills, Ariz.; two sons, Derek J. Neskow of Perryville,

Md., and Noel R. Neskow of Redmond, Wash.; grandchildren, Henry, Calvin, Stewart and Albert Ford, Jon, Helen and Joseph Neskow and Drew Neskow; and great-grandchildren, Eli and Nell Ford and Clara and Edsel Ford.

Her lovely sense of style, taste and hospitality, enthusiasm for travel and adventure and gentle and welcoming persona will always be cherished. She leaves a legacy to those who knew and loved her of a long life lived well and considerably.

There will be a memorial service for immediate family on a future date.

Arthur F. Martz Jr.

Arthur F. Martz Jr., 95, of Princeton, N.J., died Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, at Acorn Glen, Princeton.

Born at home in Grosse Pointe, he was a resident of West Windsor, N.J. and a member of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Princeton since 1962. He attended De La Salle Collegiate High School in Detroit, graduating in 1940. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Detroit in 1948; a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Notre Dame in 1961; and had been a registered Professional Engineer since 1972.

Arthur served in World War II as a first lieutenant with the 308th Bombardment Group, China-Burma-India Theater. He was honorably discharged at the end of the war.

In the 1950s, he was employed by the Holley Carburetor Co. research department working on



Helen Tabert Neskow

jet engine controls and was responsible for the operation and maintenance of the first analog computer owned by an industrial concern. He also worked for Chevrolet automotive, which included work on the Corvette, and Whirlpool Research Laboratories on wide-ranging electrical and acoustical systems development.

In 1962, he began work at RCA Astro-Electronics Division on satellite communications and imaging and systems engineering. He served as a mentor to new engineers. He holds five patents and was published in multiple publications.

Arthur was a former member of West Windsor Lions Club; volunteered with Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic; was a regular blood contributor to the American Red Cross; served as an usher at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church and for hospital visitors.

He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy Martz and son, John E. Martz.

He is survived by two sons, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 3 at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, Princeton.

Vote GPPL for best library

Grosse Pointe Public Library is competing in the Knope Best Library award hosted by Engaging Local Government Leaders. Named after Leslie Knope, a character in the NBC sitcom "Parks and Recreation," the Knope Best Library award highlights public libraries, their employees and the role they play in the communities they serve. GPPL made it through a NAACP-style bracket into the round of 16, or #Sweetums16, and is matched against Chapel Hill, NC. To help GPPL reach the Elite 8, go to e1gl.org and click on #ELGLKnope.



Dads and darlings

Assumption Cultural Center hosted its annual Daddy-Daughter Snowball Dance in the school gymnasium Jan. 26. Nearly 200 attended the event. Assumption Church Administrator Joan DeRonne called it a "successful night of bonding — and not one dress was alike!"

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Coming soon to Assumption

The 2018 Empty Bowls event, raising awareness to end hunger, takes place 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. The event includes soup, bread, beverages, dessert and one-of-a-kind decorated bowls. Soups and breads are provided by area restaurants and businesses.

Cost is a minimum donation of \$15. Proceeds benefit Cass Community Social Services.

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North and South grapplers earn medals at league meet PAGE 2C

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Girls basketball

RIVALS

North beats South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team swept city rival Grosse Pointe South in their two-game regular season series, winning 54-44 in the final confrontation.

However, the host Norsemen withstood a valiant Blue Devils rally that at one point in the fourth quarter had a 20-point deficit cut to three points, 44-41.

"We even had a couple of possessions with a chance to cut it to one or tie, but couldn't get the basket," South head coach Kevin Richards said. "We made a game of it. We took a step forward. We started making shots at game speed, and I'm happy with that progress."

The Norsemen stormed out of the gate, and early on it looked like the game would be lopsided.



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

North's Christina Braker goes up for a shot with South's Sydni Hall trying to block the shot.

The Norsemen ended the first quarter with a 15-0 run to lead 23-8, and it was 28-8 after junior Julia Ayrault hit a three-pointer.

The Blue Devils came back to cut the deficit to 13 points, 37-24, using a 16-9 run to end the first half.

It was still a double-digit lead after three quarters, 44-31, but the

momentum had shifted as Richards had his girls playing with energy, and they picked up the defensive intensity.

Ten straight points, including back-to-back three-pointers by junior Sydni Hall, brought the Blue Devils to within three points at 44-41, with plenty of time left in the fourth quarter.

The Norsemen hit a

couple of big baskets and free throws down the stretch as they outscored the Blue Devils 10-3 the rest of the way to win the season series 2-0 and move within a half-game of Macomb Dakota for the lead in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

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Boys hockey

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Solid play in prep showcase

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School competed in last weekend's 18th annual MIHL Prep Showcase at Kennedy Recreation Center in Trenton.

Some of the best teams from the Midwest compete. Each team played two games during the three-day tournament. Each team finished with a win and a loss.

Grosse Pointe North lost 5-4 to Wyandotte in its first game, but came back to beat Traverse City West 3-2.

"It was a good overall weekend for high school hockey players," North head coach Joe Drouin said. "We may not have the best overall record, but for three days, the records didn't matter as college and junior scouts

from the Midwest were watching the players.

"We may only have two wins, but after each of our games I was approached by six scouts asking for information on our players. The exposure of being involved in a showcase of such caliber might help persuade some of the hockey players walking the halls of North (and Parcels) to give playing hockey for the Norsemen a second thought."

Against Wyandotte, the Norsemen fell behind 2-0 before Austin Albrecht scored to get them on the board. Wyandotte scored again to take a 3-1 lead.

Charlie Weiss scored on a slapshot, off an assist from Albrecht, to narrow the gap to 3-2. It was a 4-2 game when Ryan Rokicki tallied off

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The Whiskey Six

The Whiskey Six is proud to announce the hiring of Executive Chef Alfred Large. Chef Large brings more than 35 years of culinary experience to The Whiskey Six. He has worked as the executive chef manager, day manager, sous chef and director of food and beverage at many well-known and popular restaurants in the greater metropolitan area of Detroit. He understands the importance of offering handcrafted food at reasonable prices. He has hired an all new kitchen staff. Ticket times and service are better than ever.

"We are proud and excited to bring Chef Large aboard," said Tony Galbo, one of the owners of the Grosse Pointe-based restaurant. "Chef Large is a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe and has remained committed to providing exciting cuisine in the Detroit area for decades. He provides a perfect blend of education, experience and the modern approach of using sustainable, locally sourced products. Our customers and neighbors are going to love what he brings to the table."

Chef Large has brought exciting new daily specials, from savory waffles to butter-poached monkfish atop roasted Michigan corn relish, as well as yellow belly perch filets with Cajun remoulade and his irresistible mac n' cheese with pancetta.

As a result, The Whiskey Six is open for lunch every Friday at 11 a.m. and Chef Large has developed a quick and light lunch menu to complement the daily menu.

Join The Whiskey Six also on Valentine's Day for a "His and Hers" five-course meal with whiskey and wine samplers to complement each course.

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Wrestling

NORTH & SOUTH

Eight grapplers earn top billing

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North wrestlers hosted last weekend's Macomb Area Conference Blue/Gold/

Silver Division League meet.

MAC Blue regular season champ Fraser won the title with 222 points. Gold runner-up Warren Fitzgerald was second

overall with 122 points and Silver co-champ Center Line was third with 120 points.

North was 10th with 69 points and South finished 13th with 58 points. The

Norsemen and Blue Devils combined to earn eight medals.

North's Dirk Drieborg earned a gold medal in the 152-pound division, winning a 9-5 decision over St. Clair's Hunter Hill in the title match.

North's Ray Hamilton, 140-pound division, took home a silver medal after losing a 7-4 decision to Fitzgerald's Calvin Wade in the title match and South's Miles Dearing was a bronze medalist in the 189-pound division, earning a 13-9 decision over Port Huron's Cody Borntreger.

South's Devyn Griffin also was a bronze medalist. He pinned L'Anse Creuse North's Brendan Romatz in the 125-pound division.

Several others won sixth-place medals.

South's Alex Roth, 119-pound division, lost a



South's Miles Dearing, top, took home a bronze medal in the 189-pound division.



PHOTOS BY JOHN MCTAGGART

North's Dirk Drieborg, left, won a gold medal in the 152-pound division in the league meet.

12-2 major decision to was pinned by Warren Utica's Michael Mott's Nolan Mandel in his fifth-, sixth-place match at 160 pounds and South's Cy Nardone lost an 8-5 decision to St. Clair Shores Lake Shore's Nathaniel Custer at 285 pounds.

North's Elliot Lyman

Girls hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights post needed win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls hockey team earned a much needed 4-1 win over Warren Regina last week,

improving to 4-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 6-4 overall.

Olivia Yates had a hat trick to power the Knights' offense. Kate Birgbauer added a goal

and an assist for two points and Maddie Hamilton had one assist.

In net, Evie Bournias was the winning goal-keeper.

With four weeks left in the regular season, the

Knights have nine league games on the slate. The top eight make the Division 1 playoffs and at the moment the Knights sit ninth.

They have an advantage since they play a majority of league games during the final couple of weeks of the regular season.

Earning wins in most of those games should help the Knights earn a top eight seed.

The list of "big" games starts Saturday, Feb. 10, when the Knights face host Grosse Pointe South.

After that it is a home game Monday, Feb. 12, against Ann Arbor Skyline.

The Knights also travel to Novi Ice Arena Saturday, Feb. 24, to face Livonia Ladywood before hosting Plymouth-Canton-Salem Monday, Feb. 26, and Bloomfield Hills Friday, March 2.

Senior night is March 2.

Last season the Knights finished ninth in the regular season.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



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Sister act

Junior Clare Murphy, right, and her younger sister, freshman Erin Murphy, helped the Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team earn a much-needed league win last week, beating Warren Regina 5-1. Erin Murphy led the way with a hat trick and two assists for five points, while Lindsey Ramsdell and Maddie McIntyre had two assists apiece. Clare Murphy and Kylee Banaszewski scored the other goals to help McKenzie Obermok earn the win in net. With the win, the Norsemen improved to 5-4-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and stayed in contention to earn one of the top eight bids for the Division 1 state playoffs. Last weekend, North faced Farmington Hills Mercy in the league showcase and lost 6-3. Banaszewski had two goals and Darby Pickford scored one. Erika Benoit took the loss in net as Grosse Pointe North dropped to 10-5-1 overall.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Gymnasts stretch win streak to six

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It wasn't easy, but the Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team ran its winning streak to six last week, edging host Port Huron United 139.50-137.975.

Led by junior Elizabeth Byarski and sophomore Amanda Nguyen, GPU was able to squeeze by the home team.

Byarski had an all-around score of 33.925

and Nguyen had 33.675.

Byarski scored a 9.0 on the balance beam, 8.5 on vault, 8.45 on floor exercise and 7.975 on the uneven parallel bars, while Nguyen had 8.7 on beam, 8.6 on vault, 8.55 on floor and 7.825 on bars.

Senior Maggie Bowers scored an 8.7 on beam and 7.225 on bars and freshman Cate Gagnier competed in three events, scoring a 9.6 on beam, 9.55 on floor and

9.05 on bars.

In the Jeanne Caruss Invitational Saturday, Jan. 27, Gagnier was the all-around champion, scoring a school-record 37.75 points.

She earned a 9.675 on vault, 9.6 on beam, 9.25 on floor and 8.725 on bars.

Head coach Kristin Remillet and her gymnasts improved to 6-1 in the Great Lakes Gymnastics League and 6-2 overall.



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Boys basketball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights keep battling, but fall twice

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys basketball team is in position to win games.

However, it's the little things throughout the course of a game they aren't doing, which is leading to close defeats.

Case in point: Early last week the host Knights lost 65-59 in overtime to Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. They erased a 50-43 deficit in the final four minutes and had one final shot attempt at the end of regulation to win it.

Senior Anthony George's baseline jumper missed the mark, and the game went to overtime.

Senior Desmon Darby hit a shot on the Knights' first possession of OT to give the home team a 57-55 lead. That would be the final lead of the game as the Lakers hit a three-pointer to lead 58-57, and the advantage grew from that point.

"We had a lot of chances to win this game, but the missed layups in the first half and making 11 of 19 free throws to go with some unforced turnovers led to this, another close loss," head coach Chris Housey said. "I love the hustle and hard work the guys put into this game."

The Knights trailed 16-10 after the first quarter and 25-22 at the half. The third quarter went back-and-forth before the home trailed 41-38 when the horn sounded.

The final quarter was

also nip and tuck with several ties and lead changes. A lack of rebounding was a problem, especially when junior big-man Charlie Amine didn't play in the second half due to a health issue.

"Playing without Charlie in the second half hurt," Housey said. "We missed his rebounding, but we fought hard, and were in position to win it."

The Knights outscored the Lakers 17-14 in the final quarter to force OT.

George led the team with 19 points, followed by senior Casey Scoggin with 17, sophomore Nick Post with 10 and Darby with six.

Liggett hosted Madison Heights Bishop Foley last weekend and lost 51-42 to drop to 1-7 in the Catholic League Intersectional Division and 2-11 overall.

The Knights' offense was mostly non-existent until the fourth quarter. They played a solid opening quarter, scoring 11 points, but then their shots wouldn't fall, and they had only two points in the second quarter and eight in the third.

It was 37-21 after the third quarter.

The Knights made a run in the fourth quarter and cut it to 46-39 midway through. They had possession with a chance to cut it to a four- or three-point game, but missed the shot.

Bishop Foley rebounded the ball and hit a three-pointer on its end to put the game away. Bishop Foley used



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Liggett's Casey Scoggin goes up for an off-balance shot during the Knights' league game against Bishop Foley.

a huge rebounding edge to offset its 21 turnovers.

Liggett had a season-low six turnovers, but the poor shooting and lack of rebounding were keys to the defeat.

"I couldn't believe how many shots were in and out," Housey said. "We played hard, but all those missed shots were too much for us to overcome. I'm proud of our comeback."

Girls results

The University Liggett School girls basketball team was looking to finish strong in its final two division games of the season last week.

Head coach John Bandos and his Knights lost 43-36 to host Chesterfield Township Austin Catholic early in the week.

The game was close, and the Knights had their chances to win the game. They couldn't get enough key stops or key baskets in the clutch to get the victory.

Senior Delaney Bandos and freshman Delaney Garvey scored 13 points apiece to pace the Knights.

Last weekend, Liggett traveled to division-winner Marine City Cardinal Mooney and lost 58-18 to finish 6-4 in the Catholic League Intersectional Division and drop to 6-7 overall.

The girls and boys teams honor its seniors with back-to-back games Friday, Feb. 23, against Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The girls play at 6 p.m. and the boys follow at 7:30 p.m.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils edge Huron

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys swimming and diving team hosted state-ranked Ann Arbor Huron last week in a meet head coach Eric Gunderson knew would be close.

Each team won its share of events, and the outcome came down to the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. At the time, Huron led 87-85.

South took first and third to earn 10 points to Huron's 4 points to win the meet 95-91.

Winning the relay were Thomas Jogan, Matthew Melican, Khalib Rahmaan and Ethan Briggs with a time of 3:27.69, and earning the clutch points for third place were Jackson Jogan, A.J. Rizer, Raef Akkary and Michael Currier with a time of 3:42.77.

The Blue Devils also won the 200-yard medley

relay and 200-yard freestyle relay, which was a key to winning the meet.

The medley relay swimmers were Melican, Rahmaan, Matthew Koueiter and Nick Vallan and they had a time of 1:42.09.

The freestyle relay team members were Koueiter, Briggs, Vallan and Thomas Jogan and they posted a time of 1:32.32.

In individual events, Briggs won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:52.99 and Koueiter was first in the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard breaststroke with times of 52.82 and 1:01.66.

Melican also took first in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 55.81. The Blue Devils also finished second and third in the 100-yard freestyle to earn points and second and third in the 50-yard freestyle to earn points.

Grosse Pointe South is 5-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen net division win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys swimming and diving team improved to 2-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last week, beating host Chippewa Valley 105-78.

The Norsemen won most of the events, including two relays, to overtake the Big Reds.

Owen Schaaf and Brian Veneri won multiple events. Schaaf won the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard breaststroke with times of 2:10.62 and 1:06.88, while Veneri was first in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly with times of 25.03 and 57.41.

Austin Robbins was first in diving with 145.30 points and other individual winners were Hunter Adelson in the 100-yard freestyle and Connor Lefebvre in the 100-yard backstroke with times of 53.66 and 1:02.14.

In addition, the Norsemen's 200-yard medley relay team of

Anthony Diamond, Schaaf, Veneri and Lefebvre won with a time of 1:49.06, and the 200-yard freestyle relay squad of Tommy Hartzell, Adelson, Jonathon Stander and Veneri won with a time of 1:43.89.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 4-1 overall.

"The boys had a great meet and I am excited to see what is in store for MAC's," Winn said.

Grosse Pointe North hosts the MAC Red Division Swimming and Diving Championship meet Friday, Feb. 23, and Saturday, Feb. 24.

The preliminaries are the first day and the finals are the second day of competition.

Competing with North are Macomb Dakota, Romeo, Chippewa Valley and favorite Grosse Pointe South.

On paper, the Norsemen would finish third, ahead of Chippewa Valley and Romeo, and behind Grosse Pointe South and Macomb Dakota.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen settle for split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys basketball team used a dominating defensive performance to beat host Roseville 53-43 early last week.

"We played a good game and outside of the fourth quarter against Romeo, we have played well in our past five games," head coach Ron Kochan said. "We are

getting better with the playoffs approaching."

The Norsemen built a 20-14 halftime lead, but used a 20-9 third quarter to extend the advantage to 40-23.

Roseville used an up-tempo game to try to get back into it, but it fell short as the Norsemen had two players score in double figures, junior Joe Ayrault had 16 points and senior Tyler Hill had 14.

Juniors Hunter Levick and Troy Herd chipped in with nine and eight points.

North was looking for another win last weekend, but the Norsemen couldn't keep the momentum going in a 74-68 overtime loss to host Warren Mott.

Mott's De'Jon Gantz was unstoppable, scoring 37 points, to lead the Marauders.

For the Norsemen,

Ayrault had a career-high 23 points as they fell to 5-4 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 7-8 overall.

North did clinch a spot in the MAC Red/White Division Tournament and will be either the No. 3 or 4 seed and will face the No. 1 or 2 seed from the MAC Red, which will be Macomb Dakota, Sterling Heights Stevenson or Chippewa Valley.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils rally

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team used a dominating second half to post its first division win of the season last weekend, 52-45, over host L'Anse Creuse North.

"We ran our offense in the first half, but couldn't hit the open shots," head coach Troy Glasser said. "We didn't change anything, but those shots

went in during the second half. It was a much needed win. The guys really played a good second half."

The win kept alive the Blue Devils' bid to earn a spot in the Macomb Area Conference Red/White Division Tournament.

"We have a chance now that we beat L'Anse Creuse North," Glasser said. "That is all we need. We can get a spot in the tournament with two more wins."

The Blue Devils fell behind by 15 points, 31-16, at the half, but blitzed the Crusaders in the third and fourth quarters, winning them 36-14.

Leading the way was junior Ryan Downey, who had 16 points. Senior Julian Harrell had 12 points and junior Luke Adams had nine as Grosse Pointe South improved to 1-7 in the MAC Red Division and 2-12 overall.

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"We lost our composure, and I have to give Kevin credit because his kids played hard," North head coach Gary Bennett said. "They kept working, and we didn't take care of things on our end."

Ayrault led the Norsemen with 26 points, 11 rebounds and two blocked shots, and sophomore Christina Braker had 10 points and seven rebounds.

For the Blue Devils, Hall led the way with 13 points, while junior Lily Adams had nine.

North had a chance to take sole possession of first place if Dakota would have lost at Port Huron Northern. Instead, the Cougars pulled off a 55-53 win to finish 8-2 in the division.

Earlier in the week, North won at Port Huron Northern 52-43, and South lost at Warren Cousino 52-37.

For the Blue Devils, freshman Alexa Downey scored nine points, and Hall had eight as they finished 1-9 in the MAC Red Division and dropped to 5-11 overall.

As for the Norsemen, the win at PHN was huge and kept alive the chance they can be Red Division co-champs.

Ayrault had 13 points, followed by junior Evelyn



North's Julia Ayrault left, puts in a layup just ahead of South's Savannah Srebernak.

Zacharias with 11 and Braker with 10.

Grosse Pointe North is 7-2 in the MAC Red Division and 11-3 overall after its 44-41 home loss Monday night to Warren Regina.

They were outscored 19-8 in the fourth quarter.

Ayrault had 22 points and five blocks to lead the

Norsemen.

The Norsemen led 35-25 with six minutes left before the Saddlelites

tyed the game at 36 with an 11-1 run.

In the final minutes, they were outscored 8-5.



South's Anna Stumb, left, and Savannah Srebernak, right, battle North's Josie Ciaravino for a loose ball during the Norsemen's division game against the Blue Devils.



North's Cariele Humphries scores two points in the win over South.

College news

ALBION COLLEGE



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Sweet opener

Grosse Pointe North graduate and Albion freshman Christina Rafail was recently named Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Player of the Week in women's tennis. The first-year player from Grosse Pointe Shores was a 6-1, 6-0 winner over Holy Cross College's Valerie Dainelli in the fourth singles match in Albion's 5-4 victory over Holy Cross in its first dual match of the season.

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assists from Albrecht and Mario Lorelli.

Michael Burns tipped in a shot on the power play, assisted by J.D. Allor and Chris Lorelli, to tie it 4-4.

Wyandotte was able to net the game winner with five minutes left and held the Norsemen off the board.

The Norsemen had 31 shots on net and Brian Clogg took the loss, stopping 21 of 26 shots.

They came back Saturday to edge TCW as Clogg was tough between the pipes, stopping 45 of 47 shots.

Albrecht was a one-man wrecking crew, scoring each goal. His first goal was assisted by Evan Berger and Tim Bowers midway through the second period, but TCW tied it.

An unassisted Albrecht goal gave the Norsemen a 2-1 lead, but once again West tied it early in the third period.

Berger and Bowers once again assisted on Albrecht's hat trick goal at the 9:25 mark and Clogg did the rest, making several tough saves to lift the Norsemen to the win.

"It was a great team win," Drouin said. "This game had more meaning as a win. It was a culture-building win. The team did things the right way, they did things the Norsemen way. We have a tough week ahead of us with Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Wednesday, and then we play the team from the other side of town on Saturday."

Grosse Pointe North improved to 2-17-1 overall.

Grosse Pointe South lost its first game 3-2 to East Grand Rapids, but rebounded to blank Sault Ste. Marie 4-0 to improve to 6-11 overall.

Against EGR, Conor McKenna scored to give the Blue Devils a 1-0 lead. Keegan Spitz had the lone assist.

EGR scored the next three goals to take a 3-1 lead before Nolan Passamani tallied to make it a 3-2 game. Scott Miller had the assist.

The Blue Devils had their chances to tie the game, but couldn't get the equalizer.

Camden Mills suffered the loss in net, stopping 23 of 26 shots. Mills was outstanding the following day, as was the Blue Devils defense, limiting the Soo to 17 shots.

In the opening period, McKenna scored, assisted by Brian McKenna, and in the second period it was Andrew Vyletel scoring, assisted by Garrett Bollenbacher.

Spitz also scored in the second period, assisted by Bollenbacher, and in the third period Evan Theros put the finishing touches on the victory. Zach Wollenzin and Bradley Burdick had the assists.

Liggett played a pair of 3-2 games.

It started with a 3-2 win over Lake Orion and ended with a 3-2 shootout loss to Sault Ste. Marie.

Head coach Mike Maltese and his Knights scored one goal in each of the three periods in the win over Lake Orion.

Caden Lewandowski scored in the first period, from Spencer Warezak, while Spencer Stefani had the second period tally, from Lewandowski.

The game-winning goal was scored by Dan Bowen with only 47 seconds left in the third period. Matthew Moroun had the assist, and Grant Lindsay was the winning goalkeeper, stopping 18 of 20 shots.

In the shootout loss, it was a 2-2 game after two periods and neither team had a third-period goal even though the Knights fired 15 shots on net. They finished with 42 shots and dominated the game, but lost as the Soo had the lone goal in six attempts from the two teams in the shootout.

William Nicholson scored both goals for the Knights. His first was assisted by Ferg Roby and second by Lewandowski and Dylan Paulsell.

In the shootout, Warezak, Bowen and Nicholson took the shots and Lindsay took the loss, despite stopping 23 of 25 shots.

Liggett is 16-3-0-1 overall.

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O	R	E	O	A	R	E	A	I	C	E	
M	I	N	U	S	C	U	L	E	N	R	A
B	L	O	C	K	S	A	R	S	O	N	
				H	I	M	A	N	E	T	
D	A	M	E	H	I	D	D	R	E	W	
A	L	I	A	N	A	E	R	E			
M	E	N	U	I	S	M	F	L	A	B	
				O	Z	A	R	K	O	R	
A	T	T	I	C	A	N	I	M	A	L	
B	O	A	M	I	N	N	E	S	O	T	
E	M	U	E	V	E	N	K	N	O	T	
D	E	R	S	E	T	A	S	O	P	H	

- ACROSS**
- 1 Greek consonant
 - 4 Cold War weapon
 - 8 2000 election scrap
 - 12 Fool
 - 13 Law office worker, for short
 - 14 "Les Miserables" author
 - 15 Accelerator
 - 17 Quite excited
 - 18 Tidy (up)
 - 19 Altar affirmative
 - 21 Vanna's cohort
 - 22 Flame from a burner
 - 26 Impersonator
 - 29 Whatever amount
 - 30 Timetable abbr.
 - 31 "American —"
 - 32 Golfer Ernie
 - 33 Bivouac structure
 - 34 Fresh
 - 35 Individual
 - 36 Emanations
 - 37 Big talker
 - 39 Morsel
 - 40 Playwright Levin
 - 41 Strong points
 - 45 Not up and about
 - 48 1944 Boyer/Bergman film
 - 50 Burden
 - 51 Otherwise
 - 52 Exist
 - 53 Wrong
 - 54 God, in Guadajara
 - 55 Doo-wop syllable
 - 10 Past
 - 11 Pooch
 - 16 Student
 - 20 Rotation duration
 - 23 Scoff
 - 24 Sicilian spouter
 - 25 Makes lace
 - 26 Chinese dynasty
 - 27 Notion
 - 28 Neatens the lawn
 - 29 Microbrewery product
 - 32 Betrothed
 - 33 Rwandan tribe
 - 35 Scull tool
 - 36 Grocery areas
 - 38 Hen
 - 39 — profundo
 - 42 "Zounds!"
 - 43 From one end to t'other
 - 44 Branch
 - 45 Carte lead-in
 - 46 Acknowledge applause
 - 47 Listener
 - 49 Foreman foe

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle
Solution for last weeks puzzle 2/1/18

	7				1	9			8	
			9	6						2
6					2			4		
3				8				6		
		1				5			2	
	4				7					3
		3				2	7			
5			1				9	4		
	8	6			9					1

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.

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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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