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A look at midterm ballot proposals

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The midterm election is finally here. In less than a week, Grosse Pointe voters will head to the polls to cast their ballots.

Along with the national, state and local offices to be filled, the

residents of Grosse Pointe will vote on a number of proposals which will affect the community. Below are the proposals Grosse Pointers will find on the ballot Tuesday.

Grosse Pointe Public School District Bond Proposal
 The school district is requesting residents

approve a \$111,040,000 bond. The money will be used for remodeling and construction of secure vestibules, repairing roofs and mechanical system upgrades as well as other safety updates. It also will be used for updating technology infrastructure — not one-to-one devices — and improving and develop-

ing sites, including outdoor athletic facilities, paving, fencing and drains.

Grosse Pointe Public Library Millage Renewal
 The library is asking residents to renew its .6847-mill levy for eight years beginning 2020. The millage will be used for operations, to purchase materials includ-

ing books, magazines, newspapers and other resources, technology, building maintenance and improvements and paying down the bonds for the Ewald and Woods branches.

Wayne County Community College District Replacement Operating Millage Proposal

WCCCD is requesting a 2.25 permanent millage as a replacement of two separate, temporary millages. It will put the community college's permanent millage at 3.25 total. The millage would be used for operations, to continue building projects and expand

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House to be razed

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The demolition of a house in the 1200 block of Hawthorne is set for Monday, Nov. 5. The house was the subject of a nuisance and abatement case filed by the city September 2017.

On June 21, Wayne County Circuit Judge David Groner ordered the homeowners to bring the house up to code against a list of structural deficiency violations, including a collapsing basement wall. If the violations were not corrected by July 3, Groner ruled the city could raze the house at the homeowners' expense.

A motion for stay pending appeal filed by the homeowners was denied Aug. 9 by Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Kirsten Frank Kelly.

The city selected Helbeck Construction's \$14,797 demolition proposal following a request for bids. The proposal was approved by city council Monday, Aug. 20.

One of the two homeowners moved out of the

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Woods current aerial truck — known as Tower 5 — is a 1990 Sutphen aerial platform truck used for rescue and large fire operations.

Woods to replace aging fire truck

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — During its committee of the whole meeting Monday, Oct. 22, city council gave Public Safety Director John Kosanke the green light to submit a request for proposal for a new aerial fire truck.

In an Oct. 15 memo sent to Woods City Administrator Bruce Smith, Kosanke wrote, "The current apparatus that the city has in place still performs the functions required during res-

cue and/or firefighting operations. However, the advanced age of the truck has created the need to explore how the city needs to move forward in the replacement of this piece of equipment."

In the memo Kosanke outlined the need to replace its 1990 Sutphen aerial platform truck, also known as the city's Tower 5 fire truck.

"The need to maintain an aerial truck within our fleet has increased through the past several decades as new, multi-story structures have been added to the com-

munity," Kosanke wrote, referencing several of the city's large buildings, including Sunrise Senior Living Center, The Rivers, Grosse Pointe North science building, VanElslander Cancer Center, Legacy Oaks Condominiums, Grosse Pointe Library Woods Branch and University Liggett Field House.

Kosanke reminded city administrators and council, "The National Fire Protection Agency recommends that frontline apparatus remain in service no more than 25 years."

He cited maintenance issues, including rising costs, difficult repairs, unavailability of several replacement parts, a rusted frame and a generator assessed as no longer serviceable.

Kosanke added the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Department of Transportation impose standards the current aerial truck can no longer meet, including cab space and restraint system guidelines, driver safety system requirements and

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Verheyden aids with Cantrell remains

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A local funeral home is aiding in the return of nearly 300 cremated remains found in the now shuttered Cantrell Funeral Home in Detroit.

Verheyden Funeral Home in the Park took possession of 269 cremains Thursday, Oct. 25, from a facility in Flint. The remains had been there since April after the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs closed Cantrell amid myriad violations.

During the April inspection, LARA found the embalming room unsanitary and a number of improperly stored embalmed bodies, some of which were in advanced stages of decomposition and

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Planning Commission looks to the future

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The planning commission is working on updating the "vision" of the community.

A planning commission subcommittee met last month for its first sessions to review the city's master plan. Made up of

Chairman David Gaskin, Michael Fikany and Malik Goodwin, the group met Oct. 2 and 4, to tour the city and start putting together recommendations.

"We are hoping to get — during this review — a basically more comprehensive, forward-looking document that looks out maybe 20 years," said Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Clark, who also sits on the

planning commission. "Ordinances and zoning really follow the master plan. The distinction is, one is a vision, the other is the law."

It is general practice for the city to revisit and update the document every five years. It was last updated in 2013.

The subcommittee submitted an interim report with its initial

findings and progress. No official recommendations have been made to the commission yet.

According to the report, the master plan "is reasonably satisfactory but could use some updates which hopefully will come out of this process."

In its report, the subcommittee

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Dr. Stacey Lemanski
 Home: Grosse Pointe Park
 New author has served as a medical missionary abroad and closer to home



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STAHL'S empowers, honors veterans with Power Play for Heroes

Proceeds benefit Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs

Each year, STAHL'S and the Stahls Automotive Foundation honor veterans, current military service men and women and their families with the annual Power Play for Heroes two-day event Saturday, Nov. 10, and Sunday, Nov. 11.

The festivities kick off Saturday with Team STAHL'S facing off against the Detroit Red Wings alumni at St. Clair Shores Civic Arena. Sunday marks the fifth annual Veterans Day open house at Stahls Automotive Collection in Chesterfield.

Veterans Day is a time of year many veterans reflect upon their experience, including Dan Robinson, a former military police soldier in the U.S. Army and current operations manager for STAHL'S Manufacturing

and Engineering Center. Six months after beginning a career at STAHL'S, Robinson received notice of a one-year deployment to Guantanamo Bay. His first worry was informing his new employer of the leave and his next was about the future of his career.

STAHL'S — a global leader in garment decoration equipment, materials and transfer technology — has a strong, longtime commitment to veterans. Robinson found this out after a life-changing year overseas, where he found his job and team members waiting for him upon his return.

"I had experienced every aspect of the industry — from services, to decoration, to garment supply and raw material being a part of the

STAHL'S family because of the way they value and care for their employees," Robinson said. "Going into the military was my passion growing up, so I feel lucky to have found a company to work for that honors my service and allows me to grow professionally and personally as a veteran."

For the second consecutive year, proceeds from the weekend's events benefit Michigan-based veterans and first-responder recipients of Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs. The 501(c)3 nonprofit is dedicated to raising, training and donating medical service dogs to veterans and first responders with PTSD, traumatic brain injuries and other medical needs. The Stahl family will match all donations

made throughout the weekend.

"Many of my family members served in the military and even though I couldn't, I have always tried to find as many ways as possible to support our troops and veterans through our annual event," said Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ted Stahl, executive chairman of STAHL'S and founder of Stahls Automotive Foundation. "Our Veterans Day tradition is one that is close to my heart and the hearts of the entire STAHL'S team. We are honored to work with Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs for the second year. Their support for veterans is exceptional and they are every bit deserving of these donations."

The weekend lineup includes the hockey game

— Team STAHL'S vs. Detroit Red Wings alumni — Saturday, Nov. 10, at St. Clair Shores Civic Arena, 20000 Stephens; the puck drops at noon. In addition to the game, fans may browse memorabilia on sale from the Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association and DC Sports. Fans also may partake in photo opportunities, including a chance to take a photo with the legendary Ted Lindsay.

The game is open to the public. Tickets may be purchased onsite for \$10. All ticket sales benefit Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, who will be onsite selling 2019 calendars featuring dogs in the program, including Babe, named by STAHL'S for its donations from the 2017 Power Play for Heroes events.

The following day, Sunday, Nov. 11, Stahls Automotive Collection, 56516 North Bay,

Chesterfield, hosts a Veterans Day open house 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors are invited on a ride through history, exploring the museum's collection of nearly 100 classic and vintage vehicles. The museum also is home to an array of unique music machines ranging from jukeboxes of various eras to the world's largest dance organ, the 1920 Gaudin 125-Key and the 1924 Wurlitzer Pipe Organ, which will be played live.

The Detroit Arsenal of Democracy loans an array of wartime memorabilia and military vehicles for display on the museum grounds and creates custom dog tags for attendees.

The event is free and open to the public; however, a \$5 donation is encouraged.

For more information, visit stahlsauto.com/veteransday18.

Accounting Aid Society adds director of community engagement

Certified Fundraising Executive Angela M. Gabridge has joined Accounting Aid Society as director of community engagement, where she is responsible for strategic planning, resource development, marketing and communications.



Angela Gabridge

Gabridge, of Grosse Pointe, has more than 13 years of experience in philanthropy, engagement and nonprofit leadership. Previously, she has held positions at the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, most recently as deputy direc-

tor of philanthropy. She has served as development director for several nonprofits and successfully built and managed capital capacity and major gifts campaigns up to \$45 million.

Accounting Aid Society is a Detroit-based non-

profit that offers individual income tax services, personal financial coaching, tax debt relief and IRS dispute resolution and sound financial management practices for small businesses.

Since its founding in 1972 by accountants who wanted to give back to the community, Accounting Aid Society has helped return more than \$375 million in tax refunds to individuals and small businesses in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Livingston counties.

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made recommendations to explore improvements in the city's business districts on Mack, Charlevoix and East Jefferson.

On Mack, the continuation of streetscape improvements was noted, as well as cooperation with the city of Detroit in further developing and maintaining the area.

The report also noted the need to develop the area between city hall and Alter on Jefferson, as well as the area between Wayburn and Alter on Kercheval.

"A cultural center would be a marvelous improvement (on Jefferson)," reads the report. "Any development should recognize the importance of the bus services as a necessary function in need of appropriate turnaround design such that traffic is not impeded or endangered. Furthermore, the patrons of the bus system need an attractive and

safe waiting area, which should be incorporated in any improvement design."

Any improvements on Kercheval also should incorporate safe and effective traffic routes — especially for commercial trucks delivering to businesses in the area, the report reads.

For Charlevoix, the

Charlevoix, provided they could meet safety codes and could otherwise be regulated."

There also were recommendations for updating census data — particularly school-aged children — as well as information on park improvements and attendance numbers.

The report was an early

"I'm hoping for community involvement and the involvement of the council."

DANIEL CLARK,
Grosse Pointe Park mayor pro-tem

report recommends expanding community events as well as possibly encouraging the use of second-floor spaces as short-term rentals.

There is a "need for short-term, overnight places to stay for weddings, visits, etc. There is virtually none available. We do not encourage such places in residential areas, but the city might explore encouraging the development of these second-floor spaces on

draft of recommendations being considered by the subcommittee and planning commission. The process will flow through the planning commission with final approval by city council.

The council and commission also are encouraging community involvement in the process. The next planning commission meeting is 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson. Recommendations by the community also may be made online using the resident feedback form at grossepointepark.org.

"I'm hoping for community involvement and the involvement of the council, seeing as we are going to be using this master plan to prepare for a future which is really — in some respects — is already here," Clark said.

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Susan Kopf, program coordinator, and Christine Brown, information and assistance specialist, unveil the new name.

At The Helm



Executive Director Peggy Hayes announced to a standing-room-only crowd Oct. 17 that Services for Older Citizens is now called The Helm at the Boll Life Center.

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Woods addresses recreational marijuana 'opt-out' option

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — During its committee of the whole meeting Monday, Oct. 22, city council discussed the so-called “opt-out” option if ballot Proposal 18-1 — the Marijuana Legalization Initiative — is approved by Michigan voters Nov. 6.

Woods City Attorney Chip Berschback explained to council required municipality procedures for allowing or prohibiting recreational marijuana facilities.

The proposed 2018 Marijuana Legalization Initiative would legalize marijuana use for those 21 years and older and enact a tax on marijuana sales. If passed, the initiative also would allow an operating license in every municipality unless a municipality enacts in its ordinance language to prohibit it. A city would be able to ban all marijuana sales facili-

ties in its jurisdiction or limit the number of licenses granted.

“So if the initiative passes, and the city council does nothing, state operating licenses would eventually be issued,” Berschback explained to council. He added cities that include recreational marijuana facilities would share in the marijuana regulation fund, receiving 15 percent of the net following the first two years, during which \$20,000,000 annually would be dedicated to clinical trials.

If passed, the initiative would go into effect 10 days following the election.

“But there’s plenty of time for cities to make a decision whether they’re going to allow recreational marijuana establishments,” Berschback said. “The medical marijuana act is still in existence. If this new recreational marijuana act passes, there will be two different acts. ... I would expect over time those are going to kind of merge, but that’s the statutory landscape that’s going to be in existence if the initiative passes.

“What cities are grappling with now is whether to allow marijuana retail stores,” Berschback added, explaining cities must decide to accept such stores or prohibit them by amending their zoning ordinances.

Because it will take the state at least one year “to promulgate administrative rules and issue licenses,” Berschback said the city has time to decide to accept or prohibit the licensing of Woods businesses to sell recreational marijuana.

To prevent immediate requests to set up marijuana retail establishments in the city, Berschback recommended adapting a temporary land-use moratorium during the city council meeting Monday, Nov. 19, giving city council time to decide if and how to modify its zoning ordinance.

Though discussion among council members indicated not all were in favor of prohibiting recreational marijuana establishments, a more thorough discussion will follow if the proposal passes.

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emergency-lighting and reflective striping recommendations.

During the committee of the whole meeting, Kosanke responded to council’s questions about the state of the existing aerial truck.

“There have been upgrades over the last 28 years, from a safety standpoint,” Kosanke said. “There’s always something needed to be put on the vehicle. So to have the latest in technology would protect us a lot better. It would protect my firefighters a lot better, too. The truck is still operational. ... There are just a number of issues we have that we just work around for right now.”

Kosanke said a committee he formed to research fire truck manufacturers recommended requesting a proposal from E-ONE — maker of the Metro Quint line of

aerial fire trucks.

“We were able to arrange for site visits from four vendors to have an on-site inspection of their product,” Kosanke wrote in the memo. “The committee was able to drive and operate all of the vehicles. Two of the vehicles we inspected are able to fit into our existing bay, which include the E-ONE Metro Quint and the Pierce Ascendant.”

The committee’s analysis of the Metro Quint and Pierce Ascendant, Kosanke said, resulted in recommending the former, estimated to cost \$996,000 with a \$6,000 trade-in of the city’s 1985 Mack engine truck. An additional \$75,000 in equipment would be added to the truck. The committee estimated an out-the-door price of \$1,076,000.

Kosanke said a request for proposal would include specifications for “the ability to maneuver through the city’s cul-de-

sacs and fit into most narrow areas of the city,” in addition to fitting into the public safety department’s bay and being operational by one person.

The truck also will include a 100-foot ladder, 2,000-gallon-per-minute pump, 500-gallon water tank, aluminum body, single axle and 11-foot spread on the outrigger stability system.

The city currently has three fire trucks, but will have only two with this purchase with the planned trade-in.

City Treasurer Cathy Behrens reminded council the city budgeted \$500,000 in the motor vehicle fund for the purchase of a new fire truck, intending to pay 50 percent of the cost upon delivery and financing the remaining balance.

“That’s what I felt would be the best option for the city given the status of our motor vehicle fund balance,” Behrens said, explaining the motor vehicle fund balance is a “bucket” of

funding separate from the general fund.

“So this \$500,000 that we’re going to pay outright has been funded through the years through depreciation expense,” Behrens said, “because every year we put into this fund the cost of the depreciation of all of the fleet vehicles we have in the city.”

The motor vehicle fund, which supports the purchase and maintenance costs of all city vehicles, is an “internal service fund” with no source of revenue from property taxes.

“It’s strictly funded through contribution of other funds throughout the city,” Behrens said, adding that putting \$500,000 down on the truck would reduce the motor vehicle fund to \$1,045,019, while paying the full cost of the truck up front would reduce the balance to \$469,019.

As of press time, the RFP was still under review.

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house following the denial of the motion for stay. The other homeowner remained in the house.

In a letter sent Aug. 30, City Attorney Chip

Berschback informed the remaining occupant of assistance available, including homeless recovery services by Neighborhood Services Organization in Detroit.

At press time, the city had not received a response to the letter.

—Melissa Walsh

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, NOV. 4

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores chess tournament, 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Osius Park, 800 Lakeshore.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 20225 Mack Plaza.

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offerings.

Grosse Pointe Park Road Millage

The Park is the only Grosse Pointe asking residents for a city-specific millage. It is requesting a 1-mill levy for 10 years to continue its street repaving program. The millage would be used for reconstruction, resurfacing, repairing and otherwise improving major and local streets within the city, alleys, parking lots and related infrastructure. It would first be levied December 2019 and would not coincide with the city’s current 1.75-mill street repaving levy.

Statewide

There are three statewide ballot proposals — one new voter-initiated law and two constitutional amendments.

Legalization of recreational marijuana

Proposal 18-1 would allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused

edibles. It also would allow for the cultivation of 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption, impose a 10-ounce limit kept at residences — 2.5-ounces on an individual’s person — create a state licensing system for businesses and change several current violations from crimes to civil infractions.

Voters Not Politicians

Proposal 18-2 would establish a commission of citizens to draw district boundaries for state and national offices. The commission would consist of 13 randomly selected individuals — four Democrats, four Republicans and five Independants. It would prohibit partisan officeholders, candidates, their employees, certain relatives and lobbyists from serving on the commission. It also would create new redistricting criteria ensuring no disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates.

Promote the Vote

Proposal 18-3 would authorize automatic and

election-day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting and straight-ticket voting, as well as add current legal requirements for military

and overseas voting and post-election audits.

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Spreading a positive message on both sides of the globe

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There are many words to describe Stacey Lemanski.

Wife. Mother. Physician. Missionary. Faithful believer in God.

Recently the Grosse Pointe Park resident added "author" to that list.

Born and raised in Oklahoma, Lemanski earned her undergraduate degree at Purdue University, which is where she met her husband, Chris, a Farmington native.

"That's what led me to Detroit," she said.

A Grosse Pointe resident since 1999, Lemanski graduated from Wayne State University's School of Medicine in 1995 and did her residency at St. John Hospital.

The mother of three — CJ, Hannah and Josh — currently is an OB hospitalist there.

But her life wasn't quite that linear.

"When I was doing my OB-GYN residency, I gave birth to my first child, CJ," she said. "I felt God calling me to leave in the middle of my training and be a stay-at-home mom. ... During that time of being a stay-at-home mom, we felt God calling us to be missionaries in Africa."

The Lemanskis lived in Jos, Nigeria, four years with their children. "It wasn't easy," she



Dr. Stacey Lemanski

said. "I was a full-time mom and a part-time missionary doctor. We saw everything — civil unrest, rioting, terrorism. We had to be evacuated from our home three times, with our children.

"But during the four years, we also experienced great joy in seeing God work in our lives and serving the poor," she continued, noting her husband ran the ministry Sports Friends, which used sports as a tool for evangelism and discipleship. "After four years, it was rough in Nigeria. I was feeling tired. It was hard seeing the injustices toward women, experiencing it on a daily basis in what I did as an OB-GYN. It took a toll."

The Lemanskis came home to Grosse Pointe and Stacey Lemanski started volunteering with Covenant Community Care, a faith-based clinic in southwest Detroit that serves the area's poor.

During her time there, she started OB-GYN care within Covenant.

"I spent two or three years building the program and partnerships with local hospitals," she said. "The way I was able to build partnerships is, when I met with administrators, I'd ask them, 'Do you want these women to come to you with good prenatal care from us or do you want these women to come to you with no prenatal care at all?' It worked. It helped me build relationships with hospitals."

Lemanski jokes about her missionary service — in Africa and closer to home.

"I traveled halfway across the world to be a missionary doctor and almost never needed an interpreter because English is their first language," she said. "Then, when I came home, I drove 20 minutes to southwest Detroit and needed an interpreter all the time because 90 percent of my patients were Spanish speaking."

Combining her life experiences with her faith, Lemanski last winter published "Freedom Prayer Workbook," which is aimed to help people through Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACE.

"Many of us experience hardships, wounds and traumas in life, whether in childhood or as an

adult," she said. "God is not silent when it comes to our pain. He has beautiful, practical things to say to us about disappointments, losses and hardships.

"I had my own Adverse Childhood Experiences," she continued. "The result of God's healing in my own life is how I came to write this book."

Lemanski said when people experience any type of ACE, the wounds can cause them to believe lies about God or themselves — "That we're not good enough, we're not worthy, that God doesn't care about us or that God is bad," she said. "When we believe anything — truth or lie — we actually develop a neural pathway in our brain around that belief. When the truth of that is tested, the brain will fire automatically because it's what we've believed over a long period of time.

"If we want to change the way we think, we have to pay attention and be aware of what we're thinking about, the lies we believed," she continued. "It has to be intentional. This will build new neural pathways that tell us God is good, God cares about me, I am his daughter."

The book also provides tools for readers, which Lemanski called simple truths, but not easy truths. They include "forgiveness, confession, identify-

ing and admitting we're stuck, having the courage to take a deeper look inside our soul," she said. "When we have courage to take an honest look inside ourselves and implement basic truths the scriptures teach us ... we can partner with God in the process of becoming healthier."

Lemanski said it grieves her to see people stuck when they don't have to be. In that respect, the book is practical.

"I'm a physician, a surgeon," she said. "My brain thinks very logically, very linear. If you read the book, it's not a novel. It's very much how-to. But I also hope it's filled with love and compassion and the grace of God and teaches us new ways to think about God and about ourselves.

"I love God with all my heart," she continued. "He is awesome. Nothing I love can even come close to how much I love God. Because he's healed me of so much, I know healing and wholeness and freedom are possible."

A member of Grace Community Church, Lemanski said the book "isn't Christianity 'lite.' This is real Christianity, deep soul work.

"The soul is made up of the mind, will, emotions. If our soul is sick or our spirit is sick, it can also make our body sick. ... With restorative prayer,

we talk to God about challenges we've had in life. We experience that God speaks to us about this. We call it the 'Great Exchange.' We give him all our wounds, lies, trauma; he gives us love, joy, peace and compassion."

Lemanski's book is available on amazon.com.

When she's not working or volunteering, Lemanski enjoys reading and researching, kayaking, practicing Christian yoga at Living Waters Yoga and spending time with her family.

"I love my children with all my heart," she said. "The greatest accomplishment of my life was raising my children and giving them a different childhood than what I had. ... All three love God and I'm trusting they're going to continue along that trajectory.

"God is good and he desires good things for our lives," she continued. "At times we encounter difficulties in life, but a lot of those things are not his will. But they still happen because he's given man free will. We don't always choose what's right. God doesn't always intervene when harmful things happen, but that doesn't mean it's his will or he means us harm. ... There is mystery in our suffering and we may not always understand all that God is doing in and through our hardships."

Grosse Pointe Farms

Drunken driving

A 25-year-old Clinton Township man was arrested for operating while intoxicated 2:20

a.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, on

Mack at Moross.

While at another traffic stop, officers observed the man fail to slow down or move over for the emergency lights.

An officer caught up to him and pulled him over.

While interviewing the man, the officer noted an odor of intoxicants and observed a partially consumed bottle of vodka. The man said he had three glasses of whiskey earlier in the

night.

The man failed the field sobriety test and had a .14 percent blood alcohol content.

Shanked it

A 79-year-old City man got his car stuck in a sand trap at Country Club of Detroit 8:50 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23. Officers arrived on scene and found the vehicle with its back tires on the 6th hole green and front tires over the sand trap.

According to the police report, the man said he was on his way home from The Village and did not know where he was or how he got there. He claimed to have a sleep disorder.

According to officers, he did not show any signs of intoxication and was picked up by his wife. The car was removed without incident.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Suspended license

A 33-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving on a suspended license and warrants 10:50 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, on Mack at Somerset. He was pulled over for speeding.

Stolen bike recovered

A 23-year-old Detroit man was arrested for receiving and concealing stolen property 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, on Kercheval at Beaconsfield. The man stole a bike in Detroit and rode it into the Park. The victim followed the suspect and flagged down an officer.

Not your spot

A 33-year-old Woods man was arrested for disorderly conduct 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22, on Charlevoix at Lakepointe. He was arrested after an argu-

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ment over parking.

Stolen electronics

Two black male suspects are wanted for entering and stealing items from a home in the 1400 block of Kensington between 9:40 and 11:40 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The suspects entered an unlocked back door and stole a 55-inch Sharp TV, Xbox, digital camera and \$1,500 in cash. Witnesses observed a grey Dodge Charger leave the scene.

Another parking dispute

A 46-year-old Park resident was arrested for simple battery 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, in the 1400 block of Somerset. The woman was arrested after an argument with a neighbor over parking.

Suspended license

A 19-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving on a suspended license and warrants 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, on Kercheval at Wayburn. She was pulled over for making an improper turn.

Caught in the act

A 33-year-old Harper Woods man was arrested for breaking and entering 4:40 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, in the 15000 block of Jefferson. A witness called 911 after watching the suspect kick in the door of the apartment across the

hall. Responding officers arrested the suspect upon arrival.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Really hates construction

A 43-year-old Park woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, on Jefferson at Lakeland.

Officers were dispatched to Jefferson and Washington on a report of a single-car accident. A witness to the accident said the woman turned right onto Jefferson from Fisher and struck three traffic cones. She reportedly sat in her vehicle five minutes, eventually exiting to look at her car.

As officers arrived on scene with lights activated, they observed the suspected vehicle flee. The vehicle was missing its front driver-side tire and the rim was exposed. It swerved lane to lane and eventually stopped at Lakeland.

The woman failed a field sobriety test and refused a preliminary

breath test. She was taken to the hospital for a blood test, where officers reported her making sexually inappropriate and belligerent comments to officers, staff and patients.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Babies on board

Officers arrested a 35-year-old Harper Woods woman for drunken driving and child endangerment 11:21 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22, on Lakeshore near Willison.

When an officer observed the woman's 2018 Kia Optima stopped in the middle of east-bound Vernier, he pulled up behind her. She then proceeded to travel east before making an illegal turn on red onto Lakeshore.

The officer initiated a traffic stop after running the license plate and learning she was driving without valid insurance.

At the traffic stop, the officer observed the woman was eating, did not have her seatbelt fastened and smelled of

intoxicants. Three young children were in the rear seat without seatbelts fastened.

The officer asked the driver if she had been drinking alcohol. She replied, "Not too much."

A preliminary blood test resulted in .165 percent blood alcohol content.

Uninsured driving

Officers arrested a 42-year-old Detroit woman for driving with a suspended license 3:43 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Renaud and Morningside.

An officer initiated the traffic stop after running the plate of the woman's 2006 Ford F-150, which showed she was operating the vehicle without valid insurance and multiple suspensions.

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

REMAINS:

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growing mold, according to LARA.

In August, an anonymous call led to the discovery of a stillborn corpse and another set of cremains at Cantrell. Then in October, an anonymous letter pointed investigators to a cardboard box and infant-sized casket hidden in the first-floor ceiling containing bodies of 11 infants.

Verheyden has been quietly assisting since April when it agreed to help make burial arrangements for the bodies found. Over the summer, with donations of space and services from Mount Olivet Cemetery and burial vaults from Santieu Vaults in Livonia, the remains found in April were laid to rest. Verheyden also agreed to honor more than 500 prear-

ranged funeral contracts.

Because of its involvement in April, Verheyden was asked to assist after the grisly discoveries in October. It is currently trying to track down next of kin for the identifiable remains; 52 found were unidentifiable.

Verheyden plans a funeral service Friday, Nov. 2, at Mount Olivet in Detroit for 230 of the cremated remains. The remains will be placed in a crypt in a mausoleum.

The funeral home also plans a separate service for 30 remains of military veterans. On or near Veterans Day, Nov. 11, Verheyden will honor the veterans at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Leaving from the Park, each veteran will be given their own hearse and escorted to Holly by Michigan State Police.

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- GPPSS has not addressed declining enrollment and half-empty buildings before proposing 20 years of interest-laden bond debt.
- This \$111 million bond balloons to \$183 million (with interest and fees).
- Taxpayers still owe \$30 million on the 2002 bond.
- If passed, total GPPSS bond debt will be greater than \$213 million— nearly a quarter of a billion dollars!
- Bonds cannot be used for maintenance or repairs; they are used for building, replacing or demolishing.
- Our historic schools need restoration and repair— interest-free Sinking Funds can be used for repairs.

GPPSS itself stated in recent years that "...to repair/restore older buildings, ...a Sinking Fund is a more financially efficient model [than a bond] because it does not incur long term service debt."* What has changed to make debt the preferred funding mechanism?

We Can Do Better

We can protect our students and teachers and repair our schools in a cost-effective way. Keep GPPSS accountable. Prevent money from being wasted. Today's high school seniors will be 40 years old before this bond debt is paid off!

Defeat this bond on Nov. 6 and let's unite on a **sensible solution. Vote NO.**

More details and ideas for a responsible approach:

gpresponsiblespending.com

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OUR VIEW

Campaign finances

With pre-election campaign finance reports due to be filed with the Michigan Bureau of Elections last Friday, Oct. 26, we thought it might be interesting to see how much it costs to run a ballot issue committee or candidate campaign in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

According to the campaign finance report filed by treasurer Christine Kaczanowski, the Residents for Responsible Spending had raised \$10,660 as of Oct. 21. Karl Kratz, treasurer of the Bond Yes committee, reported \$13,037 in contributions.

Of the more than 100 Bond Yes contributors, George R. McMullen Jr., of Grosse Pointe Woods, was the largest donor with \$1,020, followed by Paige Niehaus, wife of school Superintendent Gary Niehaus, with \$1,000. Dr. Niehaus, who donated \$500, is among a handful of district employees who contributed, including deputy superintendents Jon Dean and Lisa Abbey, Principals Kate Murray and Roger Hunwick and Community Relations Specialist Rebecca Fannon.

Board members Brian Summerfield and Margaret Weertz, who are running for re-election, donated to the Bond Yes committee, as did board Treasurer Judy Gafa and Trustee Kathleen Abke. Board candidates Dr. Christopher Lee and Christian Fenton also are listed among Bond Yes donors.

Residents for Responsible Spending lists more than 50 contributors, many giving multiple times. A retiree, Steven Smith, of Lakecrest Lane, is the largest donor with \$2,600. He is among some 21 donors who identify their occupation as "Retired," compared to only three who identified as retired among Bond Yes donors. (Most times "Occupation" was not filled in.)

The second highest Residents for Responsible Spending donor, Jay Hackleman, also a retiree, contributed \$1,000 to the committee, as did school board candidate John Shook. Anne Vanker, a "homemaker" in the City, ranks third in contributions with \$803.05, which includes \$453.05 in in-kind contributions. \$500 contributors include retirees Gerald Finazzo and Gordon Willett.

As expected, the Residents for Responsible Spending's largest expenditures are in political advertising — \$1,509.76 with the Grosse Pointe Times and \$2,237.50 with the Grosse Pointe News. The Bond Yes committee spent \$862.50 with the Grosse Pointe News as of Oct. 11.

The pro-bond group's greatest expense was for lawn signs, \$5,867.19, while the opposition group lists \$474.88 for "Printing-Yard Signs."

Among the board of education candidates, those reporting more than \$1,000 to date include Mr. Summerfield, \$2,130; Ms. Weertz, \$2,415; Wendy Saigh, \$2,375; and Dr. Lee, \$3,180.

So there you have it — campaign finances for the pro and con committees regarding the Grosse Pointe Public Schools Bond Proposal and school board candidates.

Now it's up to you, the voters. Be sure to cast your ballot by 8 p.m. Nov. 6. Nothing short of the future of Grosse Pointe public schools depends on it!

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Grosse Pointe Woods held a public accuracy test on a voting machine Oct. 30, in advance of the Nov. 6 general election. All five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods conduct the test at the same time — 2 p.m. — the Tuesday prior to the election.

Grosse Pointe Woods Deputy City Clerk Paul Antolin inserts test ballots from precinct 4 to perform the accuracy test.

GUEST OPINION By the Rev. Fred Harms

In need of a humane response

During the summer of 2014, my wife Margaret and I had the honor of serving as interim pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in the "Old City" portion of Jerusalem. Our residence at that time was located on the Mount of Olives in the Lutheran World Federation compound.

Every day we were on the grounds of the Augusta Victoria Hospital, which is situated just across the street. This hospital is an extremely important health care facility for the Palestinian people who live in the West Bank and Gaza. AVH is one of the premier facilities in terms of cancer and kidney treatment, as well as juvenile diabetic care. We witnessed firsthand the compassionate medical interaction with the staff of the hospital and the patients.

What is disconcerting is that every year the Augusta Victoria Hospital and the other East Jerusalem hospitals struggle with the uncertainty of receiving adequate funding to be able to stay in operation.

AVH and five other East Jerusalem hospitals rely on funding each year from the United States and the European Union to cover approximately half the costs of patients referred to these hospitals.

Currently, the AVH is owed over \$38 million of a total of \$80 million to the six East Jerusalem hospitals. Unfortunately, the \$25 million in 2017 U.S. government funding that was designated for AVH and the other East Jerusalem hospitals is being withheld. The money is needed to offset the high cost of cancer medications and to avoid the interruption of the care that is needed for Palestinian cancer patients.

The delay in the disbursement of the 2017 funding, as well as a freeze put on 2018 funding, is contributing to an acute and severe cash flow crisis for AVH and the other hospitals in East Jerusalem.

It is important from a humanitarian standpoint that we make it known to the U.S. Administration and to our representatives in Congress it is crucial to not impede or withhold funding to these critical health care facilities in East Jerusalem. We need to do all in our power to lessen and avoid humanitarian crises.

The Rev. Fred Harms is Pastor Emeritus of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, and member of the Task Force for The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land Southeast Michigan Synod of the E.L.C.A.

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.

Crossroads
needs turkeys

To the Editor:

The annual Crossroads Soup Kitchen pre-Thanksgiving dinner will take place on Sunday, Nov. 18, the weekend before the holiday.

As usual, we are expecting a large crowd of hungry men, women and children to visit the Soup Kitchen for their holiday meal. This year, as in the past, scores of our friends and relatives will donate and roast turkeys to be served at this dinner.

However, we are in need of additional turkeys and hope our neighbors in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities will look into their hearts and make this very important, but relatively inexpensive, contribution.

Despite the recovering economy, the challenges in the city continue for those who have very few resources.

We have been associated with Crossroads more than 25 years and the number of clients

who do not have life's basics — enough food, adequate shelter and warm clothing — is very sad. And, the sight of a hungry child in a soup kitchen line is heart-breaking to all who witness it. Those of us with countless blessings must reach out to help those who have so little.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this very worthwhile effort by donating a cooked turkey may contact us by email at yolichas@comcast.net, or by phone at (313) 886-8007 or (313) 670-1571. Thank you.

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City clerks —
quiet election
heroes

To the Editor:

Last winter, long before election season, members of the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe interviewed several of our local city clerks to learn more about the behind-the-scenes work needed to have an election run

smoothly.

The interviews instilled a new appreciation for these government officials who help us navigate the election laws regarding registration to vote, first-time voters, voters who have moved into the precinct, voters who live abroad but are eligible to vote in their community, absentee voters and blind voters.

These officials train the poll workers with a state-provided curriculum, trouble shoot recalcitrant voting machines and enforce all the state of Michigan rules so every ballot is counted and remains secret.

A priority of the state Election Commission is to shorten wait time at the polls and several city clerks commented that allowing anyone to vote absentee would help with that.

Absentee ballots are counted together by a group of deputies who check signatures and feed them into counting machines. No one is allowed to leave the room until all the ballots are counted.

Overseas voters must apply to vote absentee like anyone else, but they can ask to receive their ballot via email. The ballots must be printed out and returned by mail, and the votes are transferred to a genuine ballot under the watchful eyes of representatives from each party.

Thanks to computers, voter lists are easy to maintain. If a voter

moves within Michigan their voting record follows them as soon as they register in their new city. Most voters register through the Secretary of State, which sends the information to each county. The county then passes the new registration information on to the correct city.

Even with computers there may be delays or glitches, so keep that registration receipt in your wallet until you've voted once at your new address.

City clerks work hard to provide the structure for accurate and secure voting. It is up to the voters to know the ballot, carry their ID and vote.

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Teachers union
supports bond

To the Editor:

My name is Mike Rennell and I am the president of the Grosse Pointe Education Association. I feel I must speak to the community about why the teachers of this district understand the importance of voting yes on this bond Nov. 6.

As teachers in this community, half of which live and raise their families here, we understand the absolute necessity of this bond.

While some in the community are challenging administration to find \$6 to \$10 million in cuts in the general fund,

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I SAY By Karen Fontanive

20 minutes to a problem-free world



I find it amazing I can solve all of the world's problems in 20-minute conversations.

Well, not all of them in one 20-minute conversation. One at a time.

Friday I noticed my eye hurt when I touched it just below the lower lid. I know I shouldn't be touching my eye, but ... it hurt and I couldn't see anything to indicate why. Later that night, I

noticed a little puffiness above the cheekbone and the eye area still hurt. I tried a tea bag poultice.

Well, Saturday morning, a lot more was swollen and I could see red on the lid. Curses, a sty. But it is Saturday and the doctor's office is closed, so it's off to the pharmacy for sty medication.

Sunday morning, my eye seemed to be better. Redder, but not as puffy. So as my husband and I discussed what to do, I bemoaned the fact my option on a Sunday was urgent care.

This conversation led us to a recent article

about how millennials are changing medical care. I tried to find the article we had been talking about only to find millennials are changing, ruining, fixing — whatever your take is on it — everything from fast food restaurants to processed American cheese to the medical industry.

Google it. You'll see. Millennials are not establishing relationships with a doctor. Urgent care is the first stop for any medical concern.

Apparently, at this stage in life, they don't need annual physicals or someone to monitor illnesses they have yet to

develop because of their youth. So, they use urgent care.

I get it. How many times are you able to call a doctor and get an appointment immediately? What are the chances if I call Monday morning, I'll get an appointment to see my doctor Monday or even Tuesday, especially when I work full days both days?

So, on this 20-minute drive with my husband Sunday morning, I solved the problem.

Every doctor's office needs to leave at least a percentage of openings every day for "drop-ins" depending on the num-

ber of patients the practice serves.

If it's a practice with multiple doctors, I may not see "my" doctor, but "a" doctor. If there is a nurse practitioner at the practice, he/she should have most of the day available for such appointments. And every doctor's office needs at least one day with "night hours."

So it took the 20-minute drive conversation to get this easy remedy to doctor's appointments. I think I have saved doctor's practices from losing millennials altogether.

Full disclosure: When I called my doctor at 9:16

a.m. Monday, the appointment slots they keep open for "emergencies" were filled up.

The nurse called to give me sty management tips. And, her office does have evening appointments a couple nights a week. But I ended up at urgent care anyway.

I really like my doctor, and I guess I haven't solved anything. Millennials will be millennials and continue changing everything.

However, my next 20-minute conversation must save processed American cheese. What would the world be without Velveeta?

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

SEASON OF OVER-RIPE TOMATO BRINGS GRIEF TO RESIDENTS: Police dockets throughout the Pointes are littered with complaints of tomato throwing at cars and houses.

One incident included a Grosse Pointe Park resident struck in the face while driving on Kercheval. A youth threw the tomato which went through the car's open window, struck the driver in the face and broke his glasses.

MOTHER OF FOUR WINS CANNING CONTEST: A mother of four children who does not employ any servants, has won the Grosse Pointe News canning contest.

The Grosse Pointe Park resident has stocked her cellar with 702 jars of vegetables, fruits, sauces and soups, plus 85 jars of jellies and jams. Most of the material used was grown in her own Victory Garden.

Obituaries: Noble Banks, Lt. Roy George Schott, Frederick Susick

1968

50 years ago this week

FARMS POLICEMEN STANDING FIRM ON PAY HIKE DEMANDS: Wage negotiations

between Farms city representatives and the Farms Police Officers Association are not progressing. At last report, talks are at a standstill with no future meetings scheduled.

The city has offered the officers, \$9,300, up from \$8,300 and retroactive to July 1. Wages increase every six months until reaching \$10,000 on Jan. 1, 1970.

The officers are asking for \$10,000 annually effective immediately.

TEACHER SALARY VOTE SOON: The presentation of the 1968-69 salary schedule agreed upon by representatives of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education and the Grosse Pointe Education Association was made Monday. The ratification vote is scheduled for Nov. 4.

The salary package calls for a beginning salary of \$7,100 and a high of \$11,285 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and is incrementally higher for educators with advanced degrees.

Obituaries: Former Gov. Wilber M. Brucker Sr., Harry E., DeLodder, Anna J. Fleischhut, Louise T. Mabley, Marguerite Pulte, H. Terry Snowday, August Surinck, Roy J. Vernier

1993

25 years ago this week

SCHOOL BOARD OKS

LAYOFF OF 6 ADMINISTRATORS: The uncertainty over financing for the 1994-95 school year under Senate Bill 1, coupled with the dictates of a labor contract, forced the Grosse Pointe board of education to approve layoffs last week of six administrators, effective June 30, 1994.

The administrators include the director of instructional services, three assistant principals and two principals.

Under terms of the Grosse Pointe administrators' contract, eight months' notice must be given prior to layoff. The layoffs were based on seniority.

WOODS OKS SOCCER FIELDS AT GHESQUIERE: Despite objections of some neighbors, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council voted 6-1 to install two soccer fields at Ghesquiere Park.

The fields will measure 30 yards by 50 yards, and will be used by children 6 and under. The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association will pay for most of the construction costs.

HAIR FANCIER STRIKES AGAIN: A 37-year-old Detroit woman called Grosse Pointe Woods police last week after reading in the Grosse Pointe News about a man who apparently is preying upon long-haired women patrons of the Woods Theater.

The woman said she, too, felt someone playing with her hair while she was watching a movie. The woman said she turned around and confronted the man who quickly apologized and left the theater.

She described the suspect as "good looking and distinguished, resembling Kenny Rogers."

Obituaries: Josephine A. Comstock, Jeanette L. Dohrman, Laurence B. Einfeldt, Eugene P. Hawkins, Byron J. Nichols, Omar J. Shull, Florence M. Tenbusch

SECOND HARBOR OPENING SOUGHT: Grosse Pointe Yacht Club members want to build a second opening to the marina they share with boaters at Grosse Pointe Shores municipal harbor.

The opening would face east into Lake St. Clair and complement the harbor's existing southern entrance.

PARK OFFICERS HONORED FOR ACTION SUCCESS: The results speak for themselves, but an award from peers and professionals is always a nice touch.

Auto thefts are down

22 percent in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods combined. Credit is being given to the Arresting Car Thieves in Our Neighborhood task force. Established in 2007, the squad is a joint effort by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department and Harper Woods police.

Obituaries: Evangeline DeClerk, Louise LeFerte Hyde, Donald McCubbin, Leslie Frederick Moore, Doris A. Pfaehler, William Quenby Reno Jr., Walter Davis Stevens, Margaret Harvey Watkins

—Karen Fontanive

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some are speaking of cementing over pools to save money, some are calling for an increase of the sinking fund instead of a bond and some are calling for the closing of schools and administration buildings, none of these in itself, nor in combination, will solve the problems of our aging infrastructure.

The fact of the matter is that in 2009, the Michigan Legislature decimated public school funding. With that, the board at the time chose to continue to spend as if there had been no cuts in funding and ran down the district's fund equity from 22 percent to 2 percent.

In 2013, the teachers, staff and administration agreed to major pay cuts to help right the district's financial condition. Since 2013, there has been consistent progress toward the goal of rebuilding fund equity to 10 percent, a goal that was achieved with the final audit from the 2017-2018 school year.

Teachers and staff are yet to get to the levels in take-home pay they received in 2009, but we worked with the district and board because we understood what makes this community so special. It is the students, teachers, support staff, supportive parents and the support of community members as a whole, not the buildings.

We cannot decimate payroll by cutting teacher and support staff pay, or cut programs to meet the needs of our aging buildings, because it will destroy all that is good in our district.

So what do we do? Do we consider closing schools? Do we consider closing the administration building? My answer to that is yes, we consider it thoughtfully and thoroughly, but that in itself will not solve our problem.

We have approximately \$10 million a year in critical needs for our buildings and we currently try to pay for them with a sinking fund of \$2.6 million a year. That is a shortfall of about \$7.4 million a year. This cannot come from the general fund or an increase in the sinking fund.

A bond is the only logical way to fund the needs of our buildings. Must the board be vigilant in their fiduciary responsibility to make sure the bond is spent in a responsible way, ensuring the district is not spending money on buildings that might eventually be closed?

The answer is yes, just like they have with rebuilding fund equity, and that is why Plante Moran Cresa continues to work with the administration and the board to make sure no unnecessary funds are spent. That is why the bond is in two series, so those tough decisions can be made prior to the issue of the second series, which would reduce the amount of the second series.

A bond, this bond, is the only way to keep our students warm, safe, dry and connected. The teachers of this district urge all community members to come to the polls Nov. 6, and we urge you to vote yes on the bond for the students of this community and to preserve what we believe to be the best school district in Michigan.

MIKE RENNELL

President

Grosse Pointe Education Association

This bond is NOT what it seems

To the Editor:

Enough is enough. As a member of the so-called "Blue Ribbon Committee," I can tell you what really happened — not the sugar-coated version being presented to residents by supporters of the bond proposal.

First, the committee was a charade — packed mostly with those who had ties to the school system with the single purpose to build support for a large bond. It was hardly representative of the Grosse Pointe community.

Second, Plante Moran recommended the district right size itself. It properly noted we have too many buildings and excess capacity for the shrinking student enrollment. School administrators leading the committee meetings glossed over that recommendation and ignored comments and

Meet the STAFF

A weekly column featuring the fine people working to bring you the Grosse Pointe News each week.

Theresa Logie

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◆ Years at the paper:

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◆ Tell our readers a bit about yourself:

Married 27 years to my husband, Mike. We have three sons, of whom the oldest is married and they are expecting their first child this Christmas. We also have a very cool rescue dog named Ernie.



◆ Favorite thing about working at the Grosse Pointe News:

Collaborating with a really creative production team and very supportive group of co-workers.

suggestions from those of us who thought we were there to address the crucial issues facing the district.

Third, Plante Moran did NOT recommend the district spend \$111 million to repair our schools. It merely provided an estimated cost, based on a school board majority wish list, to repair ALL of the district buildings. This was clearly the main focus of the committee — how to justify the largest possible bond and claim they had community input and support.

(The Grosse Pointe Public School System) has asked taxpayers for this \$111 million bond before it has plans to address enrollment declines and the need to reduce the district's footprint. Of course they don't tell you it will cost residents over \$72 million in interest payments. None of that will go toward our students, staff or school buildings.

Taxpayers deserve a fiscally responsible approach to fixing our schools, not this bond. Send GPPSS a message to act responsibly with our money.

CHRISTOPHER A. CORNWALL

Grosse Pointe Farms

Support bond for better schools, property values

To the Editor:

The (Grosse Pointe Public School System) bond is a rational, reasoned approach to address the critical needs of our community's most important and valuable asset — our schools.

As a member of the district's Strategic Planning Committee, the Blue-Ribbon Committee (formed to carefully examine this issue) and as someone deeply concerned about our district's long-term financial position (my youngest will graduate in 2030)

and home values in Grosse Pointe, this bond deserves our support.

It is the product of careful research, planning and expert input from Plante Moran. It is the only realistic option to fix what virtually everyone agrees are critical infrastructure needs.

For those inclined to believe maxing out the sinking fund is the answer, I can assure you that possibility was examined and rejected as not feasible. It is a Band-Aid that won't cover the wound and yet still increases everyone's tax burden. We'll be paying more for less as the critical needs pile up.

Do not let the scare tactic of "debt" work to cloud the issue. Like many, I borrowed money for my home and my education. When there is a critical need that outstrips our ability to pay, we borrow.

School finance is no different — just look around at all the other districts that have bonds just like this bond to pay for their critical needs. Given the current state of school funding, bonds are an essential component of school financing.

Voting no will hurt enrollment, make it difficult to attract new families and hurt property values.

This bond is carefully designed to meet our school's most basic needs. The correlating result is attracting new students, ensuring competitive schools and enhancing property values.

There is no downside in any of that and I will be voting yes.

JAKE HOWLETT

Member of the Blue-Ribbon Committee, parent of 3 children in the District and lifelong tax-payer Grosse Pointe Park

Offended

To the Editor:

I was offended by Philip Moe's letter stating "the lack of under-

standing and compassion the anti-bond group has shown for children with special needs" and implies the closing of Barnes.

This bond in no way guarantees any school will remain open.

I founded the TOP Soccer program in Grosse Pointe for children with special needs 20 years ago, which continues to serve these children. I coached the program for 17 years and feel deeply for supporting our special children, but am not supporting this excessive bond.

As part of the steering committee studying the community needs, I promoted the 2002 bond. Hence, I was deeply disappointed in promises not kept and extensions of payments that leaves us still owing \$30 million-plus.

Neither the tech bond nor this proposal has a plan for the community to deal with enrollment drop or excess capacity in school buildings.

This school board is not addressing the Plante Moran assessment on this issue.

Why would I give this much money to a board that is so careless? They have only balanced the budget by using the Wayne County Enrichment Millage these past two years. This enhancement millage runs out in 2022.

As a Realtor would see it, it is like your house is behind in payments and heading for foreclosure, so you remodel the kitchen (Trombly greenhouse and Maire's foyer) and put it on a credit card.

We need common sense in spending. As a former teacher, I support education, but not this bond.

DIANE KARABETSOS

Grosse Pointe Woods

Reaching across the aisle begins at home

To the Editor:

Straight-ticket voting is the ultimate example of not reaching across the aisle.

Every voter should be

voting for the PERSON, not the PARTY, on the ticket. A 3-year-old can vote straight-ticket, but it takes an adult to make informed decisions.

I understand the complaint about waiting in line.

When I lived in the Woods in the 1990s, I had to vote after work. I was taking a CPCU insurance class at the time, so I took my textbook with me and a couple highlighters. I just studied for an hour and a half. You could take a Nook and read a good book, or just enjoy visiting with your neighbors and get to know some new ones.

Many people in other countries of the world would camp out overnight to have the right we have to vote. Gee, people here even do that for Christmas sales.

It's amazing to me people will protest for hours in all kinds of weather, but when it comes to standing in line to vote, they complain.

I hope everyone on both sides of the aisle will cast your vote next week — it's a privilege and an honor to live in a country where we have a chance to do that.

HELEN REYNOLDS

Grosse Pointe

Vote NO on school proposal

To the Editor:

I urge everyone to vote no for the school bond proposal. Our schools need more revenue, not more debt.

The school budget is a mess and we have not been able to pay off the previous bond debt from 2002. If this bond passes we will have some really great spending years followed by years of really, really tough budgets.

What we need is a revenue increase through the sinking fund to pay for building upkeep.

Please vote no and send the administration and school board back to square one.

KAREN RIDGWAY

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Dear Residents and Friends of the Grosse Pointe Schools System,

I am running for school board because past and current generations of my family and I have been huge beneficiaries of the excellence of the Grosse Pointe Schools. I want to ensure those benefits and quality remain available for current and future generations of parents and students.

The schools contribute enormous strength and stability to the community, but that strength is at risk if we don't make the investments we need quickly enough to fix the significant issues we have to our many beautiful and hardworking, but old and worn out buildings and building systems. Strong schools also attract families and new home buyers, keeping property values strong. I hope you will support my candidacy for school board and join me in voting Yes for the school bond.

Thanks for your consideration,
Dr. Chris Lee

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GROSSE POINTE ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

This is part of a series featuring alumni of Grosse Pointe high schools who have gone on to pursue careers in a variety of fields out of state or in Michigan.

Syndicated editorial cartoonist launched career as teen

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Phil Hands was inspired to become a cartoonist at age 15 when he read a Calvin and Hobbes book.

"I thought, this would be a fun job," he said.

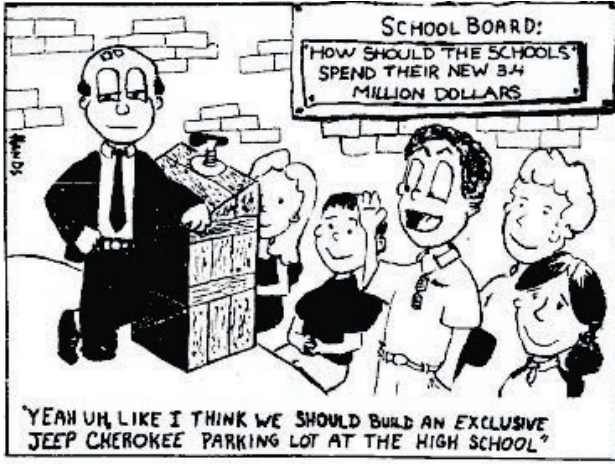
An opportunity to get an early start on this career came not long afterward. He was only 16 when he began drawing editorial cartoons for the Grosse Pointe News.

"John Minnis was my editor," Hands said. "He was the guy who gave me my first gig drawing cartoons. He was my first boss. They had had a guy who drew cartoons for them on a weekly basis and I think he got a better gig at Crain's Weekly and they were looking for someone to draw cartoons and John gave me a shot."

Hands, a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South High School, started attending school board and city council meetings to report back on the controversial issues of the time.

"I really enjoyed doing the editorial style cartoons where I was commenting on the community and doing stuff that was important to the community," he said. "I really fell in love with that."

Not all public officials were so happy to see him, he added — particularly if he portrayed them in a negative light. For example, he created several cartoons covering the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club expansion — "a big controversial issue at the time."



ARCHIVAL IMAGE

The above cartoon from the April 9, 1998 issue of the Grosse Pointe News was one of Phil Hands' first.

Even as a teenager, Hands recognized potential conflicts of interest when he saw it, with Grosse Pointe Shores council members representing their own best interests as residents.

Today, as an editorial cartoonist at the Wisconsin State Journal in Madison, Hands said he is able to make political commentary in keeping with the issues of the time with full support of his editors.

"I get pushback from readers, but that's part of the idea — to stir up debate and get readers talking with you," he said. "That's part of the job. You're doing a provocative job to get people provoked."

In addition to his "Hands On" cartoons for the Wisconsin State Journal, Hands is part of Tribune Content Agency, a national syndicate distributing to newspapers nationwide. His editorial cartoons



Left, Phil and Tricia Hands began dating at South. In the 1998 yearbook, Tricia Moore was voted "most likely to date an underclassman."

Above, Phil and Tricia Hands with their children, Owen and Claire, during a recent visit to the Louvre in Paris.

of the Calvin and Hobbes comic strip; and Pulitzer Prize-winner Jim Borgman, co-creator of the comic strip Zits.

"I didn't go to the school because it had a history of turning out good cartoonists, but it's a beautiful campus and it's a really cool school," Hands said. "That was icing on the

cake for me."

Hands went on to receive a master's degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin — Madison in 2007. Eventually, he landed his dream job at the Wisconsin State Journal. He and his wife, Tricia, and two children — Owen, 9, and Claire, 5 — live in Madison.

Hands met his wife — formerly Tricia Moore — at South. Although they were both 16 when they started dating, she was a year older in school, Hands said.

"She was in the yearbook in 1998 as most likely to date an underclassman," Hands said. The couple married in Detroit in 2006.

While Hands said he has settled into his dream job drawing "a lot of cartoons about the president and foreign policy and governor's races in Wisconsin," he admits he does "sort of miss the days of going to the city council meetings in Grosse Pointe with my sketchbook and terrifying the people."



ARTWORK COURTESY OF PHIL HANDS



COURTESY PHOTO

Left, Phil and Tricia Hands began dating at South. In the 1998 yearbook, Tricia Moore was voted "most likely to date an underclassman." Above, Phil and Tricia Hands with their children, Owen and Claire, during a recent visit to the Louvre in Paris.

paper, The Kenyon Collegian.

"I was on a track — something I wanted to do. I was studying those two things because No. 1 they interested me, and also I thought they'd help me become a better cartoonist in the future," he said.

Coincidentally, two well-known editorial cartoonists were Kenyon alumni — Bill Watterson, creator

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Teens learn street smarts in road skills class

Driving program creates safer drivers

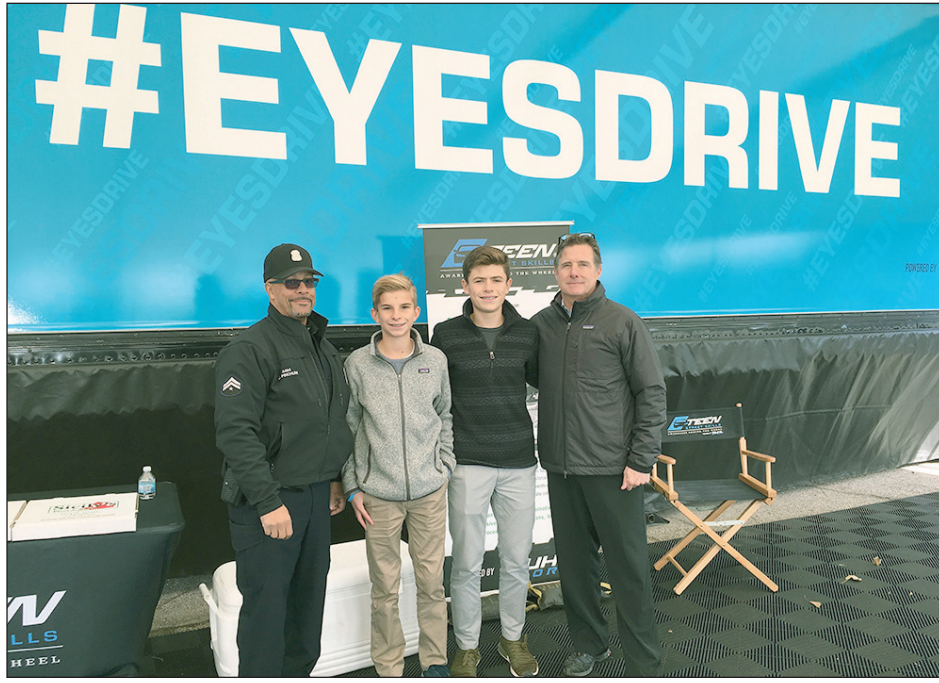
By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Auto accidents are the leading cause of fatalities for teens ages 15 to 18. Former IndyCar driver Robbie Buhl is moving into high gear to drive down that statistic.

In 2016, Buhl founded Teen Street Skills, a free, interactive community program to educate teen drivers on street safety. The 3 1/2-hour program, which hosted more than 600 teens through 10 program sessions in its first full season in 2018, is designed to help young drivers ages 15 to 21 increase their awareness and knowledge of operating vehicles in adverse driving conditions. Teens participate in driving exercises including skid control, emergency braking and evasive lane changing.

The program is held at the TSS Proving Grounds, a 3-acre site next to the Michigan Central Station in Corktown. On Oct. 19, Buhl, with the help of instructors, held an abbreviated program for local teens, including two Grosse Pointe South High School students, and the media to help spread the word about the benefits of the program.

According to Sandy Hudson, Teen Street Skills executive director, approximately 70 South students participated in the program's first full season,



From left, Officer John Pinchum, South students Ryan Caldwell and Max Simonson, and Teen Street Skills program founder Robbie Buhl.

due in large part to a partnership with South Principal Moussa Hamka, with additional students enrolled in the last class offered Saturday, Oct. 20.

Buhl's goal — with the help of corporate sponsors and foundations, including Crest Ford — is to double the number of overall participants next year. Boosting him in achieving this goal was the announcement global automotive safety supplier DEKRA North America has signed on as a corporate sponsor beginning in 2019.

"Welcome to Teen Street Skills," said Buhl to attendees. "This is the best thing we can do for any driver, not just teens. ... When everyone goes through driver's ed, they're taught the rules of the road. What we do with Teen Street

Skills) is make you better, safer, more confident drivers, hands down."

Buhl acknowledged most teens who participate in the program don't do so willingly, but are signed up by their parents. Of the 32 teens signed up for the final session Oct. 20, for example, he estimated "30 of those kids, Mom or Dad made them be there. ... With those kids, it's fun to see the transformation from when they start" to the end of the day.

"So now, when we talk at the end, they're going to listen," he added. Buhl said he waits till the end of the program to talk about distracted driving after students have had the opportunity to experience how far a car can travel in the five seconds it takes to read a text.

While Buhl and his

instructors come from a racing and automotive background, "This is not a racing program in any way," he said. "But we all know what we can get from a car and challenge it to its limits."

He emphasized several points to participants. "Eyes drive. You always want to be looking ahead and your hands follow your eyes. That's true in braking. You always want to be looking where you're going and where you want to go.

"As alert, better drivers, you always want to be looking around, looking in your mirror, paying attention," he added. "Because you always want to have an out. ... You want to give yourself five car lengths always." Finally, "When you're at a stoplight, green doesn't always mean go. Don't just go off the light. Look to your left. 'Look left, Lucy.' 'Look left, Larry.' Why do you look left first? Because that's where oncoming traffic is coming from."

Teen Street Skills also addresses interacting with law enforcement. John



PHOTO COURTESY OF TEEN STREET SKILLS
Former IndyCar driver Robbie Buhl founded Teen Street Skills in 2016.

Pinchum, a community relations officer with the Detroit Police Department, participates in the program to help educate teens on best practices for interacting with police officers.

"My part in this is just to educate the kids about how to act or react," Pinchum said. "When the police pull you over, don't panic and things of that nature." He stressed to participants to keep their hands on the steering wheel, follow the officer's instructions and have their driver's license, proof of insurance and registration readily available.

"Use these powers for good," Buhl said at the conclusion of the mini program. "Come back and join us for a full program sometime. Bring your friends."

"It was different from every driving experience I've ever had," said South sophomore Ryan Caldwell, adding he felt "100 percent more prepared. Now I'll be more confident because I'll know what to do in this pressure situation."

Max Simonson, also a South sophomore, said the program taught him "to trust the car more and I realize that the car's built to do stuff like this and it can handle much more, so I feel much more confident behind the wheel."

"I enjoyed this way more

than a driver's ed class," he added. "We're in a class for three hours writing stuff down on a piece of paper. How does that actually help with driving? This is actually teaching us real-life things we could experience. ... I'm definitely going to go back to school and tell my friends about this and say they should come out and do this because it was a lot of fun."

Teens with at least a Level 1 permit or driver license are eligible. For more information, visit teenstreetskills.org.

Week Ahead

THURSDAY, NOV. 1

◆ Grosse Pointe Talent's CARE Division presents "Babylonian Encounter," by Gene Mackey, 6 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack. This light-hearted theatrical performance teaches children how not to be a victim of child sexual abuse. The performance teaches children how to report abuse if it occurs and opens up a dialogue between parents, caregivers and their children. Children and parents will be able to ask questions of guest speaker Lindsay Chopp. Chopp is a prevention educator on the St. Clair Child Abuse and Neglect Council. For more information, contact Sharron Nelson at (313) 580-5987 or gptalent48230@gmail.com. Parent and administration videos are available at grossepointetalent.com.

SUNDAY, NOV. 4

◆ Our Lady Star of the Sea School and St. Paul Catholic School compete in the 12th annual Fall Classic 8th Grade Flag Football game 2 p.m. on Grosse Pointe North High School's athletic field, 708 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. There will be a 50/50 raffle and concessions. Admission is \$5 a person or \$20 for a family.

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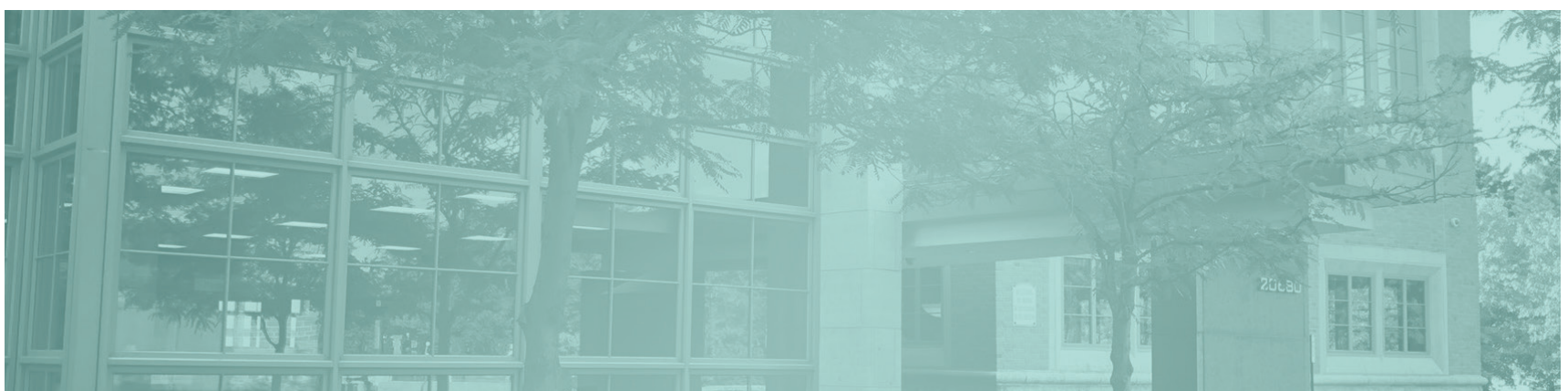
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Fundraiser celebrates legacy coaching career

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Hundreds gathered the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the Barrister Gardens Banquet Center to celebrate the career of Coach Frank Sumbera III.

The event was the official unveiling of The Frank Sumbera Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization formed to provide funds and scholarships in Sumbera's name to the athletic programs and students at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools.

Presented during the program were inaugural checks of \$30,000 for each high school as a testament to Sumbera's 49-year career with Grosse Pointe North, 43 as an automotive shop teacher and 49 coaching football and baseball. Sumbera accepted the teaching position when North first opened its doors in 1969.

"Do you want to know how many principals and administrators and athletic directors I worked



Heartfelt tributes evoke a variety of emotions in the longtime coach.

for at North over the years?" Sumbera said to the guests gathered to honor him. "Well, I'll tell you. All of them."

The highlight of the program were remarks by former players and coaches spanning the decades reminiscing about their glory days playing for or coaching with Sumbera. Fox 2 sports reporter Ryan Ermanni served as master of ceremonies.

"Growing up as Coach Sumbera's daughter has been quite the adventure," said Natalie Sumbera,

who thanked attendees and others for their support of the Sumbera family.

"When he's not on the field, he's helping others off the field. He has taught myself and my friends so many life lessons. ... He's always had so much patience in teaching kids how to grow and become better in anything they're trying to learn.

"As his daughter, he's made an amazing impact on my life and it's amazing to see in here how much of an impact he has had on others," she continued. "I've been hearing from so many of his students and players going back to the '80s and '90s. It's so inspiring to hear that his guidance and everything he's taught them is still carried on in their adult lives.

"Forty-nine years may seem like a long enough career, but my dad is not done yet. By starting this foundation, his legacy will be sure to continue and have a positive lasting influence on the community as well as for future generations of stu-



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Frank Sumbera, Dan Griesbaum, Peter Mogk and Gary Spicer present inaugural checks of \$30,000 each to Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North high schools to provide athletic funds and scholarships.

dents and athletes."

Peter Mogk, who serves on The Frank Sumbera Foundation along with Sumbera and S. Gary Spicer Sr. — and was a catcher on Sumbera's 1981 undefeated baseball team — said when Sumbera and Spicer asked him to be a trustee on the foundation, his immediate response was, "I'm all in. I'm all in for Frank. I'd do anything for Frank. Frank is a legend in Grosse Pointe for sure. ...

"Everybody knows Frank. If you lived on the north side and you played Red Barons football or you played (baseball) over at Ghesquiere Park, you wanted to play for Frank. When you were 10 years old, you wanted to play for Frank. ... When you think of the thousands and thousands of people he impacted over his coaching and teaching career, it's amazing. ... There's certain people in your life that make you who you are and Frank is one of those people for me."

Charles Kaiser played football and baseball for Sumbera and served as North's assistant football coach and defensive coordinator. His theme for his remarks was "The Bear was there."

"Saturday morning, film with the staff. The Bear was there. If it was Sundays, when no one's in the school and he has to punch in the alarm code to get in the building ... the Bear was there. When I ever needed anything outside of football, or so many of us here, the Bear has always been there.

"Coach Sumbera, my time with you has been and will continue to forever be some of the greatest moments of my life," he continued. "I can't thank you enough for what you've done for me,

my family and this community."

Grosse Pointe South High School varsity baseball head coach Dan Griesbaum, an assistant coach on North's varsity baseball team in the early years, wore his 1980 state championship ring in honor of Sumbera. He prefaced his remarks by acknowledging he was "the only Blue Devil up here" on the dais, although there were many others in attendance.

"I was a Norseman for three years," he said. "I was there in 1980 when Frank won the state championship. Frank's dedication, his work ethic, how much care he took of the field, his organization, his attention to detail — all those things I took with me to South and they made me a better coach." Griesbaum has wracked up more than 800 career wins at South.

Griesbaum thanked Sumbera for 35 years of a North-South rivalry and "for all you've done for the coaching fraternity. ... More important is how Frank has given his life to young people. He's been everything a coach could be and more and he put North — along with a number of many other great people — but Frank Sumbera put North on the athletic map."

Other speakers were Bill Babcock, an All-State and All-American pitcher for North drafted by the Chicago White Sox in 1981; George "Cowboy" Farrell, football player from the class of 1986; Mark Ciaravino, 1978-79 infielder and assistant coach; Steve Champine, shortstop and quarterback from 1994-97 who started the most games as quarterback in North history, according to Sumbera; Michael Kaiser,

a quarterback and 13-0 pitcher on the 2006 state championship team; Craig Como, quarterback on the undefeated regular season football team; and Spicer, attorney and founder of the Frank Sumbera Foundation.

In Sumbera's 49 years at North, he became one of the "winningest" coaches in Michigan high school history, according to an overview of the coach's career in the program booklet by sports-writer Chuck Klonke.

He began as a freshman football coach, moving up to junior varsity and later became an assistant on the varsity staff, assuming the position as head coach in 1980. He served as head baseball coach since 1973.

In 37 years as head football coach, his teams earned 12 league championships, 13 second-place finishes, 16 state playoff qualifiers and a Final Four qualification in 1996.

Sumbera won numerous league Coach of the Year awards, Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Regional Coach of the Year, Detroit Free Press Metro East Coach of the Year and Detroit News Metro East Coach of the Year.

In 45 years as baseball coach, he notched 1,097 victories, the third most program wins in Michigan history. These wins included 21 league championships, 13 district championships, 8 regional championships, four Final Four appearances and state championships in 1980 and 2006.

In addition to numerous league Coach of the Year awards, Sumbera was named Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Regional Coach of the Year, MHSBCA 1980 Coach of the Year Class A, MHSBCA Overall Coach of the Year in 1981 and 2006, 2006 National Federation High School Baseball Coach of the Year, 2006 Michigan High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year, 2007 EA Sports Baseball Coach of the Year and 2007 National High School Athletic Coaches Association Finalist Coach of the Year.

He was inducted to the MHSBC Hall of Fame in 1990 and the MHSFC Hall of Fame in 1998.

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Rocket Fiber project on hold

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A proposal to engage Rocket Fiber to build an 18-mile fiber ring around the Grosse Pointes to be owned by a consortium of the municipalities, Grosse

Pointe Public School System and the Grosse Pointe Public Library is on hold while the school district awaits acceptance of its e-rate application.

According to Marc Hudson, founder and CEO of Rocket Fiber, both the

school district and library system are eligible for large subsidies for the project under the federally administered e-rate program, which supports high-speed connectivity for school districts and libraries nationwide.

Historically, the school district has used e-rate funding to purchase bandwidth from another provider, but worked with the Michigan Merit Network to conduct an analysis and subsequent request for proposal for the fiber ring due to the positive return on a long-term investment versus managing increasing costs from Comcast, the current provider.

According to Superintendent Gary Niehaus, Comcast's costs increased from \$225,000

in 2017-18 to \$268,000 in 2018-19. This is the cost before the e-rate discount is applied.

"We knew we were going to wait till November to get the e-rate application accepted," said Niehaus. "If it is, we'll push forward."

The City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park, the library and school system voted to join the consortium earlier this year contingent on other partners joining.

Grosse Pointe Shores unanimously rejected the plan July 17, on the recommendation of its finance committee. The

Woods City Council tabled a vote on the proposal at the committee of the whole meeting July 2. The Farms city council agreed at a July 30 public work session to table the discussion for a future regular meeting.

The Board of Education approved the project based on eight consortium partners. If that number isn't met, Niehaus said he will have to go back to the board with revised numbers. In the meantime, if the remaining municipalities decline to participate, "We may

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Teacher of THE WEEK

Amanda Lane

School: Poupard Elementary School
Years at Poupard: 14
Grade/Subject: Learning Resource Center
Nominated by: Hussain Ali, principal
Principal's quote:

"Mrs. Lane is an absolute team player and constantly steps up whenever she is needed to support a colleague or student in need without any hesitation. Amanda develops amazing relationships with all of the students she works closely with and it shows because her students work hard for her. We are extremely grateful to have her on our team serving the students at Poupard."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

There are many things I love about teaching, but the part I love the most is watching students reach their goals. Students in my classroom graph their progress toward different goals each week. They come in excited to practice skills that can be chal-

lenging, and they take ownership of their learning by finding times to get in extra practice. They look forward to Fridays when they can chart the progress they have made. It is very rewarding to see the pride on their faces as they color their graphs higher and higher. They are genuinely excited for others as they reach their goals as well.

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

The moments that make me most proud as a teacher are the times when I feel that I am teaching beyond the curriculum. Students often need guidance managing relationships and resolving conflict. It is important to spend time sitting with students and giving them the tools needed to help them work through problems. Seeing students take the time to truly listen to one another and take responsibility



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for their actions lets me know they are taking these lessons to heart.

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

Each year I enjoy reading "Wonder" to my students. It teaches great lessons about kindness and having compassion for others. It always leads to great conversation and it is a favorite of my students.

Favorite quote:

"When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind."

— R.J. Palacio, "Wonder"

SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL BOND

As an engineer and an orthopedic surgeon, I'm an expert on recognizing and fixing joint systems and bones that are worn out from age and heavy use.

I have toured schools across our district and agree with our consultants and administration that many of the "bones" and "joint systems" in our schools are worn out from age and heavy use. They have been trying to patch them and keep them going, but the time has come for some significant "rehab" of our buildings. We have roofs and boilers and numerous other major building issues that need to be replaced. These issues are not unique to Grosse Pointe. In fact, many similar districts to ours like Novi, Ann Arbor, Saline, Rochester, Northville, Troy, Farmington, East Detroit, Roseville and others have recently passed bonds to address similar issues.

The respected accounting and consulting firm of Plante and Moran has told our community that we have \$111 million of investments that are urgent and need to be made in the next 3 years. We also need to make additional safety upgrades to our buildings due to the sad, but real new threats facing students and teachers across the U.S.

We can not do this work slowly over 20 years. The needs are immediate and the risks are far too great. This is the reason for size of this bond. It

is not small, but it is prudent and our timing relative to the bond market is good. Relatively speaking, interest rates are much closer to their historic lows than their highs right now, so we can finance this major community investment more affordably than if we delay as some are advocating.

While no one likes tax increases, this is an investment in ourselves. It is an investment in our community and an investment in our property values. If we let the schools decline, we reduce the attractiveness of our community to new families and new generations. Fewer families interested in Grosse Pointe mean less demand, less demand means lower prices for both homes and rentals.

We have a long and proud history of investment in outstanding public education in Grosse Pointe. We have benefited from the investments of previous generations in the beautiful and hardworking buildings that we have across our district. We each need to make a decision about what is our responsibility and legacy to our children, grandchildren and neighbors now and for the generations that follow us.

Please join me in supporting the current bond and please vote on November 6.

**Thank You,
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Guest artist series features alumnus

University Liggett School will present the work of artist and alumnus Josh Moulton '96 at a special art opening reception 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7. Moulton's work will be on display through Friday, Nov. 30, as part of the school's 2018-19 Guest Artist Series in the Manoogian Arts Wing. The Guest Artist Series features the work of professional and student artists throughout the school year.



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Josh Moulton

"I'm honored and excited to bring my work back to University Liggett School for the reception and showcase," Moulton said in a news release. "It was clear from day one that I was going to be an artist and I never lost sight of that goal. In addition, ULS gave me so much along with my parents, Amy Trevor

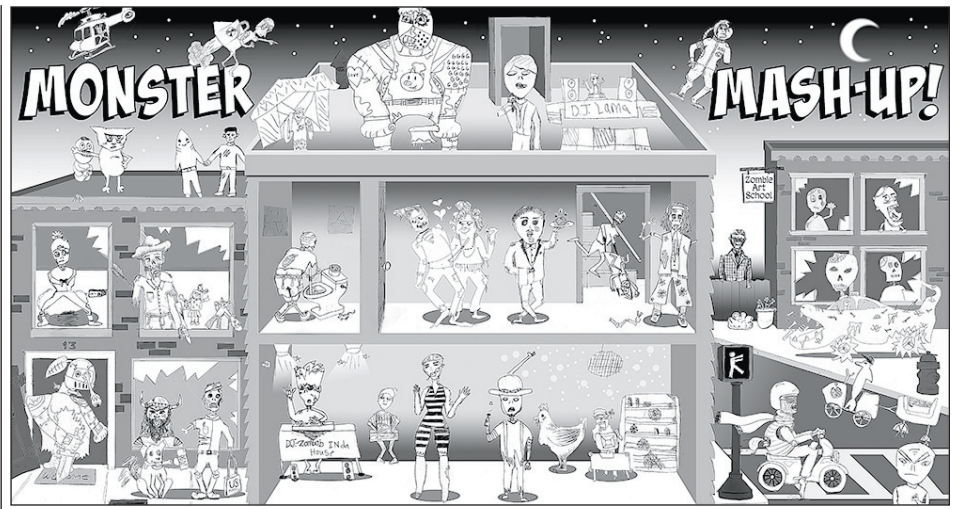
Moulton and Conrad Moulton, who worked so hard to send me there." Moulton, son of celebrated illustrator Conrad Moulton, began work as a professional painter more than 15 years ago. He opened the Josh Moulton Fine Art Gallery in Lincoln Park in Chicago in 2011.

His work can be found in corporate offices around the country and has been showcased in galleries in Santa Fe, N.M., Chicago and Winnetka, Ill.

Moulton is ULS's 2019 Alumni Arts Hall of Fame inductee.

"We are thrilled to be honoring artist John Moulton as our 2019 Distinguished Arts Hall of Fame recipient and showcasing his work during our Guest Artist Series," said Katie Durno, director of alumni relations. "He is an incredible talent and his extraordinarily vibrant paintings capture people, architecture and landscapes in a way that is original, yet identifiable. It's no wonder he's found such great professional success pursuing his passion."

Register for the opening reception at uls.org/JoshMoulton.



ARTWORK COURTESY OF SEAN BIERI

Monster mash

Students from the Pointes and surrounding areas participated in Zombie Art School, a three-week drawing class with noted illustrator Sean Bieri. The classes were offered by the Student Art Club, a project of the Grosse Pointe Artists Club. "Zombies have always been my favorite monsters because they lend them-

selves equally well to both horror and humor," said Bieri, who compiled a Halloween Monster Mash of the students' work. "Drawing cartoons can be a solitary pursuit, but with collaborative activities like 'jam comics' and brainstorming from prompts, cartooning can be a fun social activity, too. Still, I always know a session is

going well when I see mostly the tops of people's heads as they concentrate on their drawings."

Student artists were Bridget Clark, Tyler Collins, Bobby Doherty, Carlos Hooper, Alana Hudson, Sophie Hugh, Thad MacKrell, Jack Michaud, Miles Tranchinda and Violet Whitmore.

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look for more partners," Niehaus said. "The War Memorial, the (Grosse Pointe) Yacht Club — there are other people who have expressed interest. We said no until we gave the opportunity to our municipalities."

The initial plan was to create a local government-owned fiber optic ring connecting all school, municipal and library buildings. Rocket Fiber also would install its own fiber ring at the same time with the idea of extending high-speed data services to area businesses and residents at some point in the future.

The consortium, made up of one representative from each of the partners, would manage the network, with the school system acting as the operating and fiscal agent, responsible for day-to-day operations. No additional staffing would be required, according to Niehaus. The ring would be built with the school system as lead, with each partner responsible for their own laterals, or the connections from the ring itself to their buildings.

The project would cost approximately \$2 million, with the partners splitting the cost of the ring and paying for their own laterals — connections from the ring to locations the

individual consortium members require. The ring would cost \$900,000 with the balance coming from laterals.

Costs vary for each partner based on how many laterals they require. Total cost goes down with fewer partners in the consortium, resulting in fewer laterals, although the cost of the ring, split evenly among partners, would increase.

In return for this investment, GPPSS receives a major bandwidth upgrade, long-term price protection, 15 years of 10Gbps internet provided in-kind and 20 years of basic maintenance.

"There are no other fixed operational costs in

the agreement," Hudson said. "The decision regarding a 20-year agreement came from the average useful life of a fiber system."

Hudson added 5G technology runs on fiber and is a complementary technology to fiber, requiring "large amounts of fiber to 5G radios to provide the high-capacity backhaul necessary for 5G service."

In fact just last year, according to Hudson, Verizon announced a multibillion dollar fiber procurement deal with Corning to power its 5G deployments.

"The Grosse Pointe School System has consistently shared that 2Gbps is the aggregate bandwidth currently

available to them and that is frequently maxed out during the school day ... (which has) restricted and affected critical school operations, including online testing," Hudson wrote in an email, adding 10 Gbps is "the standard by which school districts of Grosse Pointe's size are being connected in 2018."

The municipalities see a positive or break-even return on investment on the current telecommunications spend with assumptions for minimal bandwidth increase needs in the future, according to Hudson. They also receive a "future-proofed fiber infrastructure for deploying applications like pub-

lic WiFi, smart street controls, enhanced public safety/call boxes and a greater potential for 5G deployment."

Meanwhile, residents will benefit from another internet service provider entering the market, potentially driving down costs and increasing the speed and quality of service available.

"The project's at the point now where it's hopefully going to move forward and the groundwork has been laid," said Hudson, adding Rocket Fiber's role is to work "with the consortium partners in communicating to their stakeholders the value of the project."

Anthony Viola contributed to this article.

LIES, DAMN LIES, AND STATISTICS

Those words are from Mark Twain. They are the words that came to mind when I read the "Not this bond" advertisements.

Lie #1. "Our schools are half empty." Not true ... just walk through any school and you'll see it's a blatant lie.

Lie #2. They would have you believe that your city taxes are going up 25%. Not true ... over all your city taxes will go up about 3.6%.

Here are my numbers:

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Divide \$333.45 by \$9,260.18 =3.6%

So, for a 3.6% city tax increase I get to keep my kids, and all Grosse Pointe kids, warm, safe, dry and connected! **Imagine if you itemize your federal taxes as well! It's probably down to 1 or 2 percent of your overall tax bill.**

Lie #3. "Annual Critical needs \$8.6 Million"... Not true. We do have \$10 million in annual capital needs. But this bond is about "critical needs" identified by Plante Moran totaling \$111 million that must be addressed within 3 years. The only way to get started with that kind of urgent need is this bond.

Their argument is finance costs. Look at it like a mortgage on your house. You want to buy the house now, and so you pay interest on your mortgage. Not many of us want to save up money for twenty years before buying a house. I want my (and our) kids safer NOW, not twenty years from now.

Lie #4. The No group wants to use our 10% reserve fund ... Not a good idea ... if that fund gets below 5% the State can come in and take over our finances (like Detroit). We are right at the recommended reserve level.

Lie #5. The No people think more "belt tightening" is needed. All our staff have already taken huge, ongoing pay cuts. With 86% of our budget going just to salaries, state mandated retirement, and health care benefits there is no more "belt tightening" to be had. There is no place else in the budget to get the money our schools and children need. Other similar districts have realized this. That's why Ann Arbor, Saline, Novi, Northville, Troy, Farmington, Rochester, East Pointe, and Roseville have all passed similar bonds! Do those districts care more about their kids than we do?

I understand we all want lower taxes. I understand that this is a big bond, but we have big problems with our schools. It's ridiculous to think that the "Not this bond" cadre, with their total lack of experience running a school district, would have a better idea of what to do than the more experienced, more thoughtful, more caring, and more intelligent people in our GPPSS administration and School Board. The "Not this bond" group continues to show they don't understand the complexities

of school financing. They have an agenda and distort the facts to fit their agenda. It's laughable to think they can solve 111 million dollars of critical needs without this bond.

The "Not this bond" group should be ashamed of themselves for their lies and deceptions at our kids' expense. Imagine how good it would be if they spent their advertising money on schools instead of propaganda.

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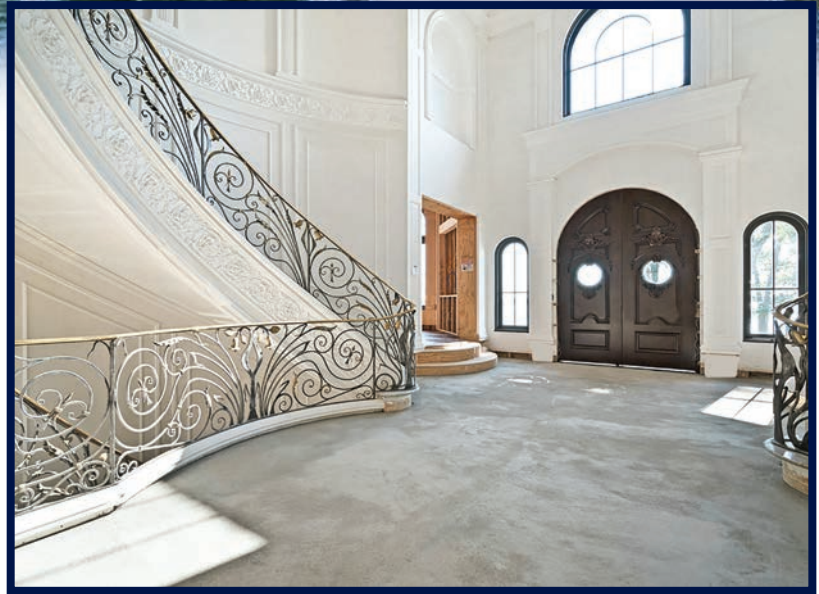
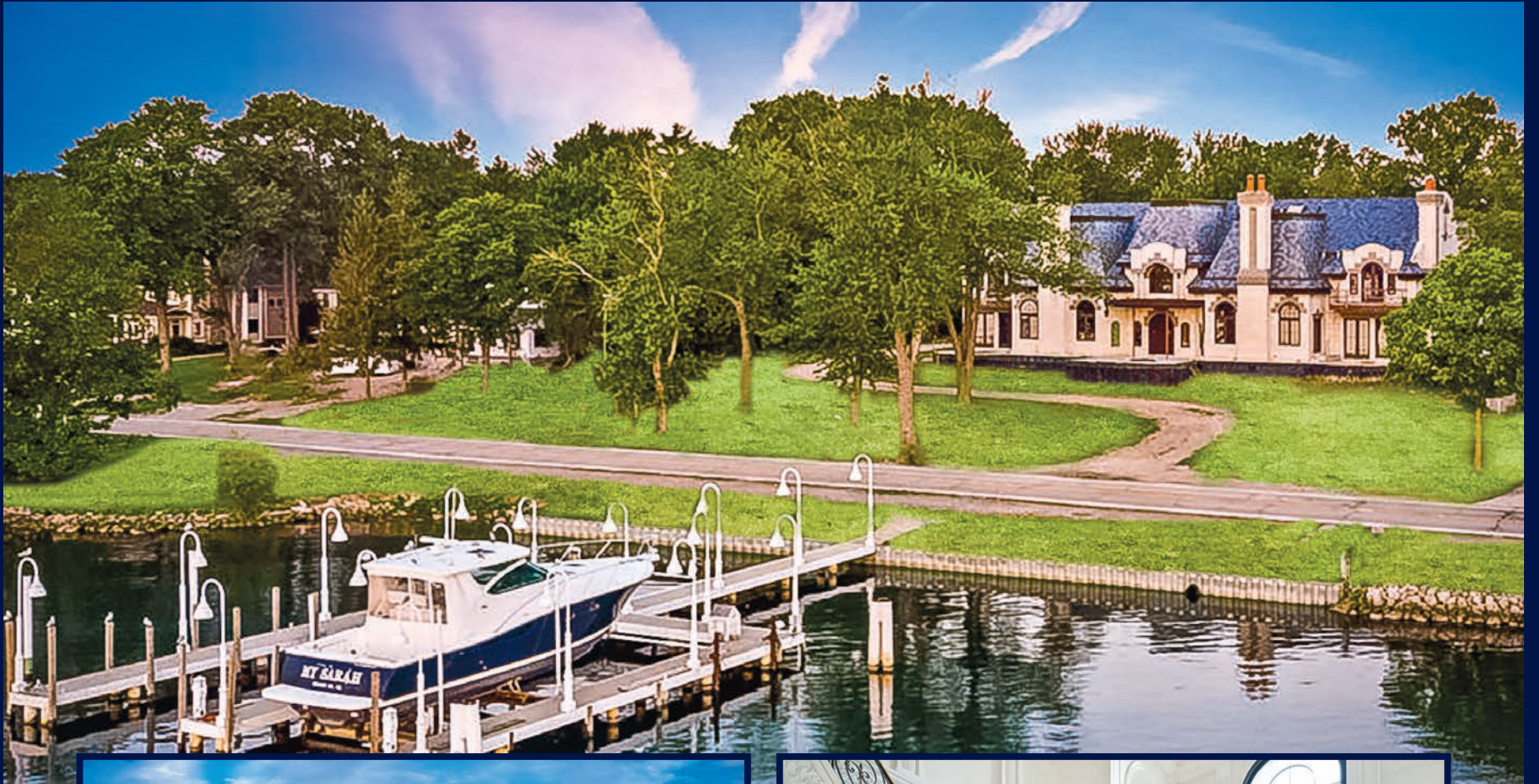
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With all due respect

Support group honors late founder with celebration of life

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Michelle Tubbs was a devoted, loving mother and wife. The Grosse Pointe Woods resident also was a caring, loyal friend and support person for multiple women before she died in 2016.

Tubbs, who founded the Detroit chapter of Young Survival Coalition, will be honored at a ceremony 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, Detroit.

Tubbs left the breast cancer support group in the hands of three friends who are carrying on her legacy of supporting fellow breast cancer patients and survivors, raising awareness and educating others about integrative therapies.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Patty McKee, Grosse Pointe Park resident Heidi Hannan and Fraser resident Kristy Allison have taken the helm since Tubbs's death.

YSC began 20 years ago by five women in New York City as a support group for women diagnosed with cancer at a young age, who are still having children, still dating and going through other issues that generally don't come up at other support groups.

"When I was diagnosed, a nurse at St. John put me in touch with Patty," said Hannan, who is 13 years cancer free. "I was going to support groups at Cottage and St. John. I went a little. It was lovely, but definitely more older people. It was comfortable to be able to talk about cancer, but our



PHOTO COURTESY OF KRISTY ALLISON

Members of Young Survival Coalition celebrate the 40th birthday of founder Michelle Tubbs, seated and wearing a lei around her neck, shortly before her death.

life situations were not on the same page."

Tubbs was diagnosed in 2006. Her doctor put her in touch with Hannan because of their similar stories.

"I had a 2-year-old when I was diagnosed and was trying for my second," Hannan said, "same as she was trying to do."

While there was a small group of women informally connected, Tubbs went the extra mile and reached out to YSC. In 2008, the Detroit chapter formed.

"The group just started when I was diagnosed," said Allison, a 10-year cancer survivor. "Walking in, there was no turning back. I found where I can go. All the stuff I didn't want to share with my spouse or my children. ... You can share things you

can't share with your family because you don't want to worry them. In group, you can be as strong or as weak as you want to be. ... Friends and family are supportive, but there's a difference."

"There's a sharing of information," Hannan added. "It's a good way to manage health and fears. When I go, I know there's a good reason."

"We end up talking about other things besides cancer," said McKee, an 18-year cancer survivor. "We have many laughs."

The group meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month on the third floor of the Van Elslander Cancer Center. Often it entails open dialogue; occasionally a speaker presents on matters important to members —

nutrition, genetic testing, plastic surgery, yoga, healing therapy. Pink Elephant led a discussion about organic, chemical-free products and there was a Pure Romance demonstration, as intimacy can be a concern.

"If there's a new person, we ask them to speak first and tailor the discussion around what they need," Hannan said, "if they're comfortable speaking."

"We don't turn away people over 40," McKee said. "And you can come late if you want."

For those who can't make it to a meeting but still need support, YSC Detroit started a private Facebook page that has more than 350 members.

"It allows people who can't make it to meetings to reach out and get answers to their ques-

tions," Allison said, noting the page is convenient for people who have questions or concerns long before the next monthly meeting is planned. "People ask very private questions on our Facebook page."

The celebration of Tubbs's life was spearheaded by the trio of YSC Detroit facilitators, as well as nurse navigator Jeannine Mercurio R.N. Tubbs's oncologist, Dr. Carrie Dul, will speak at the event, which includes refreshments, cake and a balloon release.

"We wanted Michelle to be recognized because of her leadership and the founding of this," McKee said. "We'll have a plaque for her. We planted a small garden in front of the building. We'll (install) a garden stone with her name engraved

on it."

Tubbs's family and friends, including her neighbors — The Severn Crew — also plan to attend.

"She was the warmest spirit, had a sweet voice, was a great listener," McKee said. "She steered everyone in the right direction or put you in touch with someone else if she didn't have answers."

"I can't say enough about her as a leader," she continued. "She picked all three of us to try to fill her shoes. She knew it would take at least three of us to try."

Added Allison, "We all bring something different to the table. She brought everything to the table."

We were all touched importantly by her."

Hannan said Tubbs helped people right up until her death, taking phone calls and offering support.

"Michelle paved the way to all of this," Hannan said. "It was a huge and terrible loss. But she was positive and active until the end."

The group still keeps in touch with Tubbs's widower, Brian, and children, Connor and Charlotte, who will be at the Nov. 6 event.

Those interested in attending the monthly support group don't have to be St. John patients to attend.

"We welcome anybody," McKee said.

Added Allison, "Michelle never turned anybody away. If you have a need, you have a need. We try to carry forward her legacy."

Kevin's Song conference focuses on suicide as public health crisis

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Every 12 minutes, someone in the United States ends their life.

This statistic became a reality for John and Gail Urso when their son, Kevin, took his own life March 2013.

"There was so much negative energy as a result of that loss, that September we decided we needed to do something," John Urso said. "We incorporated Kevin's Song. Within a year ... we had 501(c)3 status."

"We've always said this feels higher powered to us," he continued. "The charitable designation came to us in record time.



Our friends — an amazing and wonderful support network — got involved on our board, on the conferences. It's an amazing amount of work our friends have done. Gail is an amazing partner as well. You ultimately have to believe — and I believe — we have saved lives."

The Grosse Pointe-based Kevin's Song hosts its third annual conference Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 8 to 10, at

the Inn at St. Johns, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth. "A Conference on Suicide: Confronting a Public Health Crisis" features three days of speakers and panelists on the subject of suicide.

Among them is Grosse Pointe Park resident Lawrence Burns, president and CEO of the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. Burns said he hopes to break down the stigma of suicide by comparing two

photographs — one of a young person with cancer who was sick and got better, alongside a photo of a young person with depression who ultimately took his own life.

"These are two young people suffering from disease," Burns said. "The only way to make progress ... is breaking down the stigma. If the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation can do that through funds, through advocacy, that's what we'll do."

"On any given day at Children's Hospital of Michigan ... 20 young people are in the ER on suicide watch," he continued. "We don't have anywhere to send them.

There's a lack of mental health longterm care facilities. I'm trying to use the foundation to leverage money to help Children's Hospital of Michigan develop an inpatient facility. I'm going to talk about the foundation's role in doing that."

Lack of facilities also is on the mind of Grosse Pointe Park resident Sherry McRill, president and CEO of the Northeast Guidance Center, who speaks at the conference. At NEGC, she said, of the 5,000 adults being treated for mental illness, half of them have severe depression. The organization also serves severely emotionally disturbed chil-

dren, yet there's only one state hospital in Michigan for such cases.

"Children sit in a 23-hour hold waiting for something, but there isn't something out there," McRill said. "We don't have respite, ICR — Intensive Crisis Residential. It's traumatizing for a child to be hospitalized. But some kids need it to stay safe."

McRill said the longest stays are three or four days, but there aren't enough resources to follow up.

"This is a medical disease," she said. "There are above-the-shoulder and below-the-shoulder

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PFLAG welcomes Special Victims Unit chief

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.



Rob Spada

The featured speaker is Rob Spada, chief of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit, which is comprised of the Sexual Assault Kit Task Force, Child Abuse, Elder Abuse, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Animal Protection and LGBTQ Fair Michigan units.

Spada plans to share personal accounts of the changing perceptions of LGBTQ people and their rights within the law enforcement community. His talk will be followed by small group support conversations for LGBTQ individuals, family members and allies.

For information, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at Ram's Horn Restaurant, 23815 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Call (313) 882-9600.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 8 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Jim Mittler, founder and CEO of Tiny Floathouse, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Questers

The Pear Tree Questers hosts its next meeting 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the home of member Sandy Magreta. The group will

view more than three dozen antique doll reproductions made by the hostess and learn the secrets of porcelain doll making. Dessert and coffee will be served.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 8:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at Lake Shore High School, 22980 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, Lakeshore YMCA, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

Harper Woods Library

The Friends of the Harper Woods Library hosts its fifth annual

Artisan's Market 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, in the lower level of the Harper Woods Library, 19601 Harper. The event features 20 local artists offering various items, including photographs, pottery, crocheted items, holiday decorations and more. Also, a fall gift basket with fine chocolates, fall décor and a \$50 gift card to the Original Pancake House will be raffled. Call (313) 343-2575.

NAMI

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

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

◆ "Downsizing Advice," 1:30 to 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, with facilitators Donna Kurz-O'Neill and

Mimi Koppang, Johnstone and Johnstone Realtors.

◆ Special Avon Bingo, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, with Audrey Bernier. Cost is \$2 per card, limit one card per person.

◆ AARP Smart Driver TEK: High-Tech Car Safety Workshop, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, with instructor Roger Doster. Cost is \$5.

◆ Thanksgiving party, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, featuring The Fabulous 50s Show. Cost is \$15.

◆ Seniors on Camera, 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 14 and 28, and Dec. 5, with acting coach Harry Burkey.

Registration is required for all of these programs. Call (313) 882-9600.

Grosse Pointe Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Megan Owens, executive director of Transportation

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diseases. Above-the-shoulder diseases people don't talk about."

A variety of speakers are planned for all three days, including keynote speaker Thomas Joiner Ph.D., a Robert O. Lawton Professor of Psychology at Florida

State University, author and leading expert on suicide; Jill Harkavy-Friedman Ph.D., vice president of research at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; Colleen Creighton, executive director of the American Association of Suicidology; and Detroit Police Chief James Craig.

"Our emphasis this year is confronting the public health crisis and working to reduce the stigma of mental illness and suicide and encourage people to look for help," Gail Urso said. "There are a lot of obstacles — problems with insurance, problems with care, what kind of care is needed, different treatment options. ... The (first two) conferences have encouraged people to talk about problems and get help. As we've moved through this, we've found there are problems with getting help."

In addition to conference speakers, other activities are planned, including a Thursday night reception honoring participants. Friday evening, the play "Every Brilliant Thing" is performed. Written by Duncan Macmillan with Jonny Donahoe, this Tipping Point Theater production, in association with Kevin's Song, features James R. Kuhl.

"This conference has a focus on confronting suicide as a public health crisis," said Leo Nouhan, conference coordinator. "It's not just what's the best way to treat depression signs and symptoms. We want to elevate the discussion to look at the big issues. National

state and local speakers will look at these issues. There needs to be a voice. In speaking with groups around the state, we have a lot of silos — who do great work in their own geographical areas — but in advocating for meaningful change, those silos don't have the clout, the gravitas, to persuade policy makers. We hope we can start to move the needle. There needs to be more attention paid to this."

The conference's third day is dedicated to survivors, including attempt survivors and those who have lost loved ones to suicide. "It was important to us, in putting together this conference, that we looked at suicide broadly and to provide a launching pad for those who may be looking but not know where to start," Gail Urso said. "We are hoping to reach not only those directly working in the field of mental health and suicide prevention, but anyone who has a desire and need to be knowledgeable and prepared: educators, human resources professionals, clergy and more."

On a positive note, Gail Urso said this is the first generation of young people who are talking

Must-see TV

In connection with "A Conference on Suicide: Confronting a Public Health Crisis," the documentary "Singing Kevin's Song" premieres on PBS at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2. It replays on PBS 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7.

"In it, a couple, the Klinglers, talk about losing their son, Nick, to suicide," Gail Urso said. "He went to Troy High School. He was 17.

"He had a very successful life as a young man," she continued. "He was a good student and had a lot of good friends. But he suffered quietly from depression — until he reached out to his parents. Ten days they spent looking for help, but couldn't find it. ... They ran into so many obstacles and couldn't give him the help he needed."

Added John Urso, "The tragedy with Nick is, here's a young man and his parents who are all trying to work in the same direction, trying to get assistance from 'professionals' who were in no way capable of giving the assistance that was needed."

"That's part of what we're talking about at the conference," Gail Urso said. "It's always been our mission to educate."

about their suicidal feelings.

"The No. 1 cause of death in college students is suicide," Burns added, noting Michigan State University has a walk-in clinic where 40 students a day proclaim they have mental health issues. "We're making progress; they'll say it in front of their peers. ... Forty students a month leave university due to mental health issues. Unless they're watched over and helped, it's a formula for disaster."

The Ursos have received tremendous support for Kevin's Song and its conferences through the lives they've touched in the years

since their son died. They said despite being stunned at the death of their son, they are able to use what they've learned to educate others.

"If we knew then what we know now, Kevin might still be alive," Gail Urso said. "We want to make sure we get information out to as many as possible."

"Our goal is there will be a world without suicide one day," John Urso said. "We are working toward that." For a full lineup of speakers and schedule of events, as well as registration and ticket information, visit kevinsong.org.

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War Memorial hosts annual Veterans Day event

Hundreds of veterans and active duty service members will gather at The War Memorial for the annual Veterans Day Breakfast and celebration of military service Monday, Nov. 12. Doors open 7 a.m., followed by the program 7:45 a.m. and breakfast 8 a.m. The War Memorial hosts this event each year to honor and recognize the numerous servicewomen and men in the community.

The program includes the presentation of thank-you cards hand-made by Grosse Pointe

school students, a service song medley from Motor City Brass Band and remarks from Michigan Veterans Affairs Director James Robert Redford and Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence.

The event, which also includes a video highlight of previous patriotic events at The War Memorial, offers a space for local service members to experience camaraderie through shared stories and hospitality.

This year's event includes a table reserved for World War II veter-

ans.

The program also features the presentation of \$18,000 in grants to local nonprofits working to enhance and enrich the lives of Michigan veterans. Members of The War Memorial's Patriot Initiative Committee will announce Fallen and Wounded Solider Fund, Heroes' Movement and Grosse Pointe Artists Association as recipients of grants to be used for high-value social impact services.

"Every year, the Patriot Initiative Fund strives to recognize veterans as

patriots and solidify The War Memorial's commitment to serving and fostering positive growth within the veteran community," said Ed Lazar, Patriot Initiative Committee co-chairman. "The ability to award grants to organizations that are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of veterans and their families affirms our willingness and desire to create meaningful relationships with local nonprofits that honor our local service people and first responders."

The Patriot Initiative is

a designated fund in the endowment and serves as a philanthropic arm of The War Memorial's mission. Grants provide support to organizations that serve patriots from local communities. The Patriot Initiative also offers a series of events dedicated to service members on The War Memorial campus.

"Patriotism and a dedication to American democracy impacts and helps to direct The War Memorial's programing choices," said War Memorial President and CEO Charles Burke.

"Every veteran who walks through our doors, every name engraved on our plaques and every hero we encounter reestablishes our dedication to honoring and recognizing the many sacrifices these individuals have made for our safety and freedom."

The event is free for veterans; \$10 per guest.

The War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit warmemorial.org/veterans or call (313) 881-7511.

Gift collection benefits veterans, their families

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Since 1972, Southwest Solutions has pursued its mission to build stronger and healthier communities through a range of programs, including its counseling, housing and economic services. As its mission states, "These three areas together form a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy and effort that impacts more than 10,000 people a year."

One such program, Piquette Square for Veterans, provides housing and support services to 150 formerly homeless veterans to help them rebuild their lives and reintegrate into the community. It's a program near and dear to Grosse Pointe businessman Ed Lazar's heart. Lazar is hosting a gift drop-off location at his State Farm office, 18352 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms, through Monday, Dec. 10.

"My personal reason for doing this is my combat medic — my son, Andrew, who's celebrating 10 years in the Army and is a staff sergeant," Lazar said, noting the Army has gone above and beyond to help the young Lazar, whose son has a severe medical condition. "The support the Army has given to Andrew's family and the support he's given during tours in Afghanistan — we need to give that support back."

Lazar is collecting new, unwrapped items for Southwest Solutions and its Piquette Square pro-

gram. Needed items include:

- ◆ Hats, gloves, scarves, socks and packaged underwear for children, youth and adults;
- ◆ Winter coats and jackets for children, youth and adults;
- ◆ Winter coats and snowsuits for ages 3 to 12 months;
- ◆ Hoodies with zippers;
- ◆ Adult white T-shirts, sizes M, L and XL;
- ◆ Blankets;
- ◆ Toys;
- ◆ Footballs, soccer balls and basketballs;
- ◆ Board games for ages 5 and older and ages 12 and older;
- ◆ Makeup and jewelry kits;
- ◆ Large rubber balls;
- ◆ Personal planners or monthly calendars;
- ◆ YMCA or other fitness center memberships;
- ◆ CVS and Walmart gift cards; and
- ◆ Gift cards to local grocery stores.

All items received will benefit the program's adult outpatient services, children, veterans, youth and family services and its Housing Resource Center.

"National headlines today are no longer

focused on veterans, not like they are during wartime or when that bad news came out about how badly run our VA hospitals are," Lazar said. "We need to keep veterans in front of the eyes of the public. It takes that reminder, that vigilance — they're still out there, they still need help. It's still our responsibility as direct beneficiaries of their service to help them out."

There are numerous volunteer opportunities at Piquette Square, including helping with fundraising, preparing Welcome Kits for new tenants, working on the community gardens and landscaping, hosting events and meals, tutoring and offering classes. For more information, contact Chery Allen, Veteran Resource Coordinator, at (313) 297-1377 or email callen@swwsol.org.

"We serve along with our veterans," Lazar said. "We serve here while they're serving there, wherever they happen to be. I'd love to see the community rally and bring these things here — enough for all those folks who need them."



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DLA volunteers awarded

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July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, 757 volunteers contributed 66,576 hours in service to the museum, equating to \$1.6 million in economic value.

"Our dedicated volunteers are a vital part of providing the educational benefits and visitor services that make the museum a welcoming place for learning and enjoyment," said Salvador Salort-Pons, DIA director.



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Judith Garvey

Among the awardees was Grosse Pointe Woods resident Judith Garvey, who was honored with the Distinguished Service Award for longtime service.

Other awardees included Dorothy Menefee of Detroit, Mark

Schwing of Detroit, Gerald Klein of Fraser, the late Michael Pisa of Bloomfield Hills, Judith Douglas of Southfield, Barbara Quilty of Northville and Theophilus Heath of Detroit.

Milestone anniversary pins also were awarded, with the highest level this year given to Adeline Firmschild of Grosse Ile and Sharon Hurlbert of Clarkston in recognition of 35 years of service.

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The Encore Years: Stan Harr

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Stan Harr can't remember a time in his life when he wasn't making music. He even recalls singing at church a solo of "Oh, Holy Night" when he was 5.

He started piano lessons at an early age, played viola and trombone in his high school band and even majored in trombone at North Central College near Chicago, where he was raised.

"Soon I was sidetracked into choral music," Harr said. He attended a convention his freshman year of college that changed everything. "I heard choral music the likes of which I'd never heard before. That's when the lightbulb went off, that this was something I need to do."

Harr attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and eventually ended up teaching high school choral music at Madison West High School.

"It was a dream program I was fortunate to run into at a young age," he said. "I was 23. It was

my dream job. I taught there 25 years."

Harr, who lives in Grosse Pointe Shores, moved with his second wife to New York, "where community theater was Broadway — which was beyond my reach — but we were major theater attendees. Our first year there, we went 107 times to the theater. That is literally twice a week; we saw the entire season. Our second year there our daughter was born, which cut us down to 104 times that year."

Realizing Manhattan was not their ideal place to raise their children, Joanna and Jeremy, the Harrs moved to Michigan.

"My wife, who was a practicing attorney at a major New York City law firm, she always wanted to teach. Wayne State's School of Law hired her and we came here to Grosse Pointe. That was about 23 years ago."

Anxious to find a choir with which to sing, Harr discovered the Detroit Concert Choir, which practiced a few blocks from his Shores home. He auditioned and was hooked.



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Stan Harr sits at the piano in his Grosse Pointe Shores home, amid musical instruments he's collected from around the world.

"That became a major passion for me over 23 years," he said. "I'm president of the board."

A short time later, Harr and his wife attended a membership meeting of Grosse Pointe Theatre, with which they fell in love. They saw their first production that fall and decided it was something they needed to be involved in.

Harr's wife, Laura Bartell, was cast right away. When the group learned of Harr's experience as a choral director, he was asked to conduct GPT's 50th anniversary

celebration.

The rest is history.

"I've kept track of my resume of shows," Harr said. "I've been involved with 135 productions, 42 of which were with Grosse Pointe Theatre."

A third passion was sparked when Harr was introduced to The Judelairens, a 30-member vocal ensemble with a 60-plus-year history. He currently serves as its director.

"I'm always impressed how community theater and church choirs can survive, because it's done on leftover time,

which is after work for most people," Harr said. "Yet there's something special about the experience; people love coming back for more and more."

So does Harr. Apart from his family and friends, Harr counts DCC, GPT and Judelairens as his three main passions. And the luxury of being retired?

"I am able to do projects on real time rather than leftover time."

Harr retired in 1992, but has kept his schedule full of "lots of special moments."

After all, music, he said, is a special experience.

"I can't imagine anyone who can, not doing it," he said. "It's rewarding, not as much from the feedback of the audience, but from what you get yourself from the experience of doing it. I've gained a new understanding of the world from the experiences I've had."

Some of those world experiences include traveling the world with his family. Along the way, he's collected musical instruments from various destinations, including Russia, Morocco, Egypt and Peru.

Travel was more common when his children were at home. They include two from a previous marriage — Amy, a professional cellist, and Julie, a minister. His daughter, Joanna, is an attorney and son, Jeremy, is working toward a master's degree in opera performance at

the University of Maryland. He also has four grandchildren.

Harr, who has won nearly a dozen Clarence Awards for his work with GPT, has been onstage a few times, but mostly has served as musical director and conductor. He currently is working as musical conductor for GPT's holiday gala, "Golden Age Holiday," as well as music director for GPT's "Legally Blonde," onstage now.

"No. 1, it is a passion; making music is a passion," Harr said. "Secondly, I do believe it keeps you young. I've been told before I don't read to be 74, which is my age. I credit that to my wife, my doctor and keeping busy."

"I've done enough productions now that it's my second or third time through on some shows," he continued. "And I'm always looking for something new. ... I've been pretty fortunate I've had a career doing what I love doing. My wife and family are supportive of the continuation of doing it. So I'll probably die with a baton in my hand conducting a show."

On his bucket list of shows, Harr hopes to conduct — or be onstage for — a production of "The Most Happy Fella." However, "my favorite show is whatever I'm working on at the time. There's always something special in every production."

"It's the togetherness of the musical and community theater families that is so special."

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Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Louis Theros, left, joined veterans, Boy Scouts Troop 96, Cub Scout Pack 86, Louisa St. Clair Chapter, NSDAR members and John Paul Jones Society, CAR members at the ceremony.

Flags retired

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, along with the John Paul Jones, Children of the American Revolution and Boy Scouts Troop 96, hosted a flag retirement ceremony Oct. 13 at Pier Park. Worn U.S. flags were collected at bins at Grosse Pointe Farms city hall, The War Memorial and Farms Pier Park through Oct. 8. The public was welcome to the retirement ceremony.



Scout members prepare a flag for retirement.

NEGC honors Assistance League

Northeast Guidance Center, celebrating 55 years of service to the community, honors The Assistance League at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Junior League of Detroit in 1963 explored what could be done to help Detroit children on the east side with developmental problems. As a result, the Northeastern Wayne County Child Guidance Center on Kelly Road — now the Eli Z. Rubin Children's Wellness Center — was founded. The Assistance League became the major philanthropic effort to support the much needed work of the clinic. Due to the growing demand for services on Detroit's east side, in 1966 Dr. Eli Rubin of Lafayette Clinic, for whom the center was named in 2015, was appointed its first executive director.

In 2015, the Northeast Guidance Center board and staff recognized the members of the Assistance League with a plaque for its many years of dedication, volunteerism and fundraising on behalf of NEGC's children's services. Through the commitment and dedication of the Assistance League, projects such as the DADA Charity Preview and Art on the Pointe art show exceeded fundraising expectations.

The league volunteered in administrative areas such as mailing and secretarial duties and other creative fundraisers for the community, which benefited NEGC.

"Their work enhanced the services of NEGC and brought crucial awareness to the agency's children's programs from the dollars raised," said Sherry McRill, NEGC president and CEO. "I can't think of another organization more worthy of honoring at our 55th annual meeting than the Assistance League."

For more information regarding the 55th annual meeting, contact Sharon Common at (313) 308-1416 or scommon@neguidance.org.

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Riders United, speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 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.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts Business After Hours 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Edward Jones, 650 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.



A special day for seniors

The 25th annual Senior Expo took place Oct. 11 at Assumption Cultural Center and featured exhibitors, workshops and health screenings, along with a complimentary lunch and a raffle. Special guests included Jerry Hodak, Chuck Gaidica, Mark Hackel and Charlie Langton.



Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel speaks to the crowd.

Gust Bills D.O., division head of the department of emergency medicine at Henry Ford-Cottage, and Marianne Langlois, director of Henry Ford-Cottage campus, talk with Beverly Wolff about the services available.



PHOTOS BY RENE LANDUYT



Chuck Gaidica gave a talk titled, "Journey Strong in Your Second Half," about learning to retire, rewire or reinvent your life completely.



Fox 2 journalist Charlie Langton takes a selfie with former WXYZ chief meteorologist Jerry Hodak.



Margaret D'Herde has her balance tested by Ascension St. John physical therapist Gloria Severini at one of the workshops.

VETERANS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST



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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.

Anita Carmen Feola

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Anita Carmen Feola, 85, passed away peacefully Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018, surrounded by her loving family. She lived in St. Clair Shores.

Anita is survived by her loving husband, Francis; dear children, John, Jody, Sharon, Steven (Sharon), Linda Boyle (Joseph) and Robert and beloved grandchildren, Claire Boyle R.N., Joseph Boyle Jr., Genevieve Boyle and Angelina Feola. She also is survived by her sister-in-law, Kathleen Lanni and brother-in-law, Edward Feola (Linda).

She was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Linda Palazzo and sister, Jeannine Palazzo.

Anita enjoyed knitting and playing cards with her lifelong friends. She was a hospice volunteer for Bon Secours Hospice.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 22 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park. Interment is in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Donations may be made to St. Bonaventure Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or St. Clare of Montefalco

Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

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Amy L. Clark Carels

Amy L. Clark Carels passed away Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018.

Amy grew up in Grosse Pointe and graduated from Grosse Pointe North School. After graduating from Michigan State University, in advertising and marketing, she worked at Ross Roy, Campbell Ewald, Brogan Kabot and W.B. Doner.

Amy founded A.L. Clark and Associates 28 years ago and impacted advertising by separating advertising by separating media functions as a standalone investment, like banking and accounting. She loved the ad industry and was a lifetime member of Adcraft Club. She mentored many in the advertising community, especially helping new members start their careers.

Amy's love of art began as a child with her father, Jack. He taught her perspective and light. Amy's vocation of art grew the past 10 years concentrating on water color tech-

niques. Her last series focused on her beloved Sleeping Bear Dunes' history and landscape beauty. She was honored to have many of her pieces selected for inclusion in shows and won numerous awards. Her website is amycarels.com.

Amy was a member of the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, American Watercolor Society, Transparent Watercolor Society of America, Paint Creek Center for the Arts and Glen Arbor Art Center. She also served on the board of directors of the Michigan Water Color Society.

Amy was a musician who played both bassoon and flute. She enjoyed being outdoors and spent summers hiking with her dogs, biking and swimming with her family in northern Michigan. She was a gourmet cook and talented seamstress. She loved to travel and treasured time together with family and friends.

Amy lived in Oakland Township and served on the planning commission board. She volunteered at local charities emphasizing food pantries, Alzheimer's and the Sierra Club.

Amy personified kindness. She was loved by



Anita Carmen Feola



Amy L. Clark Carels



Douglas Berry

many and will be deeply missed.

Amy is survived by her husband of 46 years, Dr. Henry A. Carels; children, Christina (Jason), Henry (Jessica) and Gabrielle; mother-in-law, Marjorie Carels; sister-in-law, Jacqueline Reid and nephew, Eric (Brooke).

She was predeceased by her parents, Jack and Eleanor and brother, Michael.

A celebration of Amy's life will be in Glen Arbor spring 2019.

Remembrances may be made to Glen Arbor Art Association, At: Peg, 6031 S. Lake St., P.O. Box 305, Glen Arbor, MI 49636 or at glenarborart.org/giving-options/donate; select memorial and Amy Carels.

Share a memory at modetzfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Amy-L-Clark-Carels?obId=3386446#/celebrationWall.

Douglas Berry

Douglas Berry, 92, passed away Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018, from complications from a fall in hospice at Hollenbeck Palms Retirement Community in Los Angeles.

He is survived by his son, Ken (Connie Nassios); granddaughter, Abigail, of Burbank, Calif.; brother, Sterling (Anne) of Warren; nieces, Julia, Virginia Ericksen (Matt), Martha Long, Barb Pappas (William), Melissa Hibdon (Terry); and many grandnieces and grandnephews. He was predeceased by his son, Thomas in 1981, and the love of his life, wife Mary (nee Geyer) in 2016.

Doug was born in Detroit to Thomas and Anne (nee Gibson) Berry. He grew up in Grosse Pointe, graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1944, then attended Western Michigan University and University of Michigan and earned a degree in business.

Doug married Mary March 11, 1951, just before going to serve in the Korean War. He and Mary moved to Kalamazoo to raise their two sons. In Kalamazoo, he worked as a CPA at KVP Sutherland Paper Co., Borgess Hospital and Shupan & Sons, among other companies. After retiring, he and Mary moved to Albuquerque, N.M., a few years before settling in Burbank.

Doug was devoted to his wife and family. He loved classical music and attending his granddaughter's various musical concerts. He will be greatly missed.

The family extends special thanks to Hollenbeck Palms for its services and compassionate care.

A memorial service is 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov.



Anne Wood Birgbauer



Betsy Ann Kmetz

3, at Hollenbeck Palms Chapel, 573 S. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles.

Anne Wood Birgbauer

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Anne Wood Birgbauer, 74, passed away Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018.

Born March 14, 1944, in Detroit, she graduated from Grosse Pointe University School and Connecticut College. She met the love of her life, Bruce D. Birgbauer, at Grosse Pointe University School, and they lived in Cambridge, Mass., as newlyweds before returning to Michigan.

Mrs. Birgbauer was outgoing and cheerful and greeted friends and family with a big smile and a hug. She had a deep love for family and cherished time spent with her children, grandchildren and extended family. She was known for spontaneous acts of giving, including mystery trips, buying lunch for the person in line behind her, walking in the Thanksgiving Day Parade and organizing appreciation events for the Detroit Police Department.

Mrs. Birgbauer was an avid bridge player who became a Life Master. She also was a competitive tennis and field hockey player, as well as a tennis coach. She also worked as an outreach coordinator for the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

She was involved in various organizations in Grosse Pointe as well as Boca Grande, Fla., including the Garden Club of Michigan, Sigma Gamma Association, Junior League of Detroit, Junior League Gardeners and the Boca Grande Women's Club. She was past president of Sigma Gamma Foundation, a founding member of The Boca Grande Duplicate Bridge Club and past president of The Planters Garden Club.

Mrs. Birgbauer is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Bruce D. Birgbauer; children, John W. of Grosse Pointe Farms, Beth Jackson (Colin) of Portsmouth, R.I., Carrie Friedberg (Andrew) of Portola Valley, Calif. and Peter H. of London, England and beloved grandchildren, Ellie, Karl, Kate, Ian, Thais, Lucy and Max.

She also is survived by

her brother, Bob Wood (Kathy) of Greenville, S.C. and sister, Betsy Dalrymple (Jack) of Casselton, N.D.

Mrs. Birgbauer was predeceased by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gordon Wood.

A funeral service is 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dehaven Endowment for Music at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; Sigma Gamma Foundation, 57 Cambridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or University Liggett School for the benefit of the field hockey program, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Betsy Ann Kmetz

Betsy Ann Kmetz, nee Berriman, of St. Clair Shores, passed away Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018. She was 53.

Betsy was born March 5, 1965, in Providence, R.I. She attended Grosse Pointe South High School and married Mike Kmetz in 1986. While raising their four children, Betsy was actively involved in the community whether as PTO president, coaching teams, school events or fundraisers.

She worked as a real estate agent several years before following her love for all things eclectic and opened Fresh Start Revisited with Cynthia Campbell. Betsy was proud of her children and her biggest passion was for them and her grandchildren.

Betsy was predeceased by her parents, Peter and Ellen Berriman; brother, Peter and sisters, Mary-Ellen and Kathleen.

She is survived by her husband, Mike; brothers, Michael and Christopher; children, Eric, Bridget, Brian and Chris and grandchildren, Makayla, Quinn and Wyatt.

A celebration of life is noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Andrews on the Corner, 201 Joseph Campau, Detroit.

Donations in Betsy's name may be made to Detroit Dog Rescue, P.O. Box 806119, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 or at detroitdogrescue.com/donate.

Farms church Christmas project drop-off site

Eight days this month, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms will be among 5,000 nationwide drop-off locations collecting shoebox gifts for children overseas during Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week, Nov. 12 to 19.

Families, churches and individuals are asked to transform empty shoeboxes into gifts filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items through this Samaritan's Purse project. The project, in partnership with churches across the globe, delivers the shoeboxes as tangible expressions of God's love to children affected by war, disease, disaster, poverty and famine. For many children, it will be the first gift they have ever received.

This year, Grosse Pointe residents hope to collect more than 40,520 gifts to contribute to the 2018 global goal of reaching 11 million children.

"We are honored to be linking arms with our community to help children around the world experience the true meaning of Christmas," said Regional Director David Zimmerman. "These simple gifts show God's love to children facing difficult circumstances."

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, operates the following drop-off days and times:

- ◆ 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, Wednesday, Nov. 14 and Friday, Nov. 16
- ◆ 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13 and Thursday, Nov. 15;
- ◆ 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 17;
- ◆ 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18 and
- ◆ 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19.

For more information about participating in Operation Christmas Child, call (937) 374-0761 or visit samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Participants may donate \$9 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination. People who prefer to shop online may browse samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

Myth — the 'perennial philosophy'

It is the beginning of the Jewish year. Our holidays have finished the cycle of the reading of the Torah and we begin again with B'rashet, or Genesis, in English.

The book is titled by its first word, which means "in the beginning," as it is usual for books or scrolls to be named for their first words. At the risk of raising the blood pressure of some fundamentalists I know, I would like to consider this book as the beginning of a mythology which introduces the God of the Israelites to the world.

Firstly, it often is believed myth is fantasy or stories which lack truth. On the contrary, myth speaks of another plane that exists alongside our own world and that, in a sense, supports our world. Belief in the invisible but more powerful reality is a basic theme. To quote Karen Armstrong, a popular writer about faith and religion, "It (myth) has been called the 'perennial philosophy' because it informed the mythology, ritual and social organization of all societies before the advent of our scientific modernity and continues to influence more traditional societies." In many legends and cultures, the events of this world are mirrored in the other realm, that which is unseen and somewhat mystical. In other words, every earthly reality is only a shadow of its archetype, the original, of which it is simply an imperfect copy. It is only

by participating in this divine life that mortal beings fulfill their potential. Mythology gives explicit shape and form to a reality people sense intuitively.

Thus, myth is, I believe, a higher truth. It is the truth by which we conduct our lives and determine what is honorable conduct. Was it wrong for G-d to ask very critically of Cain, "Where is your brother, Abel?" Then he continues, "I hear the bloods of your brother." Yes, plural — bloods. All the future generations. So murder has a consequence beyond the immediate. This is the role of myth, to point out truth, that actions taken now have consequences now and in the future.

The next time someone says, "It is only mythology," look carefully. If they are suggesting it is falsehood or untruth, look again. In the past, when people spoke of the divine, they usually were referring to the mundane. These beliefs in mythologies were and are the passions that lift us to a different plane of existence so we see the world with new eyes. Some like to think this is what distinguishes us as human.

And so it is with scripture. It is the truth on which we base our ontological view of this world. Genesis is only the beginning.

Skully is a member of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts "All Souls Day Prayers and Potluck" 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2. The community is invited to the celebration, which honors the lives of loved ones who have died with a brief prayer service, followed by a potluck dinner. For information, call (313) 884-4820 or visit stmichaelsgpw.org.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, makes Thankful Pumpkins after its 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday, Nov. 18. Cost is \$10 and includes pumpkins, name tags, placemats for decoration and ideas for using pumpkins in family devotion. Call Tonya Pirker at (586) 295-4203.

The church's Fourth Tuesday Book Club meets 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, to discuss "Mr. Dickens and His Carol: A Novel," by Samantha

Silva.

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts its annual all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$6 for ages 6 to 12 and free for children younger than 5. Call (313) 822-2814.

Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its seventh annual The Taste at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, featuring food and wine from 20 establishments. Music is provided by Madigan's Attic. Tickets are \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door. Call (313) 884-5554 or visit olsos.org.

Unitarian

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, presents "Civics 101 for the Out of Touch Adult" at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26. Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen and

Colton Dale, community engagement and development specialist for Oak Park, provide a road map to guide citizens through government. The group also discusses why counties have a hard time working together to advance the region. Call (313) 881-0420.

St. Paul Evangelical

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

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

◆ 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.

St. Clare given Keep Michigan Beautiful Award

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park was awarded a Keep Michigan Beautiful Award on Oct. 12, in Frankenmuth. The award is given to individuals, businesses or organizations whose efforts in and around their communities have enhanced the beauty of the state of Michigan.

In 2014, 20 volunteers from St. Clare started cleaning up the neglected gardens surrounding the parish by pulling weeds, cutting back a decade of ivy overgrowth and trying to rediscover once beautiful gardens.

By 2016, parishioners had designed, funded and implemented a major re-landscaping project around the entire church and a "garden club" of roughly 50 members was formed to care for the

grounds, with the intent not only to provide a beautiful place for the community to worship and visit, but to build fellowship within the community itself.

Many people from the surrounding neighborhood stroll through the gazebo gardens and fountain, taking a quiet rest, reading a book,

meeting a friend or listening to music.

The revitalization of the front entrance and sign shows the community St. Clare, which sits on the border of Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park, is a vibrant and active presence, cares about the neighborhood and welcomes all to gather there.



'A Christmas Carol' comes to First English

The LIFE PLAYERS present the musical "A Christmas Carol" in the Luther Center at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9, 10 and 11.

Originally presented by Radio City Entertainment, the musical is based on the story by Charles Dickens. The show was originally choreographed by Susan Stroman and directed by Mike Ockrent. Book adaptation is by Mike Ockrent and Lynn Ahrens.

Showtimes are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Dinner is available 6 p.m. Saturday only.

Admission for dinner and the show Saturday is \$18, \$13 for students. Show-only tickets are \$10, \$7 for students. Dinner/show tickets must be ordered and paid for ahead of time by calling the church office at (313) 884-5040. Play-only tickets may be purchased ahead of time for best seating, or at the door.

"A Christmas Carol" tells the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, who in one night is visited by four spirits who change his perspective of Christmas and life. The production is directed by Michael

Maurice, with Robert Foster as musical director; Tom Atkins as sound technician; and Mia Mattaliano, Ansley Duke, Tess Bessette and Courtney Hamidi, as choreographers. Dianna Atkins and Karen Westrick, manage costumes and makeup; ticket sales are promoted by Patty Foster and publicist is Marti Miller.

The cast and production artists are members of the church and community. George Farrell plays Scrooge, Randall Baker, Mr. Cratchit; Sara Tomas, Martha Cratchit; Dolores Totzke, Mrs. Cratchit; Chris Bertini, Tiny Tim; Sharon Nummer, Ghost of Christmas Present; Stacey Agius, Ghost of Christmas Past; and Dianna Atkins, Ghost of Christmas Future.

Other cast members are Dan Foster, Bryan Kadrich, David Adrian, Kristen Smith, Addison Graves, Sarah Westrick, Stephanie Westrick, Sydney Agius, Martha Hinds, Jeff Sloss, Alex Jakubiec, Grant Sachs, Mia Mattaliano, Ansley Duke, Tess Bessette, Dan Feldmam, Mitch Nummer, Alex Agius, John Gryniewicz, Nina Hamidi, Ashleigh Tomas, Katelyn Tomas, Ava Herzig, Sophia Salvador and Silas Castle.

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Field hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights state champions

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls field hockey team pulled off an upset, beating No. 1 seed and undefeated regular season champion Wixom St. Catherine of Siena 1-0 to claim the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 state championship last weekend at Al Ritt Stadium in Dexter.

With the game scoreless through the first half and deep into the second half, sophomore Ella Karolak scored the lone goal with only seven minutes left as ULS won 1-0.

"Having lost to St. Catherine in the regular season, 2-1, we played this game with ball control and swift ball movement from end to end," head coach Jayant Trewn said. "The game was tied at halftime with neither team troubling the opposing goalkeeper."

"We approached the travel out to Dexter for the state championship game as a 'business trip' because we knew we had business to handle in wanting to hand St. Catherine's its first loss of the season," assistant



PHOTO BY ANDREW AMINE

University Liggett School players and coaches celebrate after winning a Division 2 state championship over previously unbeaten St. Catherine of Siena.

coach Amanda Amine said. "It was a hard-fought game, but we truly believed we were the better team, and I think that showed in our performance. Our motto for this season was 'Trust the Process' and the girls really bought into this."

"We knew we improved so much as the season kept going, and we were really playing our best field hockey heading into

state playoffs. Kate Birgbauer, Ella Karolak, Delaney Garvey, Kaitlin Fox, and Kate Carron were true difference makers for our team during this playoff run.

"Senior Mimi Wujek was outstanding in goal with having back-to-back shut outs in both the state semifinals and state finals.

"I am so proud of the girls and the nonstop

hard-work they put in all season long. They deserve this. The seniors have put so much heart into this program. They have been amazing leaders and set such a great example for the rest of the team both on and off the field."

After a time-out, Trewn moved Karolak from midfield to forward, and in the next 30 seconds of play she scored to give

the Knights the 1-0 lead.

St. Catherine pressed to get the tying goal, but senior goalkeeper Mimi Wujek was up to the challenge. Senior Kaitlin Fox and junior Kate Carron, assisted by sophomore Aidan McFarlane and senior Maria Pas, kept the ball out of the ULS cage.

Others who stepped up in the midfield were sophomores Delaney

Garvey, Kaitlyn Gray and Karolak, while senior Kate Birgbauer, freshmen Elise Kogel and junior Maisie Melican kept the momentum in the Knights' favor.

"The team served the motto all season — 'learn, try and perfect by repeating 10,000 times' — and translated that to their dominance of the play-offs by defeating the two teams that beat us in the regular season," Trewn said. "A testimony to the team learning patience and peaking in performance at the appropriate moment."

The Knights had one goal entering the season, get back to the finals and win. The Knights lost last year's Division 2 state title game 2-1 in overtime to Grand Rapids Forest Hills.

The rest of the state champion Knights are Avery Sikora, Lily Xu, Kiera Loffredo, Annette Meraw, Sophia Filipof, Abi Cone, Anna McCauley, Frannie Boyle and Alyssa Jones.

Trewn's assistant coaches were Amanda Amine and Naomi Yoshida, and the team

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Cross country

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Guys earn regional championship

Michalik makes finals

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys cross-country team won last weekend's Division 1 regional meet at Lake St. Clair Metropark, and the girls just missed advancing after finishing fourth.

The top three teams qualified for the state finals, and runners who finished in the top 15 from non-qualifying squads also made the cut.

The Norsemen, under head coach Diane Montgomery, cruised to the top spot with 65 points. Birmingham Brother Rice and Royal Oak also made the finals, taking second and third with 94 and 99 points.

Sophomore Preston Navarre was fourth overall with a time of 15:52.5 to lead the Norsemen, and two others finished in the top 10, seniors William Hofmann and Garrett Schreck, who placed eighth and ninth with times of 16:05.9 and 16:10.7.

The top two finishers who also made the state finals were in a photo-fin-

ish with Birmingham Seaholm senior George Nummer edging Fraser junior Joey Tavalieri by 0.1. Nummer had 15:26.2 and Tavalieri had 15:26.3.

Back to the Norsemen. Senior Kuvin Satyadev was 11th with a time of 16:12.9, and their fifth scorer was senior Ben Seagram, who was 33rd with a personal-best time of 17:07.9.

Senior Noah White was 38th with a time of 17:19.5, and junior Jack Day placed 62nd with a personal-best time of 17:56.9 to help the Norsemen's varsity runners each finish with a time under the 18-minute mark.

"Well, one more season goal down, we won the region title," Montgomery said. "Our sophomore, Preston Navarre, was first in for us and fourth overall in a new personal-best time of 15:52. He is, as far as I can ascertain, the fastest sophomore in North's history of 5k racing. He will be the No. 8 spot on the Top 15 All-Time board in the gym. Will Hofmann also earned a spot on that board in the gym. I believe he will be 13th on the board."

The Norsemen finished 29 points ahead of second place, and they put four runners in the top 11



PHOTO BY CHUCK DAY

Grosse Pointe North regional title winners are, from left, coach Diane Montgomery, Jack Day, Preston Navarre, Ben Seagram, Kuvin Satyadev, Garrett Schreck, Will Hofmann, Noah White and coach Joe Ciaravino.

spots. This was their first region title since 1994.

"We still have our main goal left to achieve: we want to be top 10 at the state finals on Saturday at MIS," Montgomery said. "We have been consistently ranked in the top 10 all year, we are currently eighth, but the historical result will be what happens on Saturday."

As for the ladies, they earned 108 points to take fourth. State-qualifying teams were Bloomfield Hills, first with 45 points; Seaholm, second with 71;

and Troy, third with 72.

"Almost everyone ran their best times of the season and many of their careers," head coach Scott Cooper said. "They knew going in it was going to be tough to bump into the top three teams, so we had to go for it, and they did. They ran tough races and finished closer to the top three teams than planned. I was extremely proud of all of their efforts today."

The Norsemen's top runners were Sarah Michalik, Jackie Albo,

Elise Nyquist, Michaela Cosgrove, Anna Lisa Lynch, Lyndsay Kluge and Vivian Liagre.

Michalik finished ninth with a time of 19:36.2 to qualify as an individual and will compete in the state finals. Last year she finished 16th, one spot out of a qualifying spot.

Jackie Albo ran her best race ever by far and finished 16th with a time of 20:15.4 and missed by only .02 of a second of making the state meet.

"The officials had to rely on a photo finish video replay," Cooper

said. "I am very proud of this team and their efforts all season long."

Nyquist was 18th with a time of 20:23.2, while the duo of Cosgrove and Lynch placed 32nd and 33rd with times of 20:57.2 and 21:00.7.

Kluge was 37th with a time of 21:11.3, and the Norsemen's final runner was Liagre, 51st at 21:42.3.

Next for the boys and Michalik is the Division 1 state championship meet Saturday, Nov. 3, at Michigan International Speedway.

Cross country

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Ladies and a gentleman make state title meet

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls cross-country team is headed to the state finals, thanks to its top three finish in last weekend's Division 3 regional meet at Hess Hathaway Park.

Head coach Lindsey Bachman watched her runners steadily improve, and they hit their stride during the past couple of weeks.

Byron won with 36 points, followed by ULS with 81 and Marine City with 87. All three will compete in the state

championship meet Saturday, Nov. 3, at Michigan International Speedway.

Leading the way for the Knights was junior Maggie Dunn, who placed seventh with a time of 21:32.9.

Two others earned All-Region honors by finishing in the top 15, freshmen Gracie Govier-Laparl and Emilia Bronk. They placed 12th and 15th with times of 22:12.0 and 22:23.6.

Junior Margaret Hartigan and sophomore Sophia Ma finished 27th and 28th, posting times of 23:06.7 and 23:11.0, to

round out the Knights' scorers.

Junior Ava Henness also ran in the varsity race, finishing 37th with a time of 24:41.5, and junior Sadie Ancona was 49th with a time of 26:15.5.

The boys placed eighth with 204 points. Sandusky won the title with 48 points, and the other state qualifiers are Madison Heights Bishop Foley and Byron, which finished second and third with 92 and 95 points.

Memphis just missed making the state finals, taking fourth with 96 points.

Junior Ashton Pongratz made the state finals as an individual, finishing sixth with a time of 18:18.5. He will also be at MIS Saturday, Nov. 3.

Junior Ian Shogren was 33rd with a time of 19:38.7, while freshman Russell Floyd took 54th with a time of 21:02.8.

The Knights' other competitors were freshmen Jacob Whitton and Taveon Colston, who finished 56th and 58th with times of 21:09.6 and 21:17.9.

Sophomore Javier Villegas also ran and placed 67th with a time of 22:26.6 for the Knights.



PHOTO BY TOM DAILEY

University Liggett School's Ashton Pongratz earned a spot in the state title meet at MIS.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Krasner, Rulison qualify for state finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Two Grosse Pointe South cross-country runners, senior Devon Krasner and sophomore Charlie Rulison, qualified for the Division 1 state championship meet.

The duo finished in the top 15 in last weekend's regional meet at Lake St. Clair Metropark.

The top three teams and top 15 individual runners earned a spot in

the state finals.

For the girls, Bloomfield Hills won with 45 points, followed by Birmingham Seaholm with 71 and Troy with 72. South was eighth with 181 points.

Krasner was sixth with a time of 19:13.1. She is making her third straight state finals appearance.

The Blue Devils' next three runners all raced to season-best performances and included Lizzie High, 21:09; MaryClaire Diamond,

21:20; and Lizzy Bellovich, 21:37.

Also racing well for the Blue Devils were Sarah Rabaut, 21:39, Paloma Beacham, 21:50, and Sarah Bellovich, 22:45.

"Even though we had a top five finish goal and we were just 10 points away, we could not have raced any better," head coach Steve Zaranek said. "So many of our girls had season-best performances and raced so well. We earned our

place and felt so good about our performances and our support of one another. We had a great afternoon."

As for the boys, they finished sixth with 137 points. State qualifiers were Grosse Pointe North, first with 65 points; Birmingham Brother Rice, second with 94; and Royal Oak, third with 99.

Rulison took 13th with a time of 16:24 to qualify for the state finals. His time is the ninth-best in South history.

"We are proud of you all," head coach Mark Sonnenberg said. "Thank you for a great season."

The Blue Devils also had senior Blake Weaver finish 24th with a time of 16:55.3 and junior Tucker Griffin, who was 27th at 16:57.7.

Also, Jake Vallan ran the third-best freshman time in Blue Devil history at 17:03.7 to take 29th,



PHOTO BY HADLEY DIAMOND

South senior Devon Krasner cruised to a top 10 finish and earned another trip to the state finals.

and junior Dominic Dulac ran a time of 17:26.9.

Sonnenberg's other varsity runners were sophomore Abraham Abouljoud, who ran a 17:35.0, and senior Brandon Flaherty, who

came in at 17:46.1.

"That's the thing. We saved our best race for last, and while it wasn't top-3, it was the best team South has had since 2012," Sonnenberg said. "We have improved for five-straight seasons."

Soccer

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL



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So close

University Liggett School's Nolan Ondersma, left, and his teammates dropped a tough 2-1 Division 4 regional semifinal to Ann Arbor Greenhills last week. Head coach David Dwaihy and his Knights knew this would be a close game and they were right. It went down to the final seconds before Greenhills prevailed. Ondersma scored the Knights goal. ULS finished 11-7-2, overall and Dwaihy loses seniors Henry Combs, Nisi Kefalonitis, captain Zach Elliott, Alec Azar, William Higbie, Tre Holmes and Victor Tawansy to graduation.

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Football

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

South victim of poor 4th quarter

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South had host and favored Dearborn Fordson on the ropes in its Division 1 pre-district football play-off game last weekend.

The Blue Devils built a 17-3 lead and were winning the field-position battle in the third quarter.

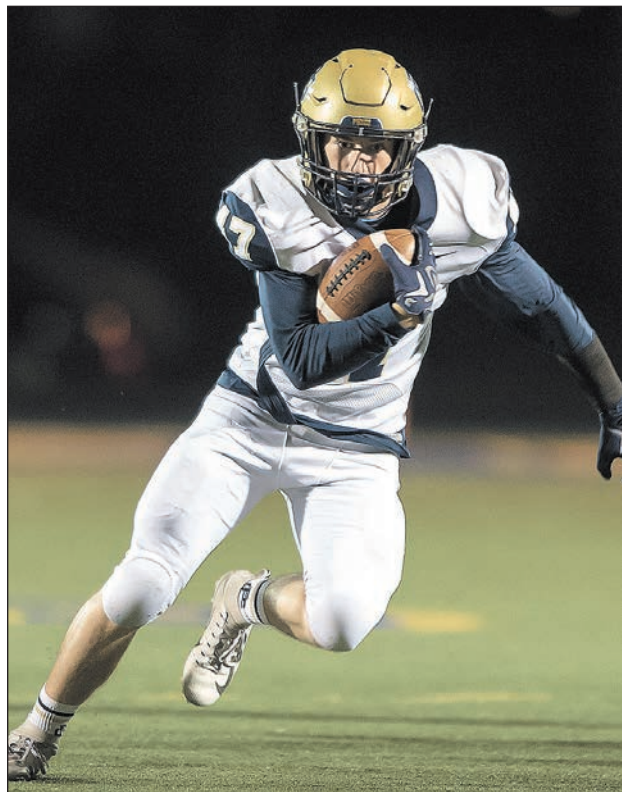
They started consecutive drives on the Tractors' side of the 50-yard line, but failed to take advantage of those opportunities.

The Tractors put their game in overdrive in the fourth quarter, scoring three touchdowns to beat the Blue Devils 24-17. The Blue Devils played without their leading running back, senior Conor McKenna, who had an injured shoulder.

"Our kids gave them everything they could handle," head coach Tim Brandon said. "Our kids played their hearts out. They fought until the final horn.

"I got a little conservative too early, trying to run clock. It's a tough loss, and one we had control of."

The Blue Devils built the two-touchdown lead after a pair of touchdown runs by senior back Collin McQueen and a short field goal by senior Scott Rosati.



South senior Collin McQueen runs for a second-quarter touchdown.

Defensive coordinator Chad Hepner bottled up the Tractors' explosive offense for three quarters.

The momentum changed after the Blue Devils lost a fumble on the final play of the third quarter inside their 15-yard line.

Three plays into the fourth quarter, the Tractors scored to make it a 17-10 game.

South punted on the ensuing possession after three running plays net-

ted only eight yards.

This time, the Tractors used a 54-yard run by their standout tailback, senior Abraham Jaafar, to tie the game midway through the final quarter.

The Blue Devils punted again, and a positive punt return gave Fordson the ball at the South 24-yard line. Hepner's defense held and forced a field-goal try. It was short, and the game was still tied at 17.

The Blue Devils were forced to punt for a sixth



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South freshman Will Johnson hauls in a pass from senior Ryan Downey in the first half.

time in the second half, and the strong wind limited the length of the kick. The Tractors got the ball back on the Blue Devils' 37-yard line with under two minutes left.

A screen pass turned into the go-ahead touchdown, and with 41 seconds left, the home team had its only lead of the game.

On their final possession of the game, senior quarterback Ryan Downey was sacked on first and second down, but delivered a 35-yard strike to freshman Will Johnson put the ball near midfield.

Downey spiked the ball to stop the clock, and the game ended after a couple of incomplete passes.

Downey finished 9 of 19 for 169 yards through the air, while McQueen rushed for 70 yards on 15 carries with two touchdowns.

Johnson had 108 yards receiving on five catches, and senior Patrick Dougherty had 52 yards on three receptions.

Junior A.J. Benson had the other reception for nine yards.

The defense played well for a majority of the game, forcing a couple of turnovers in the process.

Grosse Pointe South finished 8-2 overall.

Brandon loses seniors Downey, Dylan Mico, Lucas Epstein, Dougherty, Rosati, James Raugh, Brady McCarron, Adam Ebenhoeh, Jeff Catrambone, Andrew Maccagnone, John Poplawski, James Ulku, Donald McGlone, McQueen, Richard Morissette, Seamus MacLeod, Miles Dearing, Nolan Ulp, Thomas Bsharah, C.J. Carion, Tanner Belanger, Terrence Lane, Jalen Jones, Will Jackman and Riley Francis to graduation.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils sweep

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls swimming and diving team prepared for the upcoming division meet by sweeping Marian, Country Day and Regina last week.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Renee Liu, Clarice Fisher, Olivia Yoo and Hadley Gordon had a time of 1:49.98, and the 400-yard freestyle relay squad of Liu, Yoo, Fisher and Elizabeth Klepp had a time of 3:46.07.

Fisher, one of the competitors honored on senior night, won a couple of individual events.

She won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:12.63, and came back to take the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:08.07.

Yoo and Liu also won multiple individual events. Yoo was first in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly, posting times of 1:57.18 and 58.82, while Liu won the 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke with times of 53.75 and 58.03.

Hayden Barry was first in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:28.64.

Other Blue Devils who earned points were Lily Bates in the 200-yard

freestyle; Klepp in the 200-yard IM; Hannah Blanz and Hadley Gordon in the 50-yard freestyle; Caroline Rogers in diving; Morgan Palace and Anna Cornell in the 100-yard butterfly; Audrey Smihal in the 500-yard freestyle; Klepp and Adrienne Byarski in the 100-yard backstroke; and Mia Kinkade in the 100-yard breaststroke.

In addition, the 200-yard freestyle relays of Bates, Blanz, Phoebe Bedsworth and Gordon took second with a time of 1:44.56, and Meg Gleason, Palace, Klepp and Barry took third at 1:49.72.

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4 Typing measures
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13 "Pokemon" genre
14 Reaction to fireworks
15 Kin of three-card monte
17 Silent
18 Brewery product
19 Sun-dried bricks
21 Prize at a county fair
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25 Playwright Levin
26 Pirates' quaff
28 Detox center, for short
31 Half quart
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9 Stunner

10 Libertine
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20 As yet unpaid
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Solution for last weeks puzzle 10/25/18

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CHAMPS:

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managers were Mila Filipof and Billy Kopicki. ULS finished the season 18-4 overall.

ULS made the finals after dispatching Dearborn 2-0 in the first semifinal of the night. ULS lost 1-0 to Dearborn in its first game of the season in August.

Kogel scored two early goals and the Knights' defense did the rest.

Birgbauer was stellar at both ends of the field, and on defense it was Fox and Carron keeping Dearborn's forwards from getting any momentum.

Wujek had the shutout in net.

In the quarterfinals, ULS beat city rival Grosse Pointe North 3-2.

In the first meeting between them this season, the Knights won 5-1, but this playoff matchup was a better-played contest.

"I'm so proud of the girls," North head coach Emma Huellmantel said. "It's been a great group of girls to work with, and they wanted to be a good team. They worked hard to do that, and I think we showed today we are a good field hockey team."

"It's a tough loss, but our future is brighter since we have girls who want to play Futures, which will only help."

The Knights built a 3-0 lead, thanks to a first-half goal from Birgbauer, and second-half tallies from Karolak.

The Knights had opportunities to stretch the lead, but Norsemen senior goaltender Ally Saigh made several saves

to keep them in the game.

With eight minutes left, North's Clare Murphy scored to get the Norsemen on the board, and with less than two minutes left Erina Nazarko redirected a Murphy shot into the back of the net.

All of a sudden, it was a one-goal game and the Norsemen had all the momentum.

The Knights were able to clear the ball out of harm's way in the final 82 seconds, and they moved to the semifinals, while North ended its season.

Grosse Pointe North finished 9-7 overall, and Huellmantel loses seniors Maddie Mills, Saigh, Nazarko, Emma Martell, Lexi Guarini, Lainey Aldridge, Maria DiSanto, Olivia Kenzie, Emma Gentile, Natalie Weitecha and Murphy to graduation.

Field hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Ladies fall in semis

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls field hockey team pulled off a minor upset last week, beating host Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 3-1 in a Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 quarterfinal.

The Blue Devils, the No. 5 seed, beat the No. 4 seed for the second time this season, thanks to a relentless offensive scheme and the solid play of goaltender Tori Potter.

Head coach Margi Whittingham watched

her Blue Devils grab a 1-0 lead off a goal from Caitlin Rionda.

Kennedy Mason dribbled down the left side of the field, hit a cross across the circle, and Rionda redirected it into the back of the net just three minutes into the game.

Gabriel Richard tied it 10 minutes later, and it was a 1-1 game at the half.

The eventual game-winning goal came from Molly Ryszewski off a penalty corner. She shot a rebound into the net off the initial shot from Sophia Remelius.

Megs Bojarczyk added an insurance goal later in the second half, scoring off a penalty corner. She tipped in a shot from Remelius that was redi-

rected by Ryszewski.

The two-goal advantage was too much for Gabriel Richard as the Blue Devils' defense turned back any scoring chance the home team tried to muster.

Now came the biggest challenge of the season, trying to beat the No. 1 seed Wixom St. Catherine in a semifinal at Farmington Hills Harrison High School two nights later.

The Blue Devils couldn't find their mojo in a 4-0 loss, ending their season 12-5-1 overall.

Graduating seniors are Elizabeth Byarski, Jacquelyn Knapp, Lindsay Froelich, Robyn Rush, Emery Mathews, Claire Koeppen, Gwynth Tiderington and Tori Potter.

Volleyball

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Rounding out regular season

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Two University Liggett School girls volleyball players, senior Mary Weiermiller and junior Bella Cubba, earned a spot on the All-Catholic Team, while senior Nicole Rivera earned All-Academic.

On the court in the past couple of weeks, the Knights lost a non-league match to Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, and came back to fall to the No. 1 seed Wixom St. Catherine of Siena in the first round of the Catholic League playoffs.

The Knights played both matches without their starting middle hitters, who missed the matches with illnesses.

Last week, the Knights lost 25-19, 25-18, 25-12 to host Macomb Lutheran North.

"Despite the loss it was our best performance of the season," head coach Dan Sullivan said.

Playing well for the Knights were juniors Izzy Tomlinson and Melanie Zampardo, as well as Cubba and Weiermiller.

ULS prepares for its Division 3 district tournament, which started Monday, Oct. 29, with Detroit Central, Detroit Cristo Rey, Detroit Edison PSA Early College of Excellence and Detroit Pershing competing.

South results

Grosse Pointe South ended division play and its regular season last week, losing 20-25, 25-17, 14-25, 25-16, 15-12 to host Port Huron Northern.

Head coach Krysta Kreyger and her Blue Devils tied for second with L'Anse Creuse North at 7-3 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

Sterling Heights Stevenson won the title at 9-1.

Freshman Jada DiVita

led the way with 23 kills, while senior Charlotte Brecht had 10 kills and seven blocks.

Senior Gretchen Brockway had 32 assists. With the regular season behind them, the Blue Devils prepare for the state playoffs.

The schedule during the second half of the season has been challenging, which Kreyger wanted to prepare her players for what will be a tough road through the districts.

For senior captains Brockway, Brecht and Cynthia Hogan, this is a chance to add another post-season title to their resume.

Grosse Pointe South is 23-12-8 overall.

North results

Grosse Pointe North dropped its final division match of the season in recent action, losing 28-26, 25-22, 24-26, 25-16 to host Anchor Bay.

Junior Christina Braker led the offense with 10 kills, while senior Jamie Brewer added nine.

Senior Evelyn Zacharias finished with three aces and a 2.72 passing average.

"All three played with heart and intensity the entire game," head coach Chelsea Brozo said. "They displayed great leadership."

The Norsemen had their chances at pulling off an upset.

However, they couldn't win the crucial points down the stretch of the first two games.

They rallied to win game three and force a fourth game, but the Norsemen ran out of gas.

Grosse Pointe North finished the regular season 1-9 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and fell to 13-25 overall.

North hosts a Division 1 district championship match at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1.

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