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Holiday spirit

City of Grosse Pointe Foundation President John Shook and City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Chris Boettcher stand with official switch-flippers Kathryn and RJ Borawski during The Village tree-lighting ceremony Nov. 16. The event included the ceremonial switch provided by the city of Grosse Pointe Woods, songs by the Grosse Pointe South choir, hot chocolate from the Grosse Pointe Boat Club, complimentary cone dogs from Mike Muir and Harvard Grill and warming fires courtesy of the City Parks and Recreation Department. For more photos from the event, visit grossepointenews.com.

Teacher resigns

North teacher resigns over insensitive comment to student

By Mary Anne Brush
 Staff Writer

A life skills teacher at Grosse Pointe North High School resigned following a student complaint about an inappropriate comment made in class Monday, Nov. 12.

Christopher Harris-Thomas was talking to another student about what she was doing to celebrate her birthday, according to a Facebook post by his mother, Deidra Harris.

"There was a special needs girl in his class that just turned 20, so my son engaged in conversation by saying happy birthday and being encouraging to say now that you're 20, do you look forward to being 21," Harris wrote.

her shoulders, Harris-Thomas turned to the teacher who was nearby and asked what she did for her 21st birthday.

"She replied that she was in college and went to her brother's graduation. So my son stated, 'I'm going to the club.' Her immediate response was, 'If you make it.' Then she clarified twice laughingly, 'If you make it to 21.' At that time there was shock from the class and another student said she needs to apologize. She refused and stated, 'It's not like you haven't said anything bad in the class before.' The bell rang and my son went to lunch. Now as an adult imagine the pain this child felt inside."

For Harris-Thomas, 21," Harris wrote.

When the girl shrugged See RESIGNS, page 4A

City looks to rezone Mack Ave.

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The final project to make the city's zoning code consistent with its master plan is underway.

Council approved city planners McKenna to move forward with a zoning ordinance review on Mack Avenue Monday, Nov. 12.

Adopted in 2012, the master plan called for a number of new zoning districts in the city. The Mack corridor is the last of four to be revisited — a hospital, neighborhood and transition district in The Village

also were discussed in the master plan and subsequently revisited by council.

While the master plan sets down the vision and direction a community would like to go, it is the zoning code which implements that vision. According to the city, "zoning is the only method the City retains ... control of the character, design and development of what goes where and under what conditions."

For Mack, city planners John Jackson and Brian Keesey wrote in a memo to council "allowing flexibility for property owners to attract

the best tenants, maintaining attractive buildings, providing adequate parking and protecting adjacent residential land uses are only a few of the objectives identified in the master plan."

According to city officials, business owners on Mack suggested the alternating zoning on Mack should change. Currently there are some blocks zoned commercial while others are restricted office use.

The city would like to create a seamless mix of commercial uses along the corridor, which the current zoning code inhibits.

"Grosse Pointe has

recently invested significant resources in the image of the Mack Avenue corridor in the form of streetscape improvements," wrote Jackson and Keesey. "As a result of these improvements and other factors, there has been increased development interest in property along Mack Avenue. At times the current zoning has represented an obstacle to reinvestment and the City has had to make 'fixes' to the ordinance to allow good development."

McKenna laid out a number of options.

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Offer rescinded
 District searching for new baseball coach

By Mary Anne Brush
 Staff Writer

Racist tweets from six and seven years ago were deemed offensive enough by Grosse Pointe North High School administration to rescind the appointment of a head baseball coach.

North Athletic Director Michelle Davis announced the hiring of Michael Rubenstein as North's new varsity

baseball coach last week. He most recently was the head assistant for the North-Harrison Unified Varsity Team in 2017 and assistant varsity coach for Farmington Hills Harrison in the 2015 and 2016 seasons. He also was head coach of the Michigan Bulls four years.

Rubenstein played See COACH, page 2A

Retiree healthcare action plan sent to state

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Council approved a corrective action plan to address two underfunded retiree healthcare plans Monday, Nov. 12.

Passed in 2017, Public Act 202 of 2017, the "Protecting Local Government Retirement and

Benefits Act" set out to address underfunded pension and retiree healthcare plans of Michigan municipalities.

During the first reporting round, the two Farms retiree healthcare plans — general employee and public safety — came back as underfunded, according to Michigan Department of Treasury guide-

lines. According to PA 202, an underfunded retiree healthcare system is any plan less than 40 percent funded and requiring more than 12 percent general fund annual contributions.

As of June 2017, the general employee retiree healthcare system currently is funded at 15 percent and public safety at 31

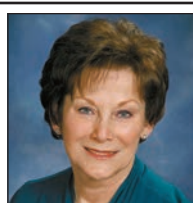
percent. The system statuses are deceptive, however, according to city officials. Both pension plans — separate from the healthcare plans — exceed the 60 percent funding required by the state. As of June 2018, the general employee plan is at 94 percent

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Valerie Moran
 Home: Grosse Pointe Farms
 Former councilwoman approaches life, challenges with a can-do attitude



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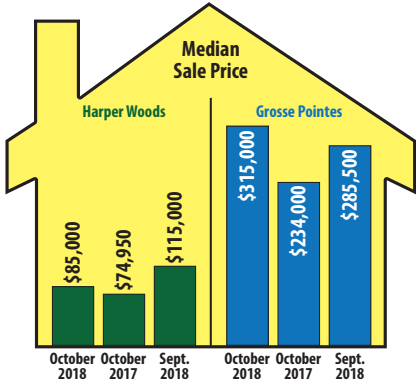
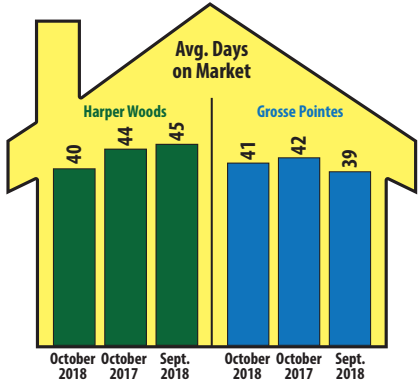
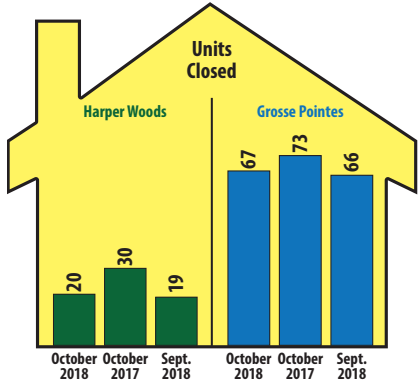
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Housing market stays frustratingly stable

October housing data recently released by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors indicates the housing market in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe is frustratingly stable. The market is frustrating because sellers are seeing fewer offers and consequently receiving a lower percentage of their asking price. For buyers the few numbers of homes for sale still provide little to choose from and the need to act quickly on ones in excellent condition, said Lori Jaglois, president of the Grosse Pointe board.

For example, percentage of asking price dropped October 2017 to October 2018 from 97.3 percent to 96.2 percent in Grosse Pointe, and from 96.7 percent to 93.6 percent in Harper Woods.

The number of homes for sale has dropped from 233 in October to 195 in November in Grosse Pointe, while Harper Woods has seen a slight increase in homes for sale with 58 last month to 61



remain a good time for those who want to buy or sell to do so. Should something like that occur, be assured the GPBR will be watching and report it here.”

The real estate professional must know much in today's complex real estate environment. Consequently, sellers and buyers should demand the best in professional service. General information available on the internet is helpful. Fine-tuning an action plan, however, requires a Realtor who knows you and your neighborhood. Do you have a Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors broker?

this month.

The market also is experiencing a return to traditional seasonality. The same number of homes do not sell every month. Instead, depending on the market, sales are impacted by time of year, holidays, the school year, etc. Up until the Great Recession, the seasonality of the market was something everyone was accustomed to experiencing. During the Great Recession seasonality disappeared as inventories were impacted by financial concerns such as short sales, foreclosure, etc. Even in affluent markets, banks looking to

take homes off their books by the end of the calendar year helped swell otherwise low inventories in November and December.

Now with few properties in financial distress, seasonality has returned to an unaccustomed marketplace. This is returning

the market to a traditional rhythm. While this is actually a good thing and an indication of a healthy market, for many change is generally viewed in a negative light, creating more concern than it should.

“We will need to see

where we are in February and March before we know what 2019 will look like,” Jaglois said. “Unless something significant occurs to roil the market between now and then, the traditionally slower market during the Michigan winter should

GPYC bowling center gets upgrade

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The bowling lanes downstairs at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club have gone from dungeon to palace in recent months.

A series of changes have brightened and opened up the space, which includes new opportunities for members.

“It was a dungeon,” said Commodore Sean Schotthoefer. “There was a low ceiling across the room, a tight stairwell. We opened it up.”

New wood floors were installed and monitors were replaced, he said, and where drywall once lined the lanes, now wood paneling spiffs up the area.

A bar also was installed, as was a plat-

form for the bowling pro. One of the ladies' room stalls was removed to allow for extra space and the lockers were moved to a different room.

“It's more open and more exciting,” Schotthoefer said. “No matter where you are, you can see actual bowling going on. And we're getting more new furniture — new tables and chairs.”

New couches already have been added.

Just past the bowling alley is an open room the club has turned into an area for teens. They're adding more televisions and they've upped their Wi-Fi system, Schotthoefer said, from 50 gigabytes to 500.

“The thought process was to give kids a place to go and also teenag-

ers,” he said. “It's space they can go and hang out. ... We made it a place they can come to after school.”

“We wanted to get it more family friendly,” he continued. “We're booking Saturday and Sunday birthday parties, too.”

On the far side of the youth area is access to the outdoors, where the club installed an outdoor kitchen with a smoker. Though closed for the season, it offers great promise when the weather warms.

“The outside was tall bushes,” Schotthoefer said. “Now we've got sinks, a smoker. And we're adding a pizza oven, so we can offer food all day long.”

“We are landlocked,” he continued. “It's a matter of using our space

more efficiently. We're adding as many new amenities as we can going through here.”

Schotthoefer also noted the opening of the club's new splash pad, as well as the addition of \$60,000 in new kitchen equipment. Overall, changes have been well received.

“We're trying to make it more exciting,” he said. “Everybody's thinking something different, so we're offering what we can.”

“With all the things we've done, there's a lot of value added here,” said Jim Morrow, president of the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation.

The bowling recreation center celebrated its official grand opening late summer.

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COACH:

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four years at Division II Northwood University in Midland, graduating in

2014. His tweets, which made derogatory comments about Asian and black people, were made in 2011 and 2012.

The process used for his selection was the

“same process we use for administrators and other high-profile hires in the district,” said Jon Dean, deputy superintendent for educational services. The selection committee consisted of parents, staff, administrators and students.

“Like we do for all candidates, we checked his current employer and people with knowledge of his baseball coaching skills,” Dean said. “And we checked his recent social media profile. We went back six to 12 months.”

Monday afternoon, Davis and Principal Kate Murray notified North parents that

Rubenstein's services were no longer needed effective Nov. 19.

“This decision was made because the Grosse Pointe Public School System values all of our stakeholders,” the email stated. “All of our students deserve adults that support and embody compassion, diversity and integrity.”

“As we move forward to identify the next baseball coach, we will continue to use parents, students and staff as part of the process. The position will be posted in the near future. We will keep families informed as the selection process continues.”

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Parade lineup

In order of appearance

The following is the order of participants in the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, which begins 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23. The parade is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

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Group A

Honor Guard
Mounted Division
Patrol Bikes
Motorcycles
SWAT Team
Grosse Pointe Fire Trucks
Wayne County
Community College
District Fire Truck
Mayors
Flint Scottish Band
Prisoner of War
War Memorial Military
Trucks
Grosse Pointe Public
Library
Grosse Pointe News/
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American House Grosse
Pointe
Grosse Pointe Historical
Society
Rick Schrage
EyesOn Design
Junior League of Detroit
Grosse Pointe and Harper
Woods ARC
Grosse Pointe Equestrian

Group B

Ascension St. John
Hospital
Parade Co. Float and
Parade Marshals
The Lions Club
Kerby Cub Scouts
Kerby Elementary
School
Grosse Pointe Farms
Foundation
Higbie Maxon Agney
Kerby Daisy/Brownell
Girl Scouts
I "heart" GP Float
Grosse Pointe North
Marching Band
Grosse Pointe North
Cheer
Girl Scouts of Southeast
Michigan No. 71293
Grosse Pointe North
Class/Alumni
Grosse Pointe North
Drama
Gearheads
Eastside Tennis & Fitness
Float

Group C

Hampton Fox &
Associates
Maire Cub Scouts Pack
19
Harper Woods Marching
Band
Bayview Yacht Club
Sailboat
Richard Girl Scouts No.
76501
Grosse Pointe City
Foundation
Defer Elementary School
LaLonde Jewelers &
Gemologists
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Appraisers and Estate
Sales
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Grosse Pointe Board of
Realtors
Faircourt Dental Float
Grosse Pointe Academy
Float
Wakefield Sutherland
Lubera PLC
Trombly Pack 86
Shrine Lancers
PFLAG
Beaumont Hospital

Group D

Aitken-Ormond
TCBY Mascot
University Liggett
School
Monteith Pack 85
City of Grosse Pointe
Woods
Grosse Pointe Red
Barons & Cheer Team
DTE Energy Foundation
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe
Float
Capricious
Morning Glory
Bull Dog Hockey Team
St. Clare of Montefalco
Float
Pointe Kitchen and Bath
Grosse Pointe Theatre
Cruella De Vil
Dalmatian Club
Focus 313
Henry Ford Medical
Fitzgerald High School
Marching Band
Grosse Pointe
Democratic Club

Group E

Chemical Bank
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Christian Financial
Clown Corps
Belding Cleaners
Redford Township
Unicycle Club
Small Favors
St. Paul Cub Scouts 61
St. Paul Boy Scouts 6100
St. Paul Teacher of the
Year
St. Paul Girl Scouts
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Jumps Restaurant
Coldwell Banker Weir
Manuel
Nurse Next Door
Detroit Fireman Clowns
Casali Dancers
To Detroit, With Love
Edsel & Eleanor Ford
House

Group F

Big Heads
Grosse Pointe South
Dance Team
Kercheval Dance
Northern Trust Co.
Girl Scouts of Southeast
Michigan No. 70399
Grosse Pointe & Harper
Woods NAACP
PAWS
Grosse Pointe South
Marching Band
Grosse Pointe Geek
American Boat Club
Sine & Monaghan
Fisher Pointe Dental
Parade Co. Float

Group G

Assumption Greek
Orthodox Church
Hellenic Dancers
Mason Cub Scouts Pack
290
Bresser Carriage
Train
Inflatables
Christmas Carol
Santa Claus

Following the parade, Santa Claus will be at The Whiskey Six, 646 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe, to take photos with children. For more information, call the Chamber at (313) 881-4722.

Curb-appeal honors

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Home and business owners were honored for outstanding curb appeal Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Lochmoor Club.

Debbie McCarthy, who chairs the 15-member Beautification Advisory Commission, opened the 45th annual Beautification Awards Night by introducing commission members and describing the awards selection process. Beginning in spring, the commission reviews recommendations submitted for overall property beautification or beautification in property renovation before undergoing a vetting and approval process, which includes taking photos and developing written descriptions for each property.

The honor of receiving a beautification award is limited to once every 10 years for homeowners. Each honoree receives a commemorative stake for the front lawn. Renovation beautification award recipients also are given a commemorative tile.

Businesses may win a beautification award each year. Winning seven out of 10 years earns a business the Landmark Award. A beautification honor 10 consecutive years following the dis-

inction of receiving the Landmark Award qualifies a business for the Legacy Award.

Home beautification honorees were: Olga Agnello, 1418 Hampton; Mary and Doug Annas, 818 Sunningdale; Steve and Sue Brock, 1560 Fairholme; Renee Brueckner, Denise Rideout and Sara Sessions, 972 N. Brys; Elena Centeio and Tony Smith, 850 S. Oxford; Grace and Pat Cooley, 2001 Lancaster; Ron and Cindy Eisenhart, 1883 Lancaster; Jason and Gloria Hinz, 725 Fairford; Jaime and Arta Martinzes, 1200 Vernier; Tim and Karen Olson, 1453 Hawthorne; Margaret Potter, 1834 Allard; Grant and Stephenie Ruttinger, 1745 Stanhope; Jim and Kathy Scherer, 1923 Broadstone; Curt and Anne Weiermiller, 1507 Sunningdale.

Business beautification honorees were Closet Connections, Flagstar Bank, Gratitude Salon, Grosse Pointe Stone Works, Little Blue Book and Towar Productions, Moehring Woods Flowers, Salvatore Scallopini and Spa in the Woods.

The commission's annual flower sale in May funds the awards event.

—Melissa Walsh
Renee Landuyt contributed to this report.



Sara Sessions and Renee Brueckner became friends when Sessions sold her home to Brueckner. Brueckner invited Sessions to be her guest at the award ceremony because, Brueckner said, "Sara did all the work on the landscaping before I purchased her house in April and all I did was add mulch so I wanted her to get credit for her work."



Frank Cognetto and Nick Notarianni, owners of Grosse Pointe Stone Works, received a business beautification award. This is the fifth consecutive year they have received this award.

REZONE:

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Council decided to move forward with a plan, which McKenna estimates will cost \$17,500 to \$25,000. According to the city, \$45,000 was set aside in its 2018-19 budget to accomplish the task.

The plan is to develop a new highly graphic form-based code. The city planners will refine standards for residential transition to parking as well as design, incorporate stormwater management low impact concepts, explore different redevelopment scenarios on certain sites and blocks and create a long-term parking strategy for the area.

The city also will invite the city of Detroit to participate in the process to review plans and zoning on both sides of Mack.

"Mack Avenue represents the 'front door' of the City and it also represents a connection between the City of Grosse Pointe and the city of Detroit," wrote Jackson and Keese. "Coordinating standards between the two communities has the potential to protect and improve property values and create an attractive and thriving corridor."

Along with working with Detroit, the city plans on holding seven public hearings throughout the process to hear feedback from business owners, property owners and adjacent residential neighbors.

While the city planners are working on the Mack zoning code, they also will review the entire zoning ordinance for any other technical corrections that could be changed while council considers the revisions on Mack.

The Week Ahead

FRIDAY, NOV. 23

◆ Lions Club Jingle Bell Walk/Run, 9 a.m. start at The Whiskey Six, 646 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe. Registration begins 8 a.m. Distance is 2.2 miles. All ages welcome.
◆ Santa Claus Parade, 10 a.m. on Kercheval from The Hill to The Village.

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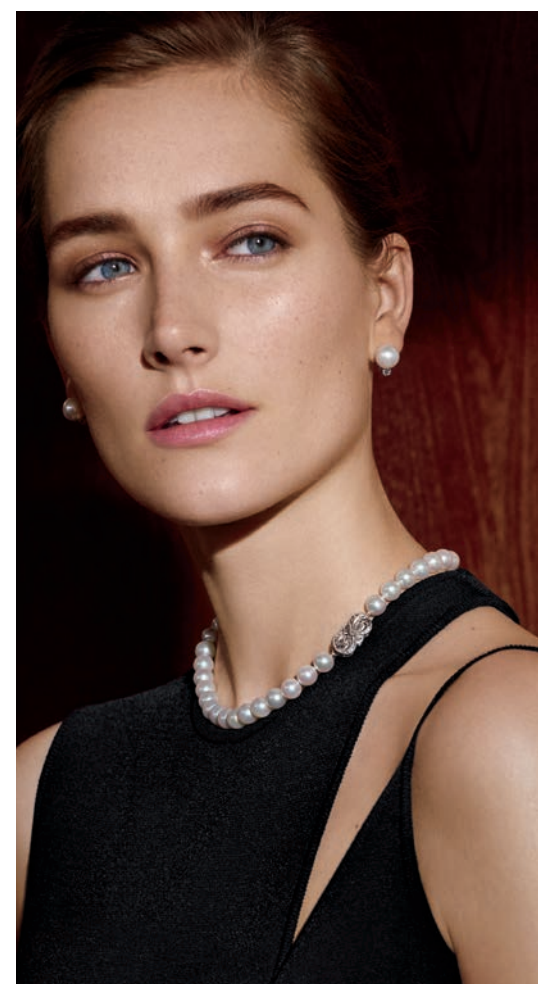
◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Lighting of the Village, 6 p.m. at the municipal building, 795 Lakeshore.

MONDAY, NOV. 26

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 27

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting 8 a.m., at the municipal building, 795 Lakeshore.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.



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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

Farms woman loves living her best life

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

"I hardly say no to opportunities if they come. If I'm not sure, more than likely I'll say yes than no because interesting things happen in life if you just open your eyes to them."

And that's how Valerie Moran has danced with the king of Malaysia, learned to SCUBA dive, became a politician, survived cancer and soon will have her home featured in a series of DTE Energy television commercials.

The Grosse Pointe Farms resident said she got her "just try it" attitude from her parents.

"They would say, it doesn't matter if you're a girl or a boy; if you put your mind to it, you can do it," Moran said.

Moran's family has deep roots in the Grosse Pointe community, her grandfather moving to the Village of Lochmoor — now Grosse Pointe Woods — when Moran's mother was 14.

"He was the first police chief," she said.

Moran grew up in the Woods and attended Mason Elementary, Parcels Middle and Grosse Pointe High schools, eventually marrying her high school sweetheart, Patrick. They spent 27 years in Grosse Pointe Park where they raised their daughters — Ashley Grice, the CEO of BrightHouse, who lives in Atlanta; and Lauren Yuzon, an international lawyer with Navy Federal Credit Union, who lives in Washington, D.C.



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Valerie Moran and her husband, Patrick.

"I'm very proud of both girls," she said.

Moran earned an undergraduate degree from Michigan State University, majoring in home economics with a business minor.

"My mother was a tailor," she said. "She always had a sewing machine out. I really got into that at a young age with her. I learned to sew when I was 5. I thought I'd go into textiles."

Moran used her degree to teach home economics at Clintondale High School and Macomb Community College, then attended Wayne State University where she earned a master's degree in vocational education with an emphasis on business and food service.

She substitute taught at Grosse Pointe North High School and took interest in rebuilding its then-dwindling food service program.

Additionally, Moran

has done cooking demonstrations, sold cookware products and had a hand in Fontbonne's Renaissance Cuisine cookbook — and promoted it on local cable television.

"One summer I went to culinary school to learn bread-making," she said. "It was on a whim. It looked fun so I thought I'd try it. At the time the kids were on the swim team. I'd bring home 25 loaves of bread a day and take them to swim practice and hand them out. I was very popular."

"I also went to a few small cooking schools," she added. "I went to one in New Orleans, where I learned to make etouffee."

The last 10 of Moran's years in Grosse Pointe Park she spent on city council, which she also did on sort of a whim.

"We came from a family that believed if you wanted to do it, just try it," Moran said. "One year

I thought I'd run for city council. I just thought, 'That looks fun — I want to try that.' I served 10 years on the Park city council."

"Having been a politician and watching politics in the country right now, I believe the job of a politician is to get people to come together, voice their opinions and work together to find common ground," she continued. "I wish we'd get back to that."

Following her stint in politics, a business opportunity took Moran and her husband to Florida.

"The kids had grown and gone, so we lived in Fort Lauderdale for eight years," Moran said. "But I never let go of Grosse Pointe. I have the best friends here."

Her master's degree in business allowed her to teach business technology in Florida.

"Another opportunity in business for my husband allowed us to come back to Grosse Pointe," she said. "We've been back 12 years. It's been fun. Now we have good friends in Florida we visit."

Moran said she loves to travel, often to visit her daughters, but on other trips as well. They recently visited the Philippines and have planned an upcoming trip to Jerusalem.

"As we get older, as long as our health is good, I'd still like to travel," she said. "We might just go at a slower pace, that's all."

One of Moran's more interesting trips involves a certain royal.

"My husband and I had

a recycled rubber business 25 years ago," she said. "The king of Malaysia and some investors were interested in it. I was teaching at Pierce at the time."

Through their business exchanges, the Morans and the king developed a working relationship and the Morans were invited to the king's birthday party.

"I danced with the king of Malaysia on his 70th birthday," she said.

The experience is one of a long list of "just try it" moments in Moran's life.

"I became a SCUBA diver once," she said. "I'm not a swimmer. That terrifies me. But I realized if I can do that, I can do anything."

Using her sewing skills, Moran learned to quilt and then discovered her latest passion, upholstery.

"I'm energetic," she said. "I love being in my house. I love cooking things and I love to sew. A lot of those hobbies are my down time. I enjoy them. They're not a burden."

"My house is the thing I love to play with the most. I love interior design and decorating," she continued. "This last house we bought was new, so I designed and reupholstered it so everything goes where I want it to. It's fun for me."

Her interior design and landscaping skills recently caught the eye of a DTE Energy scout who was roaming the neighborhood looking for a location suitable for a television commercial. He left his card and after Moran did her due dili-

gence, she contacted the scout and said OK.

"They spent one day on the outside and 15 hours on the inside shooting four commercials," Moran said. "So if you see a commercial where the backyard has lights strung up, it might be my house. Or a commercial demonstrating how to install a furnace, it could be our house. Or one with kids sitting in a lower level bar area, it could be our house."

When not traveling or "playing" at home, Moran dedicates much of her time to volunteer work.

"I've always been a volunteer," she said. "When I went to become a city council person, I thought I was doing it for the city, but I got so much more out of it. It feels good doing something for someone else."

Moran currently is a longtime member of Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary, Junior League of Detroit, Beaumont Assistance League, Tau Beta and Grosse Pointe Friends and Neighbors. She also recently joined the Board of Trustees at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, where she is a member.

Additionally, she enjoys working on fundraisers for The War Memorial and recently co-chaired its Art & Antiques preview event.

Keeping busy and giving back are part of Moran's livelihood.

"I'm a cancer survivor," Moran said. "I look at life a little different. You've just got to live it. Enjoy every day. This is the best life you have."

PLAN:

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funded and public safety has 110 percent funding. If the healthcare and pension plans were com-

bined, the two systems would both exceed the state minimum requirements.

According to City Manager Shane Reeside, when the city appealed the state's underfunded

determination, it pointed that out to the state.

"One of the arguments we made in our appeal is if you took those additional assets beyond requirement for pension amount and applied those to our healthcare cost we would exceed the 40 percent amount there as well," Reeside said. "But they didn't buy that argument."

Instead, the city now is required to submit the

corrective action plan approved by council.

The plan can be viewed in the council packet at grossepointefarms.org.

"There are some things that we outlayed in our corrective action plan. Things that we have already done," Reeside said. "And we, I feel, have been ahead of the curve. Not only that, we started prefunding our systems a number of years ago. In comparison to a lot of our

peers, we are actually better funded in our healthcare portion even though we are not at the threshold required by the state."

City Comptroller Debra Peck said, "Our actuarial report shows that we would achieve the state's targeted funding levels within what they consider a reasonable amount of time."

The state considers a reasonable amount of time 30 years. The Farms

projects the systems funded 40 percent by 2027 and fully funded by 2042.

City officials expect that timetable to accelerate, as well. The city plans on continuing to make contributions to the plans in excess of the required minimums after its annual audits, when surpluses are determined. The audit is expected to be presented to council at its next meeting, Monday, Dec. 10.

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RESIGNS:

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who is black, statistics on homicide rates among

African-American men are no joking matter. Moreover, his older brother, Corey Harris-Thomas, didn't make it to his 21st birthday. On June 6, 2017, the 17-year-old former North student was shot and killed on Detroit's west side trying to sell a pair of Air Jordan shoes.

Jon Dean, deputy

superintendent for educational services, confirmed the incident took place and said, "The comment was unacceptable. Dr. (Gary) Niehaus met with the young man's family and asked administration to complete an investigation of the situation."

The teacher was placed on administrative leave while the investigation

took place. Over the weekend, she submitted her resignation, Dean said.

"I'm happy that she's out of North, but I don't think they should have given her an opportunity to resign," said Harris. "I think they should have been more swift with their decision. It's a no-brainer."

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Grosse Pointe Woods

Vehicle break in

A 48-year-old St. Clair Shores woman reported her black 2018 Chrysler 300 was broken into while parked in the 19000 block of Mack between 6:45 a.m. and 7:40 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12.

The vehicle's rear driver's side window was broken, but no items were reported missing.

Catalytic converter thefts

Three catalytic converter thefts were reported:

◆ An employee of The Rivers, on Cook Road, reported 12:36 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, the facility bus's catalytic converter was removed.

◆ A resident in the 19000 block of Holiday reported the catalytic converter removed from her 2010 Ford Escape parked in her driveway between 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, and 7 a.m. Friday, Nov. 16.

◆ A resident in the 1100 block of Torrey reported the catalytic converter removed from her 2009 Ford Escape parked in her driveway between 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, and 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17.

Vehicle thefts

Two vehicle thefts were reported:

◆ The girlfriend of a patient at Ascension St. John Hospital reported her boyfriend's car stolen from the hospital's north parking lot Wednesday, Nov. 14.

She reported leaving the orange 2017 Dodge Challenger in the lot approximately 12:45 p.m. and returning approximately 7 p.m. to discover it missing.

Shattered glass was found near the parking space.

◆ A resident in the 1700 block of Stanhope reported his dark blue 2012 Jeep Liberty stolen from his driveway between 10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, and 8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 16.

May I steal your phone?

A 24-year-old employee at the Mobil gas station at Mack and Vernier reported his phone stolen by a customer approximately 5:50 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14.

The employee reported the suspect, whom he identified as a frequent customer named Chris, asked to borrow his iPhone after purchasing a lottery ticket.

The suspect made a call and left the building while still on the call before entering a vehicle and fleeing the parking lot.

The employee and another witness described the suspect as a white male in his twenties, approximately 6 foot-1, thin build, black hair and with a tattoo on

the left side of his neck. He was wearing a black jacket, black pants and brown boots.

Suspended license

After an officer stopped the 26-year-old driver of a 2000 Chevy Malibu for an invalid license plate, he discovered the Detroit resident was driving with five current suspensions.

The driver, toting a 24-year-old passenger and two infants, told the officer she was on her way to the hospital to visit her mother.

An acquaintance arrived on the scene to take custody of the infants during the driver's arrest.

Drunken driving

During a traffic stop at Marter and Vernier initiated for speeding, an officer noticed the odor of intoxicants from the driver.

A preliminary blood test at the scene resulting in .11 percent blood alcohol content led to the 57-year-old Shores man's arrest for impaired driving.

Not doctor's orders

A 49-year-old resident reported being scammed out of six \$100 iTunes cards due to fraudulent email messages she received.

The first email dated Wednesday, Nov. 14, communicated her doctor was requesting she purchase three iTunes gift cards valued \$100 each and reply with photos of each.

A second email dated Friday, Nov. 16, requested the same.

After purchasing and sending photos of six gift cards, the woman suspected the requests were fraudulent. She called her doctor's office and learned the requests did not come from her doctor.

The email messages were sent from ryderdtr@yahoo.com.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Highly drunk

Officers arrested a 42-year-old Roseville man for driving with a blood alcohol content of more than .17 percent 1:29 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17.

When a patrolling officer observed a 2009 GMC Acadia parked in the right lane of Lakeshore near Roslyn, he approached the vehicle and discovered a lone occupant in the driver's seat with the key in the ignition and engine off.

When the driver explained to the officer he just left a friend's house and the vehicle stopped running, the officer noticed the odor of intoxicants.

The driver refused to participate in field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test.

Following his arrest, the driver submitted to a preliminary breath test to determine blood alcohol content.

No insurance

Officers arrested a 27-year-old Clinton Township woman 7:48 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, on

Lakeshore after a license plate check uncovered she was driving without valid vehicle insurance.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Tools stolen

A vehicle was broken into and tools stolen overnight Friday, Nov. 16, in the 17000 block of Mack. The victim said they parked and locked their truck in a parking lot overnight. When they returned to it the next morning, the bed cover was cut and \$2,000 to \$3,000 worth of tools taken.

Drunken driving

A 31-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated 10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, on Mack at Washington. The man was pulled over while driving eastbound on Mack with no lights.

While interviewing the driver, officers noted an odor of intoxicants and conducted a field sobriety test. He failed the test but refused a preliminary breath test. After repeated refusals, a warrant was issued and the man was taken to the hospital for a blood draw.

—Anthony Viola
Report information about these and other

crimes to City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Suspended license

A 25-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license 3:50 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, on Mack at Kerby.

The woman was pulled over for non-functioning taillights and a cracked windshield. She was found to have two current suspensions.

Guitar stolen

A resident in the 400 block of La Belle reported a larceny from auto 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 16. The resident said they parked their car in front of their house 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15. They were unsure if it was locked.

When they returned to the car the next morning, their Fender Stratocaster was missing.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Lost and found

A wireless printer and iPad were returned to their owner after being stolen from a vehicle 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, in the 1400 block of

Lakepointe. The items were taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the alley and found hidden in the area.

Check fraud

A 37-year-old Harper Woods resident was arrested for cashing a fraudulent check 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13.

The Harper Woods resident was identified after a Park business owner discovered a fraudulent check cashed from his account. The next day, a second fraudulent check was cashed by a different person.

The investigation is ongoing.

Indecent exposure

A 24-year-old Detroit resident was arrested for indecent exposure 2:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, in the 1400 block of Maryland. A resident witnessed a delivery truck driver park in front of their house and masturbate while sitting in the vehicle. The subject was located and arrested.

Bike stolen

A green Trek bicycle was taken from an unlocked, enclosed rear porch in the 1300 block of Beaconsfield between 9:30 and 11:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15.

—Anthony Viola
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OUR VIEW

'Billet' policy a nonstarter

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education is expected to vote Monday night on an enrollment policy that would allow travel-team athletes who live more than 100 miles away and are being "billeted" by Grosse Pointe families to attend high school here. We think such a policy is not warranted.

The request is being made by Jen and Sam Steinhebel of Grosse Pointe Farms, who met with Superintendent Gary Niehaus over the summer. The couple would like to host — "billet" — a Traverse City girl who has an opportunity to play on the Belle Tire AAA hockey team. The athlete would attend Grosse Pointe South.

The request went before the district's policy committee chaired by school board Vice President Margaret Weertz. After several meetings throughout the summer and early this school year, the committee came up with a proposed addition to the district's enrollment policy. Section 5114 D states:

"The Board also recognizes that some students have the opportunity to engage in athletic endeavors in locales far removed from their home and home districts, and that permitting such students to become members of the student body of the District would benefit not only the participating students but also students of the District. As a result, students at the high school level whose families reside more than 100 miles from the District's Administration Building, but who are billeted with a family able to establish residency in the District, and are participating in an athletic program approved by administration, may enroll in the District. No more than ten such students will be allowed at either high school in any school year. Tuition shall not be charged for such students who reside outside the State of Michigan. Tuition also shall not be charged to students who reside in the State of Michigan and whose home district agrees to release the foundation allowance for such student to the District; otherwise, such students will be required to pay full tuition according to the schedule established by the Board."

It is obvious how the incoming athlete would benefit by the policy. Not only would she be able to play on the Belle Tire team, she also would be attending one of the premier high schools in the state. However, we do not see how the policy would benefit students in the district. In fact, students may find themselves competing with these nonresidents for limited spots on unrelated school sports teams, AP classes, etc.

But that is not our biggest concern. The Grosse Pointe Public School System is not a "Schools of Choice" district. The board reaffirmed that again this year. True, we do allow foreign exchange students to attend our high schools for one year, but that is extraordinary and it is obvious to see how our students would benefit from contact with students of a different country, language and culture.

But travel sports? There are plenty of Schools of Choice available in southeast Michigan for athletes to choose. We do not need to change our policy to accommodate a nonresident student athlete's dream.



Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Pamela Kelly snapped this photo on a recent sunny day. "Walking around in Grosse Pointe, enjoying the beautiful colors of fall," she wrote. "That's why I live here!"

Meet the STAFF

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

Patty Dressler

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◆ Years at the paper:

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◆ Do you have any hobbies?

In addition to graphic art, I enjoy gardening, cooking and collecting — on a small scale — local art and pottery. An avid reader, I still love getting my books at the library. I've been part of a book club for 14 years.

◆ Tell our readers a bit about yourself:

My husband, David, and I have been married 39 years. We cherish spending time with our two children and their families. Five young grandkids keep



us going.

◆ Favorite thing about working at the Grosse Pointe News:

Being part of a great team that shares knowledge and ideas.

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'Blue wave' hits Pointers

To The Editor:

While we're back-slapping the plethora of GOP candidates like John James, Lisa Papas, Mark Corcoran and the ubiquitous Mary Treder Lang, all of whom lost elections for various salaried state posts on Nov. 6, permit me to include a couple of under-the-radar Grosse Pointers, veteran public servants who also were swooshed by the Democrats' "blue wave."

Andrew Richner and David Nicholson. Both are Republicans. Both leave their unpaid university governing offices Dec. 31.

Before you hit Google, Andy Richner, the departing chair of the powerful University of Michigan Board of Regents which he has served for 16 years, is a partner in a major Detroit law firm and a resident of the Park. He got 1,463,851 votes and lost.

Nicholson, who lives in the City, is a five-year veteran of the Wayne State University Board of Governors and CEO of an international chemical company. He got 1,440,692 votes and lost.

Those kinda numbers and they don't rate a farewell mention?

Nicholson was running for the first time. He was appointed to the WSU board in 2013 to fill an unexpired term. Richner, however, has a rich and colorful political background.

A graduate of U-M and Michigan Law School, he served one term on the Park council, two terms as a Wayne County commissioner and three terms in the Michigan Legislature before being elected to the U-M Board of Regents in 2002 and reelected in 2010.

Actually, it might be easy to overlook the losses by Richner and Nicholson. They were only two of a swarm of statewide GOP candidates who got crushed. But the state's Big Three universities really got slam-dunked.

On Jan. 1, Democrats will hold a 7-1 majority on the U-M Board of Regents and a 7-1 majority on the WSU Board of Governors. At MSU, also because of their election losses, Republicans henceforth will be outnumbered 6-2 by Democrats on the board of trustees.

Each of the three universities has a multi-million dollar budget and, in some cases, multi-billion dollar endowments. At those three universities, however, their regents,

trustees or governors serve without compensation.

Hope the winners understood that before they ran.

PETE WALDMEIR
Grosse Pointe Woods

Thank you!

To the Editor:

The Gloria and Thomas Kitchen Memorial Foundation would like to extend many thanks to every individual and business that supported our recent fundraiser Oct. 19 at the Assumption Cultural Center. Only through the generosity of so many was this foundation able to raise approximately \$20,000 to benefit those suffering from cystic fibrosis, at the annual fundraiser started 22 years ago by my late sister, Gloria Kitchen, in memory of our brother Thomas. Recent therapies made possible only by continued research are dramatically improving the lives of those afflicted by this disease. It is this foundation's hope to continue to extend the life of those suffering from cystic fibrosis.

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I SAY By Jody McVeigh

Gratitude when least expected



As families gather around dinner tables this Thanksgiving to share a meal and maybe some laughs — or stuff themselves on carbs and tryptophan in between football games (Go, Lions!) — I'll be doing the same. This year, however, my husband, mom, brother and I are traveling to the Badger State to spend the holiday with family.

It's been a while since we've been there (It's a heck of a car ride!), but, as I write this in advance of the trip, I'm anxiously anticipating spending a few days with aunts and uncles and cousins, their silly accents and all. I've always felt close with this side of my family — my dad's side — even though the distance that separates us almost always stays untraveled.

I'm looking forward to Auntie Jan's baked goods and Uncle Sonny teasing my mom to no end. I can't help but stare in wonder at my cousins — who were some of my favorite childhood playmates — who long ago grew up and have kids of

their own. It still seems bizarre to me that the cousins whose diapers I changed, whom I bottle fed and burped, are not only adults, but parents to boot. Am I really that old too?

I'm excited to see my Auntie Mare, whose accent is perhaps the thickest — hence, the most entertaining — of the bunch. And my godfather, Uncle Ryan, whose resemblance to my dad — in appearance and mannerisms — is uncanny.

My family and I elected to hit the road this Thanksgiving for several reasons, the least of which, however, is love for our Cheesehead rela-

tives.

It's been less than two months since my dad died. While Ryan and Mare, most of my cousins and some of their kids made the trek for Dad's funeral, Jan and Sonny, due to health reasons, were not able.

And this further broke my already broken heart.

I can't imagine losing either of my brothers and not being able to be there to say goodbye, even though Dad was already gone by the time family arrived.

But this isn't a sob story. Though I haven't entirely healed — and I'm sure the grief won't ever go away, merely shift into a new sort of

normal — I plan to spend this Thanksgiving in gratitude for the love of my family. For the time we've spent together. For the memories we all share — those sunny days at Hubbard Lake, graduation parties and weddings and just being happy together. Some of my memories with my Seefurth family are some of my fondest — and some of the times I've laughed the hardest — in my life.

I anticipate moments of sadness at Dad's obvious absence. He left us suddenly and unexpectedly — and too soon at 77. But he left in each of those whose lives he touched the gift of hav-

ing known him.

I also anticipate a holiday weekend of reflection, laughter and love. And I look forward to hearing my Wisconsinite family's favorite memories of my hero, my role model, my father.

So in between bites of turkey and stuffing and pumpkin pie — not to mention the disappointment I'll likely swallow watching my favorite football team — I will focus on family. Life after loss, while challenging, has taught me great lessons in gratitude.

I have much to be grateful for this Thanksgiving and I hope you find that you do, too.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

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AUDACIOUS ROBBERY LANDS GIRL IN JAIL: One of the most audacious robberies ever staged in the Pointe area was solved by Farms police in less than seven hours. Most of the loot has been recovered.

Shortly after 1 p.m., a maid employed in a house on Madison answered the doorbell to greet a young woman who said she had come to see the female resident of the house who was out at the time. The young woman said she would wait.

When the maid had to leave the house to keep an appointment, the young woman said she would wait in the house and asked the maid to tell a taxi driver waiting

on Mack to come and pick her up.

Neighbors reported seeing a young man and woman carrying a box out of the house, putting it in a taxi and driving away between 2 and 2:30 p.m.

When the resident returned home a little after 3 p.m., she phoned Farms police to report someone had stolen a strong box weighing about 75 pounds from a closet on the second floor.

Police were able to track the suspects through the taxi cab driver.

DOG RETURNS, CAT MISSING, BUT DUCK IS A TOTAL LOSS: A St. Clair resident complained to City police that someone had been stealing things out of her backyard. Specifically mentioned were a dog, cat and duck. The woman told police she suspected

a neighbor boy.

Police contacted the boy who admitted to stealing the dog. The whereabouts of the cat were not explained. The duck was a total loss. He thought the duck was a wild duck and had eaten him.

1968

50 years ago this week

WOODS GIVES CLUB

PERMIT FOR BUILDING: The Woods council granted a variance to Lochmoor Club enabling it to erect on the grounds a three-bedroom caretaker's home which fell 150 feet short of the square footage required for a home in that district.

Because of excessive vandalism the club suffered in the past, members felt an in-residence greenskeeper would prevent future vandalism.

FARMS POLICE REJECT CITY'S WAGE OFFER: In a secret election, the Grosse Pointe Farms Police Officers Association rejected the

city's latest wage offer, by a 15-2 vote.

The officers rejected the offer because they still are seeking \$10,000 now, not later.

Obituaries: *Aska Berry, Arthur K. Buckenmaier, Alfonso Dinon, Sally Louise Spencer Klump, Kenneth G. Matthews, Louese Peppet, Aloysius Wyborski, Violet Yages, Mary Myers Young*

1993

25 years ago this week

NEW WATCHDOG

PANEL TO MONITOR POINTES, SCHOOLS: For the past several months, a group of Grosse Pointe concerned citizens has been publicly opposing the local school board's plans to sell its administration building, as well as the soaring school taxes and other matters.

Now these taxpayers have banded together and formally organized Concerned Citizens of Grosse Pointe as a sort of watchdog committee that will monitor all the governing bodies in Grosse Pointe.

Obituaries: *Thomas A. Cooper, Ellen Whelan Coughlin, Dr. Edward G. Freimuth, David Ballentine Hinchman, William A. Walker*

2008

10 years ago this week

SUSPECT IN SOUTH

THEFTS: A set of thefts from students at Grosse Pointe South High School has been traced to a 16-year-old female classmate out for high times.

It appears the stolen money is being used to buy drugs.

EXPECT BUDGET

CRUNCH IN 2010: Municipal services in the City of Grosse Pointe will take a hit by 2010, the year property tax receipts are expected to reflect an estimated 10 to 20 percent drop in taxable values.

In the City of Grosse Pointe, the plunge could reach \$1.5 million.

Obituaries: *Nancy T. Caputo M.D., E. Osborne Coates Jr., Andrew Gates Creamer Sr., Michael John Duffy, George John Kushner Sr., Juanita Freemon McLean, Adele Barbara Moroun, Rita Beaupre Trefzer, L. Renee Ross, Mary-Jean Bristol Yarnold*

—Karen Fontanive

Let's talk turkey

The American Farm Bureau Federation's 33rd annual price survey of classic items found on the Thanksgiving Day dinner table indicates the average cost of this year's feast for 10 is \$48.90, a 22-cent decrease from last year's average of \$49.12, marking the third consecutive year that the overall cost of Thanksgiving dinner has declined, and at its

lowest level since 2010.

The big ticket item — a 16-pound turkey — came in at a total of \$21.71 this year. That's roughly \$1.36 per pound, a decrease of 4 cents per pound, or a total of 70 cents per whole turkey, compared to 2017.

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ROTTEN TOMATOES

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Rolling Stone

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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.

Award-winning novelist draws inspiration from Grosse Pointe

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Pulitzer Prize-winning author and University Liggett School graduate Jeffrey Eugenides recently was back in his birthplace of Detroit, the inspiration for much of his fiction. On Oct. 24, he visited Wayne State University as part of the Department of English's Open Field Reading Series, reading from his first short story collection "Fresh Complaint," published in 2017 and soon to be released in paperback. This year also marks the 25th anniversary of his first novel, "Virgin Suicides," published in 1993.

While Grosse Pointe wasn't on the itinerary this particular book tour — "You don't have any bookstores in Grosse Pointe," he said — Eugenides often returns to where he grew up. His family moved from Indian Village in Detroit to Chicago when he was an infant, then returned to Michigan, settling in on Audubon in Grosse Pointe Park when he was three or four. He attended Trombly Elementary School and ULS beginning in middle school.

Eugenides said a writing assignment at Trombly "was one of my earliest memories that attracted me to writing." Given the first half of a story, the students were asked to complete it.

"I remember enjoying that exercise where we had to complete a story," he said.



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Novelist and short story writer Jeffrey Eugenides

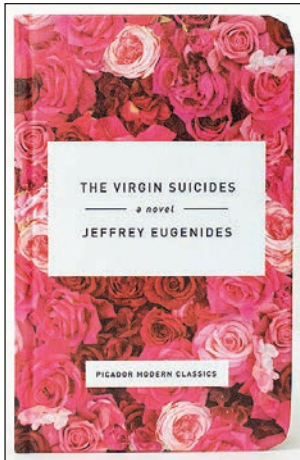
It was at Liggett, influenced by his English and Latin teachers and the books they assigned, he decided to become a writer.

After graduating from ULS in 1978, Eugenides attended Brown University, graduating cum laude in 1982 after taking a year off to travel in Europe. He later earned a Master of Arts degree in English and creative writing from Stanford University.

In 2003, Eugenides received the Pulitzer Prize for his novel, "Middlesex," which also was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, among other honors. His most

recent novel, "The Marriage Plot," published in 2011, was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award and was named a Best Book of the Year by The New York Times Book Review, NPR, the New Republic, Publisher's Weekly and numerous other publications. "Fresh Complaint" was a New York Times Notable Book of 2017 and was named a Best Book of the Year by Kirkus, The Guardian, NPR and others.

The recipient of many awards and fellowships, Eugenides was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 2018.



This year marks the 25th anniversary of the publication of Eugenides' debut novel, "The Virgin Suicides."

After a decade as a professor of creative writing in the Lewis Center for the Arts at Princeton University, Eugenides joined the faculty at New York University as a full tenured professor of creative writing this fall.

He is working on a new novel he "won't talk about" other than to say, like most of his fiction, it "is also Grosse Pointe and Detroit related."

For example, while "The Virgin Suicides" is "set in an unspecified suburb in an unspecified city," Eugenides said, "I certainly drew upon

memories of growing up outside Detroit. The atmosphere and general state of the city come into play in that book. The story itself is a made-up event. All the tales — the meteorological fish flies, the customs of the people — obviously come from my experience growing up in Grosse Pointe.

"I continue to write about Detroit," he continued. "I set most of my fiction in Grosse Pointe. It's obviously the place I know best and return to. It's my literary spot, so I tend to come back to it in almost everything I write."

Teacher of THE WEEK



Helen Kendall



COURTESY PHOTO

School: University Liggett School

Years at ULS: 4

Grade/Subject: Grades 6-12 Visual Art

Nominated by: Rob Butler, head of middle school

Quote from middle school head:

"A passionate, creative artist, Helen Kendall's middle school art curriculum is full of deep thought, design, observation and discussion. Her students experiment with surrealism, pop art, text-based art and ceramics, and she challenges her young artists 'to explore the ways conflict plays out our life while considering how these experiences can be represented through visual language.' Helen's art studio is more than just a room to produce art; it is a place where young minds can uncover elements of their identity, examine the world around them

and develop their unique voice."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

Middle school is a time when young artists start to wonder in earnest: "Am I good at this?" After appraising their own technical abilities, many decide they are not. Creativity takes a backseat to rendering skills; all of a sudden drawing realistically is the only thing that makes a good artist. My favorite part of teaching is challenging this limited definition of "good." I enjoy expanding my artists' understanding of what art is and showing them many paths to good. Better still: when they demonstrate ways of being good at art that I'd never dreamed of.

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

I am most proud of my artists when they don't

need me anymore. When they lead critiques without prompting. When they give the feedback I would have given — and more. When they see what I can't. When they don't need an assignment to know what to create. When they bring the ideas. When they ask themselves, "Why?" When they ask, "Why not?" When they privilege truth over beauty. When they make art that is flawed. When they make art that has something to say. When they're proud of what they've made. When they're proud of themselves.

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

I am deeply grateful for my high school art teachers, Walter Meinelt and Laurie Pearsall, who taught me how to see.

Favorite quote:
"Art before dishes."
— From Susan O'Malley's series "Advice From My 80-Year-Old Self" (2015)

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In the holiday spirit

Grosse Pointe South high school choirs are preparing to keep spirits bright through December.

Sounds of the Season

The highlight is the choirs' annual Sounds of the Season performance 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The concert, featuring all four choirs — The Pointe Singers, The Tower Belles, South Singers and Sounds of South — as well as the extracurricular a cappella group, The Suspensions, includes a mix of holiday classics, vocal performances and fun seasonal twists, including the crowd favorite tap-dancing Santas.

Tickets, available at gpsouthchoir.org and Duffey & Co, 15120 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe



The tap-dancing Santas are a seasonal favorite.

FILE PHOTO

Park, are \$15 for main floor seats. Balcony seats are \$12 or \$9 for students or senior citizens. Gold cards are accepted at Duffey & Co. and at the door. Visa, Mastercard and Discover cards are

accepted; a 50 cent convenience fee applies.

Community carolers

Choir members are available to sing carols upon request 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 and

Saturday, Dec. 8, at a holiday party, work function or local event. A minimum donation of \$25 is appreciated. Call the choir office at (313) 432-3638 or contact Dan and Kim Tripp at danhtripp@aol.com.

Celebratory chorus and choir lock-in

Grosse Pointe middle school choirs are combining musical forces for the first time to present their inaugural Celebration Concerts Nov. 28.

"We are celebrating how fortunate we are to have strong, thriving programs at Brownell, Parcels and Pierce (middle schools), filled with passionate students who are committed to excellent choral singing," wrote Parcels vocal music teacher Leslie Saroli in an email.

Saroli and fellow choir directors Carolyn Gross from Brownell, Heather Albrecht from Pierce and Ben Henri from Parcels are banding together for this concert in "a prime example of #OneGP," according to Saroli.

Concerts are 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the Brownell mul-

tipurpose room, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$2 and available online at gpschools.seatyourself.biz.

Two days after the concerts, all middle school choir students are invited to participate in a choir lock-in at Brownell Friday evening, Nov. 30.

Students can celebrate with their choir friends by experiencing giant inflatables, playing in a choir dodgeball tournament, challenging their video-gamer friends in a Wii room, having fun with glitter art and temporary tattoos and being entertained by a professional magician.

To register, choir students must bring money to their choir teacher by Nov. 29.

School board to create bond oversight committee

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Now that the \$111 million Grosse Pointe Public School System security and facilities bond proposal was approved by voters, the work begins to lay the foundation to complete the many projects ahead.

First among Board of Education priorities is to create an oversight advisory committee (OAC) consisting of five community members. President Brian Summerfield drafted a resolution for board members to review and discuss at the regular meeting Nov. 12, before voting on a final version at the next regular meeting Nov. 26.

The idea of an oversight committee to help monitor the bond process grew out of the blue ribbon facilities committee findings and a recommendation from the administration last year, according to Summerfield.

In fall 2016, the district engaged Plante Moran Cresa to conduct an enrollment projection and facility assessment as part of the district's strategic plan, which included as one of its priorities identifying a master list of needed repairs, renovations and improvements for infrastructure, facilities, energy use, entrances, security and grounds.

The blue ribbon facilities committee met to

review PMC's report and determine if it was credible and viable information for developing a sustainable facilities plan.

Applications for OAC members will be accepted through Dec. 7. Applicants with recent architectural, construction or technology experience are preferred, according to the resolution. Summerfield, Board Treasurer Judy Gafa and Superintendent Gary Niehaus will review all applications, interview selected applicants and recommend committee members, including a chair, to the board no later than Dec. 14. The board will hold a special meeting to take action on the recommendations Dec. 17.

Critical needs will be completed in multiple stages. The construction process for each stage involves the administration working with Plante Moran Cresa and a Board-approved archi-

tect and construction manager to complete the programming, schematic and design development phases consistent with PMC's report.

Upon completion of the design development phase, the administration will present documents and other relevant information to the OAC, which will determine whether the design development documents are consistent with the scope of work set forth in the report. The committee will advise the facilities committee of the board of its determination and, based on recommendations from both the oversight advisory and facilities committees, present to the board actions to approve.

Once the construction document phase is complete, the administration will present the construction manager's proposed contract with a guaranteed maximum price to

the OAC along with any other relevant information. The OAC will determine whether the proposed guaranteed maximum price is consistent with the scope of work set forth in the report and advise the facilities committee of its determination. Again, recommendations from the OAC and facilities committee will be presented to

the board to take appropriate action.

Upon determination of the guaranteed maximum price, the administration will present a final report to the OAC, including a complete description of the work done and total cost. The OAC will review the final report and advise the facilities committee if any work is outside the scope of work

set forth in PMC's report or exceeds the total budgeted cost of the stage.

The administration will maintain a master list of critical needs projects identified in the report and completed projects on the district's website.

Information on how to apply will be available at gpschools.org after the board has voted to approve the resolution.

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Sweet sounds of the season

Fifth annual 'Christmas on Lakeshore' concert is Dec. 4

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Two longtime Grosse Pointe a cappella groups will usher in the Christmas spirit with the fifth annual "Christmas on Lakeshore" concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Grunyons and Noteworthy join forces for this a cappella extravaganza, which is quickly becoming a community holiday staple.

"We're singing songs that are familiar, so it's an opportunity to hear familiar songs in a different way," said Danielle Dumont, a five-year member of Noteworthy. "It puts you in the right mindset for the rest of the month."

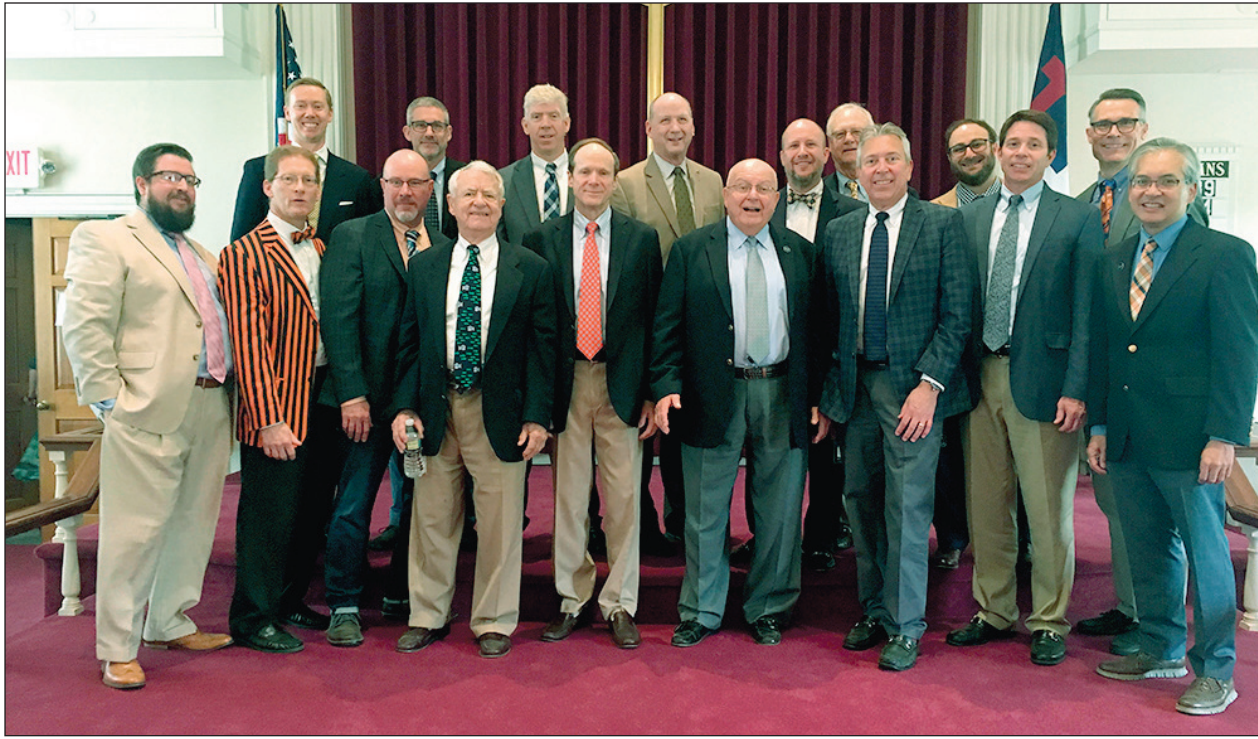
"We're both performing 25 minutes each a blend of Christmas music with fun secular pieces as well," said Philip MacKethan, a member of Grunyons. "Each year we try to bring something new. One friend says this kicks off the holiday season for them."

The groups will be joined by Angels on Call, a coed a cappella group from the University of Michigan.

"They'll be singing a few songs of their own, but also joining us for a group number as well," Dumont said.

Dumont said she expects 300 to 400 attendees this year.

"This concert is a way for all the people who follow the two groups to



Above, The Grunyons, just after their performance at Spring Sing 2018 in Princeton, N.J. Right, the members of Noteworthy during a recent gathering.



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come and hear us sing together," Dumont said.

Grunyons was formed nearly 70 years ago, Noteworthy "at least 40," Dumont said. Both groups practice every

Tuesday, September to May, with summers off. Both groups also are members of the American A Cappella Alliance.

Each spring, a cappella groups from around the

country get together for a Spring Sing. This year, Noteworthy is hosting the event in Detroit. Proceeds from "Christmas on Lakeshore" will help

fund the spring event. The 18-member Grunyons are directed by Tony Alcantara, with John Birchler as assistant director. Members range in age from late

20s to mid-80s. "This is my 12th year with the group," MacKethan said, noting he's been singing since elementary school and was turned on to a cappella in high school. He even formed his own a cappella group while at Vanderbilt University. When a second tenor seat opened on the Grunyons, he jumped at the chance.

"It's good camaraderie," he said. "It's a lot of people who have singing as a common passion, but it's really about the camaraderie of the group."

"Some of my closest friends are in this group," he continued. "People say, 'It looks like you're having fun up there.' The fact is, we're having way more fun than you. Sometimes we get up there and forget about the audience. It's a great outlet."

Noteworthy's 16 members are directed by Barb Widener, who was a music teacher in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

"For me it combines two things that are important to me," Dumont said. "The music piece of it — anyone involved in music knows it's a huge expression of creativity and passion — and the sisterhood. These are people I lean on, celebrate with and who support me. It's not just something I do or something we do. It's something we are. We're a community of women

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Volunteers keep Beaumont Assistance League running smoothly

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There's a group of volunteers who make sure patients and families who visit Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe have their non-medical needs met.

Members of the Beaumont Assistance League operate the hospital's gift shop, supplying everything from snacks, cards, balloons and flowers to purses, jewelry, candles and lotions.

"Our first president was in 1948, so this organization has been around for a long time," said Roberta Hoekwater, a three-year league volunteer. "We're all volunteers. We have buyers, day managers, bankers and ladies who work in the gift shop."

The league boasts 350 active, inactive and emeri-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left are Maureen Comerford, Roberta Hoekwater, Kathie Smith, Kathy Brogan, Beth Gibney, Geri Day, Valerie Moran and Luann Ryan.

tus members. Active members are divided into 12 groups, which rotate manning the gift shop. All funds raised through the

gift shop benefit the hospital.

The Grosse Pointe location is the only Beaumont gift shop entirely staffed

by volunteers. Some have been at it more than 35 years.

In addition to operating the gift shop, each group

is responsible for hosting a fundraiser. Some groups host parties or sell gift cards while others simply write checks.

Money raised — an estimated \$17,000 each year — is used to fund scholarships, awarded each spring at a luncheon.

"Scholarships are for nurses and other staff who are furthering their medical education," said Kathy Brogan, a five-year league volunteer.

Dues to join the league are \$35 a year. Volunteers are asked to buy a turquoise smock, participate in their group's fundraiser, attend three mandatory meetings and work at the gift shop eight to 10 four-hour shifts a year.

"It's a nice opportunity for becoming acquainted with other women," Hoekwater said. "I really

enjoy it." Added Kathie Smith, league president and 16-year member, "I enjoy meeting people, as a day manager especially. We socialize in our own groups, but we also have bigger socialization events."

Four-year league volunteer Maureen Comerford said she appreciates the location.

"The fact you can volunteer locally means a lot," she said, adding the volunteers, "become another family."

Brogan was asked by a friend to join the league.

"I thought, 'Is this a good use of my time?'" she said. "I realized I have to appreciate the simplicity of how nice it is to greet people. A smile does

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Book signing

Kathy Wakile will sign copies of her dessert cookbook, "Indulge," 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, at Dawood Boutique, 16840 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:
 ◆ 7:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.
 ◆ 1 to 6:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, AMVETS Post 57, 19730 Harper, Harper Woods.
 ◆ noon to 5:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, The Lake House, 23500 Pare, Suite 1, St. Clair Shores.
 ◆ 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore,

Grosse Pointe Farms.
 ◆ 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.
 Register online at redcrossblood.org.

The Helm

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

◆ **Watch "Chappaquiddick"** 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26. Cost is \$2.

◆ **"Cold Weather Skin Care"** with Megan Hribernik of Hamzavi Dermatology, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27.

◆ **"Cooking Demonstration: Nutrition for Gut Health and Immunity,"** 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, with registered dietician Andrea Hageman and Chef Dan Kellogg of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

◆ **Woven candy cane craft,** 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, with facilitator Amy Jorgensen. Cost is \$12.

◆ **December birthday celebration,** 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6. Those with December birthdays get a free lunch, birthday cake and keepsake photo.

◆ **The Grosse Pointe Academy bell choir performs** noon to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, under the direction of Roshell Chuhuran.

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

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, 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. 27, at Arette Spa, 20559 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Robin Ferriby, former vice president of philanthropic services for Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan, speaks.

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Brian Peterson-Roest, founder of Bees in the D, speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Garden Center

Herbalist, gardener and author Ben Cohen presents two separate lectures at the 2018 installment of the Berry Memorial Lecture series of the Grosse Pointe

Garden Center. At 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, Cohen presents "The Gift of Herbs," a talk on crafting a variety of herbal beauty and wellness products for use at home or sharing this holiday season. Then, at 7 p.m. Nov. 29, he presents "Saving and Sharing Seeds," a presentation highlighting the importance of community seed-sharing programs. He'll also discuss the reasons planting, saving and sharing seeds is essential for the cultivation of sustainable neighborhoods and healthy communities. Both lectures are sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Garden Center and take place at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The lectures are free for Garden Center members, \$5 each for non-members. For reservations, call (313) 499-0743.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 8 a.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tom Strasz, deacon of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Concert

The Society of International Music Artists hosts its Detroit Grand Christmas Gala 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Encore Catering & Banquet Center, 21801 E. Nine Mile, St. Clair Shores. The evening of music and dinner

includes performances by pianists Stephen Vaglica and Silvia Vaglica, tenor John Riesen and mezzo-soprano Gillian Lynn Cotter. Dinner begins 7 p.m. Tickets are available at societyofinternationalmusicartists.org or by calling (586) 786-1400.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts "Bokashi (shading) workshop with Nobuko Yamasaki," 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 5 to 7, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Healing Arts Center

The Valade Healing Arts Center at the Van Elslander Cancer Center hosts a holiday open house 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6. The event includes sales and specials, complimentary chair massages or reflexology, refreshments and cookies, the chance to win a one-hour therapy sessions and 25 percent off gift shop purchases. Call (313) 647-3320.

Lake House

The Lake House, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, offers the following programs:

◆ **Drum Circle 2 to 3 p.m.** the second Wednesday of each month. Instruments are provided, but participants may bring their own percussion instruments as well.

◆ **Gentle mat yoga 6 to 7 p.m.** Thursdays and chair yoga noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays. No experience is needed and all ages are welcome.

◆ **Knitting for begin-**

ner and intermediate levels 1 to 3 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month. Reservations are requested.

◆ **Newly Diagnosed Cancer Support** meets 6 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month. Anyone within the first year of diagnosis is welcome.

For more information about these activities, call (586) 777-7761.

Senior Ladies

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

Overeaters Anonymous

An Overeaters Anonymous group meets 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Bethel Lutheran Church, 26400 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores. Use the rear door to get to the basement classroom. Newcomers are welcome at OA, a 12-step recovery program for people who have problems with food or weight. Visit oagreaterdetroit.org or call Mary B. at (313) 410-5283.

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Hope, Healing and Health offers its Healing Hearts Circle open bereavement support group 6 to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 22811 Greater Mack, Ste. L2, St. Clair Shores. Call (313) 335-2006.

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Officially Ascension

Associates from Ascension St. John Hospital gathered Monday, Nov. 12, to celebrate the hospital's new name, bless the care teams and facilities and recommit to the Ascension mission of providing care to all the organization is privileged to serve, especially those who are most vulnerable. The Ascension logo is a trinity symbol and the colors are symbolic — green for growth, blue for health and purple for compassion.

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who are likeminded and enjoy expression through music."

Tickets for "Christmas on Lakeshore" are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Tickets are available online at eventbrite.com.

For more information, visit thegrunyons.com or noteworthyings.com.

"People have known both groups around town," Dumont said. "These are real dynamic, fun groups to be a part of. This is a nice opportunity for this concert to kick off the holiday season."

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wonders. It means the world to them. ... Then I learned about the scholarships and realized there's a real purpose to doing this.

"I enjoy the sociability," she continued. "There's a nice purpose behind it. It was a very easy decision to be involved."

Added Beth Gibney, a 19-year league volunteer, "They're all a nice bunch of women to work with."

To join the league, call Nancy Jones, liaison and Assistance League manager, (313) 473-1079.

"It's a nice place to be," Hoekwater said. "You have no idea how much your smile might mean to someone. It's important to know the little things can go a long way."

West Park Winter Social is Nov. 24

The West Park Winter Social returns for its fifth year to Grosse Pointe Park, offering family fun, live music, adult beverages and a place for the community to unite for the holidays.

The free event takes place 4 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, Small Business Saturday, along Kercheval between Maryland and Alter.

A massive, heated tent features hand-selected craft beers and holiday-themed cocktails, as well as live music from Phluffhead, a tribute to the music of Phish; The Insiders, a tribute to the music of Tom Petty; an Allman Brothers tribute featuring Brett Lucas and Kris Kurzawa; and Hummingbirds Music Together, a family sing-along.

The event also includes a holiday market tent fea-



Families may toast marshmallows over fire pits at the event.

turing dozens of local craft vendors and artists; a kids tent with crafts, games and activities for youngsters; and a variety of food trucks.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Grosse

Pointe Housing Foundation.

The West Park Winter Social is presented by Grand Circus Media with support from the Cotton family, The Richard & Jane Manoojian

Foundation, Grosse Pointe Park, Jim Saros Real Estate Services, Applied Imaging, Village Wine Shop, Moosejaw Mountaineering and Public Service Credit Union.



This year's event takes place 4 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24.



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The Reefermen perform at a previous West Park Winter Social.

GPT presents 'killer' comedy with 'Arsenic & Old Lace'

Spend the evening at the charming Brewster residence as Grosse Pointe Theatre continues its 71st season with "Arsenic and Old Lace." The eight-performance run starts 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Written by Joseph Kesselring, this beloved comedy takes place in 1941 Brooklyn in the Victorian home of two charming and guileless sisters who, with the help of nephew Teddy, who fancies himself to be Teddy Roosevelt, just happen to populate their cellar with the "fresh" remains of unsuspecting would-be boarders. While visiting their house, Mortimer, their drama critic nephew, makes a startling discovery and further chaos ensues when the malevolent nephew, Jonathan, suddenly appears.

This production is directed by Kathy Conlon and is presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service Inc., New York.

Tickets are \$20 and



From left, Lynn Heineemann as Martha Brewster and Sandy Masco as Abby Brewster.

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may be purchased online at gpt.org or by calling the Grosse Pointe Theatre ticket office at (313) 881-4004. Parking at University Liggett School is free and complimentary valet will be available for all patrons.

The cast includes Sandy Masco of Macomb Township as Abby

Brewster, Lynn Heineemann of Grosse Pointe Park as Martha Brewster, Mike McKiddy of Warren as Mortimer Brewster, Phil Potter of Ann Arbor as the Rev. Dr. Harper, Chris Oakley of Rochester Hills as Teddy Brewster, Mike Parker of Grosse Pointe Woods as Officer Brophy,

Sal Rubino of St. Clair Shores as Officer Klein, Megan Haddad of Sterling Heights as Elaine Harper, Sal DeMercurio of St. Clair Shores as Mr. Gibbs, Keith Clark of Harper Woods as Jonathan Brewster, Joe Munem of Sterling Heights as Dr. Einstein, Eddie Tujaka of Grosse Pointe Farms as Officer O'Hara, Ed O'Sullivan of Dearborn as Lt. Rooney and Peter Walilko of Grosse Pointe Shores as Mr. Witherspoon.



Sitting, from left, are Lynn Heineemann and Sandy Masco. Standing, from left, are Mike McKiddy, Megan Haddad and Eddie Tujaka.



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Donations help fund Foster Kids to Camp

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Approximately 13,000 Michigan children are in foster care at any given time.

Samaritas, formerly Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, serves more than 1,500 of these kids every year.

One way it helps bring them joy is through its Foster Kids to Camp program, during which children ages 8 to 16 spend five days at Stony Lake Camp in New Era.

"We just celebrated our eighth year this summer," said DeeDee McVety, director of major gifts for Samaritas. "Stony Lake Camp in New Era has a long history of providing outstanding summer camp experiences. Through conversations with them about the kinds of experiences our young people in foster care have and what the camp offers, we mutually agreed to offer a summer camp experience to children in our foster care programs.

"As the largest faith-based provider of foster care services in Michigan, we know firsthand how important it is to provide as many positive life experiences as possible for the kids entrusted to our care," she continued. "Children in foster care have been removed from their homes by Child Protective Services and have already experienced more trauma than any child — or adult — should ever have to face. We know it is important to provide them a loving and accepting environ-



Campers and counselors are all smiles at Stony Lake Camp.

ment, one that provides safe boundaries where they can learn new life lessons and coping skills. This beautiful, pristine camp provides a setting where kids can relax, learn, create, bond with other kids in similar situations — and play."

Camp is offered in August and provides children with a variety of opportunities meant to nurture their independence, help them develop social skills and increase their self-confidence.

"Kids at camp enjoy archery, 'low-rope' team-building exercises, a high ropes course in a safety harness which can help them learn how to overcome challenges, art classes, swimming, canoeing, singing, dancing and perhaps most importantly, they experience community, love and caring," McVety said. "On average, we have about 55 kids who partic-

ipate each year, but we are talking with the camp about opening it up to include up to 80 kids in foster care next year."

It costs \$550 to send a child to camp for five days. The amount covers tuition, meals, transportation, a T-shirt and a camp account with which they can purchase small treats. It also covers camping supplies like sleeping bags, pillows, swimsuits, duffel bags, flashlights and toiletries.

"It's an opportunity for kids to relax, let their guard down and be in an environment where everyone — including the camp staff and other campers — can love them for who they really are," McVety said. "It is amazing to see them blossom in this peaceful setting — kids with leadership skills start to emerge, other kids begin to open up and get a chance to just be kids. Many of them have never been in a camp setting before. It's impossible for them to imagine that some kids do have this kind of experience every year."

Locally, Foster Kids to Camp has gotten support from Dr. Heidi Gunderson of Grosse Pointe Park. The married mother of two is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, which several years ago began collecting donations for the program — "sleeping bags, camping necessities, other things that children do not have," Gunderson said.

A testimonial from a friend who found success after aging out of the foster care system, combined with a television

series about the national park system, helped secure Gunderson's commitment to help.

"I knew about the kids program through Lutheran Social Services," she said. "I and my husband and my family feel strongly about the importance of nature and its importance in upbringing. It was the perfect combination and the perfect opportunity to bring together our love of nature, a message of hope, a message of love in Christ and this potential that you could change a kid's life — potential you could change a kid's entire outlook on life.

the internet," Gunderson said. "But the reality is, there's great need in our own backyard. As someone who works in the metro area, my husband and I feel strongly and a greater sense of fulfillment giving back to our neighbors. There are kids in metro Detroit who have that need."

Gunderson and her husband, Richard "Deet" Gunderson, were invited last spring to a site visit to see firsthand what they're involved in.

"We can tell you stories and give you examples, but there is nothing like seeing with your own eyes the kids at play, running to their next activity together or just walking those gorgeous, sun-dappled trails with big smiles on their faces," McVety said.

Giving those opportunities to children who otherwise wouldn't have them is what helps drive Gunderson's support.

"Imagine, it's the middle of the night and you're torn from what you know and put into a new setting apart from your siblings," Gunderson said. "These children often are split up. This program allows that siblings are brought back together for that week.

"Think about our kids that have such privilege

in our community," she continued. "Think about going to camp and having enough money to go to the camp store. This program ensures kids that go to camp, like any other kids going to a camp experience, have the right supplies and a little cash so they can go to the store. They can be a kid just for the week. They didn't choose these stressors and hardships they have. Every time I talk about it, it reaffirms this is a great program and why we are committed to it."

Gunderson, who said she hopes to foster children in the future, encouraged others to get involved in supporting the program.

"For those that have ever thought of fostering children or who want to get involved but are not able to fully get involved, this is a great way to be involved," she said. "This is a great way you can support children."

"This amazing opportunity is only possible through the support of generous donors like Dr. Gunderson," McVety said. "We are very grateful that once most donors support this program, they want to do it again the next year. It's an amazing gift they are giving to young people in foster care."



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Children swing in hammocks at Stony Lake Camp.

There was this 'a-ha' moment. We agreed this is our program that's right to commit to."

That was four years ago. Since then, the Gundersons have sponsored five to eight campers each year.

"There's so much need everywhere we turn around or when we turn on our television or on



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Shores Improvement Foundation hosts holiday home tour Dec. 2

The Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation hosts an "Opening Our Doors" holiday home tour 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. Four Grosse Pointe Shores homes, all decorated in unique, festive holiday style, are opening their doors. Preceding the event is a holiday brunch at Lochmoor Club 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 2.

Also, both Saturday, Dec. 1, and Sunday, Dec. 2, a "Deck Your Halls" home decor sale with refreshments takes place 1 to 4 p.m. at the Schroeder Field House on Vernier at Lakeshore, west of the DPW building.

Advance tickets are available by mail and at the Shores village offices, 795 Lakeshore. Tickets for the tour and brunch

are \$40 in advance, \$45 the day of the tour. Tickets for the tour only are \$20 in advance, \$25 the day of the tour.

Tickets may be purchased at any of the homes, Lochmoor Club and the Schroeder Field House during the events.

For more information, call (313) 881-6565 or visit gpsif.org or gpshoresmi.gov.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Dan Tripp

You may want to consider long-term care insurance

Q: I've been looking at getting long-term care insurance but I'm wary of the cost. Won't Medicaid take care of me if I don't have insurance?

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state recovery program after death.

Dan H. Tripp is a local agent with more than 27 years experience helping individuals, families and small businesses navigate the complexities of life, disability and long-term care insurance. He holds a CLU designation from The American College and is a member in good standing with NAIFA and the Society of Financial Service Professionals. He currently is with the Janet Coates State Farm Agency, 63 Kercheval, (313) 332-0676. Tripp is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals.

A: Yes, you can receive care under Medicaid, but remember that Medicaid is basically welfare coverage and is based on financial eligibility. In other words, you must have limited income and assets.

Your income most likely will consist of Social Security payments, VA benefits, if any, pensions, any salaries or wages, interest from bank accounts and CDs and any dividends from investments. Assets that are counted are checking and savings accounts, stocks and bonds, CDs, any real property aside from your primary residence and any motor vehicles if you have more than one. You can exclude your home, personal and household belongings, life insurance if the face value is under \$1,500, up to \$1,500 in burial expenses and assets held in certain trusts (see your attorney for the details).

The bottom line? You must be virtually destitute. Thinking about gifting away your assets to family, friends and/or charity? Medicaid has a five-year look-back window. Any assets that were under your control at any point in the past five years are included as

assets in determining your eligibility. Medicaid adds up all your assets and uses that figure as the amount you need to pay prior to Medicaid picking up the tab. Finally, keep in mind Medicaid is a "first bed available" system. Not every facility accepts Medicaid patients and many that do have only a small percentage of beds set aside. What this could mean is the first bed available is some distance from home, making it more of a problem for family to oversee your care.

An ethical long-term care insurance agent can work with you to find the best solution. Be sure to ask whether the policies offered participate in Michigan's Partnership Program, which will help you shelter assets from being counted while you're alive and from the

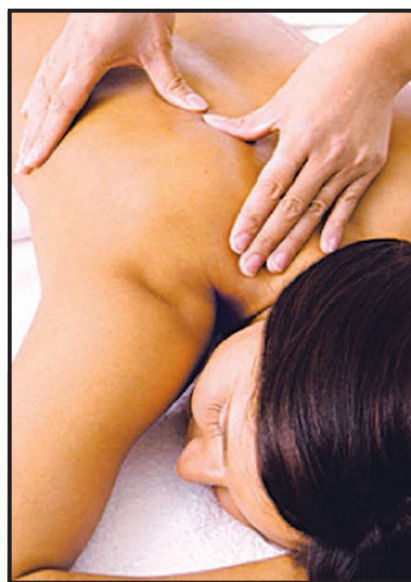
The Family Center's mission is to serve the community through programs and resources vital to today's families. As a nonprofit organization, it is completely supported by community donations. To learn more, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 447-1374 or email info@familycenterweb.org.



Bracelet sale supports cardiac patients

Edmund T. AHEE jewelers and LeFontbonne Gift Shop at Ascension St. John Hospital have once again partnered to sell limited-edition sterling silver heart bracelets for \$50. Proceeds from the bracelet sale support The Edmund T. Ahee Cardiac Patient Assistance Fund, a mission-based program for Ascension St. John Hospital cardiac patients who need extra support. Bracelets are available at the jewelry store and hospital gift shop.

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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.

Charles Edward Stumb Jr.

Charles Edward Stumb Jr., 80, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018.

He will be missed by his loving wife of 50 years, Patty; their devoted children, Marybeth "Buffy" Hall (Eric) and Charles Stumb III (Clea) and cherished grandchildren, Anna Louise Stumb, Lilly Hall, Jack Hall, Emma Grace Hall and Julia Stumb.

He was predeceased by his brother, William Thomas Stumb (Nancy).

Charlie believed in giving back to his community. Throughout the years he served as commodore of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, president of the Grosse Pointe Crisis Club, president of the Cardinal Club of Detroit, member of the 100 Club of Detroit and Detroit Athletic Club, board member of the St. John Men's Guild and honorary member of the Marine Red Coats.

Charlie loved and was loved by family and friends who enjoyed his endless sense of humor, quick wit and love of life.

A memorial celebration of his life will be noon Friday, Nov. 30, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins 11:15 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the

Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite #150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

Nena Elizabeth Cunningham Dahling

Nena Elizabeth Cunningham Dahling, beloved wife, mother and mother-in-law, proud grandmother and lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018.

Nena was born Jan. 27, 1932, in Cincinnati, Ohio, the youngest child of Pauline P. Cunningham and Kenneth W. Cunningham, whose ancestral home was in Beaumont, Texas, but who later settled with their family in Grosse Pointe. Nena married the love of her life, William Dupont Dahling, July 23, 1955. Nena and Bill, who predeceased her, had three sons: William D. Dahling Jr., Richard P. Dahling and Peter W. Dahling, and warmly welcomed to the family their sons' spouses when Bill married Kimberly J. Devlin, Dick married Nancy L. Sanborn and Pete married Caroline B. Davis. More recent years brought Nena the joys of Pete and Caroline's son, John Davis Dahling, particularly during visits in California and Michigan.

Nena graduated from

Day School in 1950 and remained an active alumna of the school's successor institution, University Liggett School. In 1954, Nena received a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Connecticut College, New London, Conn., where she made many lifelong friends. Nena returned to Grosse Pointe after college to marry Bill and raise her family, residing in the family home on Hawthorne Road more than 60 years.

As an active member of the community, Nena cherished her decades-long associations with the Michigan chapter of The Colonial Dames of America and the Mary Thompson Foundation, including her service as president of both organizations. Her love of American history and strong belief that it should be a foundational part of school curricula motivated her to support the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Other organizations important to her include the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, University Liggett School, Neighborhood Club and Tau Beta Eta Association.

Nena loved horses all her life. As a child, she competed in equestrian events and rode at dude ranches in Wyoming and Arizona. As an adult, she



Charles E. Stumb Jr.



Nena Dahling

watched the thoroughbreds race at Saratoga Springs, N.Y. and toured its racing museum during numerous visits. Her one-time trip to Santa Anita, Calif., for her 70th birthday, accompanied by her family, featured an early morning visit to the backside and stables at the track and, later that day, the winner's circle for a race named in her honor — the Princess Nena Bluebonnet.

Influenced by her close relationship with her mother, Nena remained fond of her family's historical ties to southeastern Texas and this heritage inspired her sons and nephews to explore different parts of this vast state. Nena remained close to many of her nieces and nephews to whom she offered support and guidance over the years.

The combination of Nena's generosity, warm understanding and firm resolve influenced countless others in her lifetime. She believed honesty, integrity and the golden rule are values by which all should live.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A private interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, Dumbarton House, 2715 Q Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20007-3041; University Liggett School, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236; The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, P.O. Box 1776, Supporter #922624, Williamsburg, VA 23187; or Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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Christmas cabaret dinner at Assumption

An enchanting night of unforgettable music is planned for all ages Friday, Nov. 30, at Assumption Cultural Center, when Box Five Productions presents its second annual "A Christmas Cabaret Evening."

The night delivers musical performances, including holiday classics and favorites from "Frozen," "Elf" and the Grinch, along with Broadway and opera classics from "Phantom of the Opera" and Puccini. Producer Justin Spiro brings back many talented vocalists and musicians while also introducing new voices. Among participating soloists and artists are Tyler Martin, Annie Kordas, Kryssy Becker, Jordan Gagnon and Niko Varlamos.

The special guest is none other than Santa himself.

A pasta buffet prepared by Marchiori Catering is served before the concert.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner and cash bar. The performance begins 7:15 p.m., followed by a meet and greet. Admission is \$25 for adults, \$15 for children younger than 12. A portion of the proceeds benefits Cass Community Social Services.

A raffle takes place immediately after the concert with prizes including a 60-inch Smart TV, cash and more.

For reservations, call (586) 779-6111. Assumption Cultural Center is located at 21800 Marter, in the communities of St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods.

Holidays continue in The Village

The City of Grosse Pointe's premier shopping destination — The Village — once again hosts free and family-friendly events for residents and visitors this holiday season.

"Everyone loves holiday time in The Village," Mayor Christopher Boettcher said. "Our festivities start the weekend before Thanksgiving with our tree lighting and continue through the end of December with shopping and Santa visits. ... It's a great way to kick off the season of fun."

Remaining Grosse Pointe Christmas Village activities and events include:

◆ Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade — Friday, Nov. 23

The 44th annual Santa Claus Parade kicks off 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23. Produced by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, the parade begins on Kercheval at Lewiston and continues down Kercheval through The Village.

◆ Lion's Club Jingle Bell Run — Friday, Nov. 23

This year the run starts at The Whiskey Six — registration begins 8 a.m., followed by the run at 9 a.m. Breakfast/Brunch with Santa at The Whiskey Six follows the parade.

◆ Santa Saturdays — Nov. 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22

Children and parents may visit with Santa Claus 9 a.m. to noon the five Saturdays before Christmas at Santa's Village, 17139 Kercheval, next to Village Palm and Focus 313 Eyecare. There is no fee to visit Santa. Families are invited to take their own photos. Children also can make holiday cards for pediatric patients at Ascension St. John Hospital. Santa's Helpers collect donations of arts and crafts materials, toys, stuffed animals and board games for the Pediatric Activities Room at Ascension St. John Children's Hospital. Santa's Village decor is provided by Bishop Design & Display.

Most Village stores will remain open until 8 p.m. Thursdays in December for the convenience of shoppers. In addition, many stores will remain open until 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, to Friday, Dec. 21. Many stores also will be open Christmas Eve until 3 p.m. Individual store hours may vary, so patrons are reminded to check ahead.

The Grosse Pointe Village Downtown Development Authority makes possible free parking in surface lots Saturdays and Sundays between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Santa Saturdays are sponsored by Ascension St. John Hospital. Joining them are Holy Cross Family Services, Merrill Lynch, Genesis Chevrolet and Genesis Cadillac and Aesthetic Theory Detroit.

For updates, visit The Village online at facebook.com/thevillagegrossepointe or thevillagegp.com.



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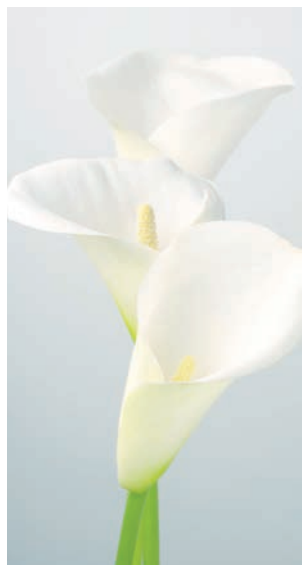
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Correction

A photo printed on page 6B in the Nov. 15 Grosse Pointe News should have identified an attendee of The War Memorial's Veterans Day breakfast as Ed Gaspar.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Kent Commer

Provoke gratitude this Thanksgiving

The verb "provoke" is defined as to stimulate or give rise to a reaction or emotion, typically a strong or unwelcome one in someone. Oftentimes, it is those who are closest to us who know how to "push our buttons," so to speak, to provoke our undesirable emotions. Sibling rivalries are one form of this provocation and the Thanksgiving season gives plenty of such opportunities as families gather for the holiday celebration.

The Bible gives us a better connotation for the word "provoke" in Hebrews 10:24: "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." No negative emotions to rehash over, no inadequacies to relive, no resentment over past offenses — real

or imagined. Just a reminder to stimulate good in ourselves and those with whom we come in contact.

"Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High" (Psalms 50:14). To "pay" from the Hebrew word "shalam" means to "recompense" or pay back what you owe someone, therefore bringing an end to the matter and "making peace." Making peace with God can be expressed as making peace with our family members, friends or enemies, as the case may be, and this can be a worthy goal for the Thanksgiving season.

As Mary Baker Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, writes in her book "Science & Health

with Key to the Scriptures" (p. 140:7-13), "Not materially but spiritually we know Him as divine Mind, as Life, Truth and Love. We shall obey and adore in proportion as we apprehend the divine nature and love Him understandingly, warring no more over the corporeality, but rejoicing in the affluence of our God. Religion will then be of the heart and not of the head."

Let's let our love for God overrule the temptation to war with those around us and let's provoke his goodness and blessings toward mankind.

Have a happy Thanksgiving!

Commer is a member of the local Christian Science congregation.

CHURCH EVENTS

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.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its Fourth Tuesday Book Club 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, to discuss "Mr. Dickens and His Carol: A Novel," by Samantha Silva.

The church's 38th annual Christmas Carol-a-Long takes place 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. The event features a children's Christmas pageant, the bell choir and a pre-caroling dinner at 5:30 p.m. The evening closes with a reception.

The church offers a women's Advent service 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, led by the Rev. Lindsey Anderson from Salem Memorial Lutheran Church.

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, offers "Held in God's Grace: An Advent Study Group" four Thursdays beginning Nov. 29. Each session begins

with a soup supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by the study at 7 p.m. To participate, contact Holly at (313) 884-4820 or office@stmichaelsgpw.org. Registration also is accepted the beginning of the first session.

Fort Street

Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort, Detroit, hosts the Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra — featuring several Grosse Pointe residents — for a concert 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and Sunday, Dec. 2, of Handel's "Messiah." Tickets are \$25. Call (313) 961-4533 or visit fortstreet.org/messiah.

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.

For those in need

St. Vincent de Paul, St. Ambrose conference hosted its annual spaghetti dinner Friday, Nov. 16. The tables at The Ark were filled for the bulk of the event, bringing in essential funds for the conference to help the needy. The St. Vincent de Paul conference at St. Ambrose helps with utility assistance, beds, furniture, food vouchers, clothing and rent and mortgage assistance for those in danger of losing their homes. The volunteer-run conference works out of the 48230 and 48215 ZIP codes.



Vonzell Whaley, took the job as head chef at the Ark at St. Ambrose last year after his father, Fred Whaley who was the head chef at the Ark 13 years, passed away Thanksgiving 2017.



Nora and her brother Henry Rennpage take their time choosing dessert.



Trisha Butteglieri serves a giant meatball to Charlie Jogan.

Holiday deadlines

Copy deadlines for the Grosse Pointe News will be adjusted due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Dec. 27, 2018, issue

All editorial items must be submitted by 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20.

All retail advertising must be submitted by noon Thursday, Dec. 20.

Jan. 3, 2019, issue

All editorial items must be submitted by 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27.

All retail advertising must be submitted by noon Thursday, Dec. 27.

The Grosse Pointe News offices will close 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, and reopen 8 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26. The office also will be closed from noon Monday, Dec. 31, until 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019.

Classified advertising

The classified advertising department will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018, through Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019.

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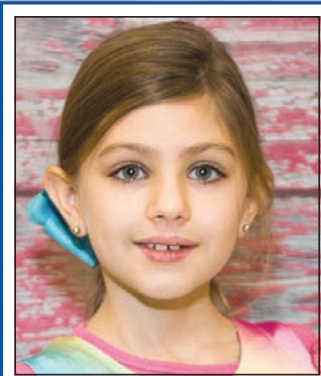
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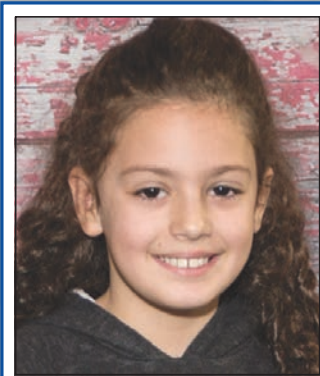
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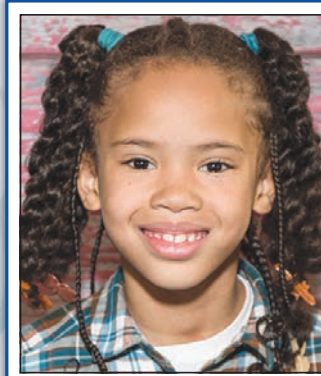
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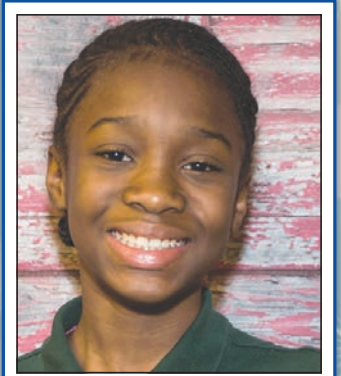
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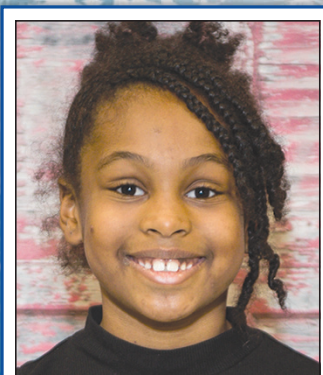
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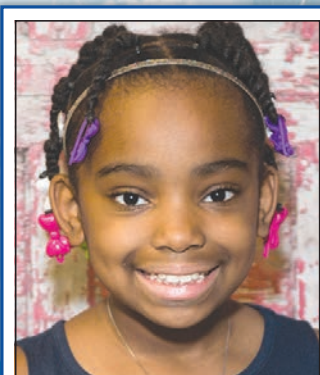
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Ten South swimmers before their meet.

Blue Devils finish 3rd

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach John Fodell wanted his Grosse Pointe South girls swimming and diving team to finish in the top 10 in last weekend's Division 2 state championship meet at Oakland University.

Not only did they accomplish that goal, but the Blue Devils took home a team trophy with a third-place finish.

Rochester Adams won the title with 250 points, followed by Birmingham Seaholm with 220 and South with 214.

The Blue Devils had three event champions, including the 200-yard medley relay of Renee Liu, Clarice Fisher, Olivia Yoo and Hannah Blanz, who won with a time of 1:46.61.

Fisher won the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 54.86, and Liu won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 55.88. All three earned All-State status for their state championship in their respective events.

The top eight in each event earned All-State.

The Blue Devils had more top-eight finishes. Yoo was second in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:53.10, and Liu was runner-up in the 100-yard freestyle at 51.66.

In addition, the 400-



Seniors Renee Liu, Clarice Fisher and Hadley Gordon hold their third-place trophy.

yard freestyle relay team of Yoo, Fisher, Hayden Barry and Liu finished second with a time of 3:33.03, and Fisher was second in the 200-yard individual medley at 1:53.10.

Barry was eighth in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:17.53, and Yoo placed fourth in the 100-yard butterfly at 57.71.

The Blue Devils' Barry was 10th in the 200-yard freestyle at 1:56.36, and Elizabeth Klepp was 11th

in the 100-yard backstroke at 1:00.91.

The 200-yard freestyle relay squad of Phoebe Bedsworth, Lily Bates, Blanz and Hadley Gordon finished 12th with a time of 1:41.64.

Other finishes were posted by Morgan Palace in the 100-yard butterfly and Klepp in the 200-yard IM with times of 1:00.84 and 2:17.10.

South's third-place finish was its best since taking sixth in 2014.

Boys hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights learn from opening night loss

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Mike Maltese lost a dozen seniors from last year's University Liggett School boys hockey regional championship squad, and is looking for new leaders to step in and lead the 2018-19 Knights.

This year's seniors are Danny Bowen, Luke Zinn, C.J. Morris, Dace Potas and Jake Rosenberg, plus senior Spencer Lukas is the manager. An injury a couple of years ago put him on the shelf, so he stayed with the program and is the manager.

The juniors are Nolan Allaer, Will Nicholson, Dakota Jones, Tristan Reilly and Townsend Meredith.

Maltese has a long list of sophomores and freshmen on the varsity. He

knows it will take time for the younger players to gel with the veterans. Look for the Knights to be a better second-half team this season.

The sophomores on the squad are Grant Lindsay, Ryan Warezak, William Bowen, Tommy Gebeck, Alec Leonard, Matthew Holder and Reilly Thierry, and the freshmen are Jack Parker, Rocco Scarfone, Doug Wood and Jack Estes.

Many of the newcomers have a solid hockey background, so it won't take them long to get in step with Maltese's system.

ULS is in the Michigan Metro Hockey League East Division, with Detroit Country Day, Wyandotte Roosevelt, Riverview Gabriel Richard, Allen Park and Brownstown Woodhaven.

The Knights have an

extensive non-league slate, which includes a home holiday tournament the weekend before Christmas, the Traverse City Tournament the week between Christmas and New Year, and the MIHL Showcase in early February.

In their season opener last week, ULS lost 5-1 to host Gabriel Richard.

"Gabriel Richard had 80 to 90 percent of its roster return from last season's run to the final four in D3," Maltese said.

Sophomore goalie Grant Lindsay had 30 saves, and Wood scored on a nice individual effort with Will Nicholson springing him for break-away.

Wood scored with a backhand tuck for his first high school hockey goal.

ULS is 0-1 in the Michigan Metro League.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Continuity leads way

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's a new season and a new attitude for the Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team.

Second-year head coach Joe Drouin is banking on a renewed spirit helping the Norsemen put a more consistent product on the ice.

Last year, the Norsemen struggled, especially playing in the toughest league in the state, the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

"We will be a better hockey team this season," Drouin said. "I have a year under my belt with

this program and an off-season to get everyone on the same page. I like this team."

The Norsemen are led by senior captains Chris Lorelli and Connor Albrecht. Other seniors on the roster are Joseph Hellwarth, Frank Lucido and Kyle Losinski.

Drouin has a large contingent of juniors: Joseph Kettler, Evan Berger, Joseph Lucido, Brock Spicher, Tyler Richardson, Michael Burns and Brian Clogg.

Sophomores are Cameron Pickford, Nicholas Asimakis, Ethan McCormick, Dylan Holman and Timothy Cleland, and two freshman made the varsity

squad, Robert Cassar and Evan Burney.

North plays 13 MIHL games, as well as non-league contests against Stoney Creek, Notre Dame Prep, Royal Oak, L'Anse Creuse North and Romeo. The Norsemen also play two games apiece in the Alpena Tournament, Liggett Tournament and MIHL Showcase.

In its season opener last week, North lost 8-1 to league foe Birmingham Brother Rice.

Albrecht opened the scoring with a goal at the 8:39 mark of the first period, assisted by Berger.

North is 0-1 in the MIHL.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights strong at state finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls swimming and diving team finished in the top 10 in last weekend's Division 3 state championship meet at Holland Aquatics.

The Knights earned 125 points. East Grand Rapids won the title with 330 points, followed by Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood with 284, Hamilton with 191, Bloomfield Hills Marian with 160 and Chelsea with 152.

Head coach Nicholas Valice and assistant coach Elisa Cornell had

a small team, but it was loaded with talented participants.

Junior Sophie Housey won two events, taking the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:48.37, and the 100-yard freestyle with a Division 3 record time of 50.23.

Freshman Ginger McMahon won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:04.94 and sophomore Ariana Herman placed 32nd in the event with a time of 1:12.77.

Housey and McMahon earned All-State honors for their victories.

McMahon was All-State in the 200-yard

individual medley with a runner-up time of 2:07.94. East Grand Rapids senior Sydney Higgins won at 2:07.82.

The Knights also had two other All-State performances. The 200-yard medley team of Housey, McMahon, Herman and sophomore Harisen Davis took sixth with a time of 1:50.26, and the 400-yard freestyle relay squad of Davis, Herman, McMahon and Housey placed eighth with a time of 3:40.07.

Davis also competed in the 100-yard butterfly, finishing 30th with a time of 1:03.26.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils young, inexperienced

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team is loaded with underclassmen as they take the ice for the 2018-19 season.

Head coach Bobby McKillop knows his Blue Devils will need time to gel as he has only a handful of seniors to lead the way.

The seniors are Zachary Wollenzin, Andrew Vyletel and Garrett Benoit.

Juniors on the varsity are Alexander Mills, Adam Strehlke, Thomas Daudlin,

Alexander Stapleton, Alexander Miciuda, Brian McKenna, Bradley Burdick, William Strickler, Luke Naidow and Keegan Spitz.

Sophomores are David Rivard, Joseph Scegljo, Sean Clarke, Re'mi Faussie and Dean Therriault, and the lone freshman is Jacob Spitz.

"We need to work hard and come to the rink ready to play every day," McKillop said. "I expect a lot out of this group, so we will see who wants to step up."

The Blue Devils are in the Michigan

Interscholastic Hockey League South Division, with Trenton, U-D Jesuit, Warren De La Salle and city rival Grosse Pointe North.

They play teams from the North Division once, and they are Birmingham Brother Rice, Novi Catholic Central, Port Huron Northern, Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

In their season opener last week, the Blue Devils lost 4-2 to host U-D Jesuit as Scegljo and Strehlke scored. South is 0-1 in the MIHL.

Girls hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Done in OT

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A new season began last week, and expectations are high for the University Liggett School girls hockey team.

Head coach Anna Kuehnlein and her Knights have won back-to-back Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 2 titles, but the goal is to win the one that counts, Division 1.

Her assistant coaches are Brock Dunn and Mark Zasucha, and the team managers are Ava Cipriano and LuLu Dunn.

The Knights have a youthful roster with only three seniors on it, Nicole Rivera, Kate Birgbauer and captain Abby Doppke.

"We have a full roster for the first time in my tenure, and some young, talented players," Kuehnlein said. "We're excited to see what this group can do."

Juniors on the team are assistant captain and starting goaltender Eve Bournias, along with Anika Vreeken, Maisie Melican, Evie Ugval, Annette Meraw and Kate Carron.

The rest of the squad is composed of sophomores and freshmen. Most have hockey experience, which gives the Knights a sporting chance to contend for a Division 1 state champi-



University Liggett School goaltender Eve Bournias makes a stick save in the season opener against PCS.

onship.

The sophomores are Reese Martin, Kendall Zinn and Gabrielle Anusbigan, and the freshmen are Honor Wallace, Memphis Griffin, Maddie McKee, Leah Coleman, Logan Merriweather, Allyson Doppke and Ava Jacob.

The Knights have hovered around the .500 mark the past couple of seasons. Look for a final record above the break-even mark this winter.

There are 15 teams in the league this season, so the Knights play 14 games in the conference, and a dozen more that are considered non-league.

The 14 league foes are Plymouth-Canton-Salem, Farmington Hills Mercy, Walled Lake, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Livingston United, Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred

Heart/Marian, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Skyron, Detroit Country Day, Warren Regina, Northville, Livonia, Bloomfield/Birmingham and city rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South.

"I don't know what other teams have, if they have any Triple-A players, so we're entering the season with a lot of unknowns," Kuehnlein said. "However, I know we will be ready to play each game, and these girls are hard workers. They want to get better."

ULS also hosts its annual holiday tournament Thursday, Dec. 20, and Saturday, Dec. 22.

The semifinals are 5:30 and 7:15 p.m. the first day, and the consolation and finals are noon and 1:30 p.m. the final day.

In their season opener last week, ULS lost 3-2 in overtime to Plymouth-

Canton-Salem. It was a non-league contest at McCann Arena.

"Everyone got ice time, which is what I wanted in the first game," Kuehnlein said. "I wanted everyone to get a taste of what it is like, and we have several girls who have never played hockey, so it was nice to get them a shift or two."

The Knights scored the first two goals to lead 2-0 after the opening period.

Allyson Doppke scored at the 2:04 mark, with Abby Doppke and Griffin assisting. Jacob had the second goal at the 1:02 mark, assisted by Meraw and Bournias.

PCS scored at the 5:20 mark of the second period, and tallied the equalizer with 4:21 left in the third period.

In the eight-minute overtime, the Penguins scored with 5:12 left to earn the two points.

ULS is 0-0-0-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Defending champs reload

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls hockey team is ready for a second season under head coach John Weidenbach.

All Weidenbach did his first season at the helm is lead the Blue Devils to a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 state championship when they edged Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 2-1.

This season, the team begins without Miss Hockey, Lauren Kramer, who is a freshman in college.

"We have 16 skaters and two goaltenders this season," Weidenbach said. "We have some good skaters to fill Kramer's shoes, like (Lauren) Benoit, (Kelsie) Francis and (Molly) Ryszewski, and Madeline (Kelly) is steadily improving in net."

This year's senior leaders are Anna Mary Moody, Alyssa Czech, Madison Ryszewski, Charlotte Martinez and Kelly.

Juniors are Francis, Natalie Clextion, Benoit and Emily DesNoyer, and the sophomores are

Veronica Van Rossen and Regan Sherry.

Freshmen on the squad are Bridget Backer, Mallory Burdick, Victoria Roth, Effie Hodges, Julia Gebeck, Olivia Livingstone and Molly Ryszewski.

Kelly handles the goal-tending duties.

The Blue Devils aim to make the Division 1 playoffs yet again. However, they have the bull's-eye on their backs being the defending state champs as every team will want to play their best to beat them.

In their season opener last week, South lost 5-2 to a new program in the league, Livingston United, which is composed of players from Brighton, Howell and Hartland high schools.

However, the Blue Devils earned a forfeit win after Livingston had two ineligible players.

"The league handled the ruling very quickly and I was notified we had a forfeit win," Weidenbach said. "That Livingston team is solid from top to bottom, so I would say they will be a formidable opponent this season."

Grosse Pointe South is 1-0 in the league.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Teams packs confidence

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's year No. 2 for head coach Casey Quick and assistant coach Emma Huellmantel.

Last year they led the Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team to a solid finish and a spot in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 playoffs.

This year's version is led by returning players Bella Welke, Maddie McIntyre, Clare Murphy, Erin Murphy, Darby Pickford, Hannah Martin and Mia Cassar.

Newcomers to the team are Ally Saigh, Ruth Fradeneck, Mackenzie Stockwell, Polly Fitzgerald, Lucy Turrini, Clare Ramsdell, Madalyn Durkee, Emma Galeota, Alexandra Koerner, Maraina Smith,

Toni Miano and Elle Sables.

Ramsdell, Turrini and Miano are former figure skaters who decided to play ice hockey. Their excellent skating abilities should help make their transition easier.

Cassar is the starting goaltender, while Saigh, an All-State Second Team goalie in field hockey, is the backup.

Welke is the captain, and the assistant captains are Clare Murphy and Martin.

The Norsemen aim for a top finish in the league and a deep run in the playoffs. They haven't made the state championship in several years, but they have the personnel to challenge for it this season.

They have a solid defensive group, led by Welke and McIntyre, a solid goaltender in Cassar and backup with Saigh, plus forwards who will score in the Murphy sisters, as well as Pickford and Martin.

North opened its season last week with a 7-0 road win over Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart Academy, a new program in the league.

Clare Murphy had two goals and one assist, while Erin Murphy had one goal and two assists. Welke had the hat trick, plus added an assist, and Pickford scored the other goal.

Martin added two assists, while Cassar had the shutout in net.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 in the league.

Baseball, wrestling

GROSSE POINTES

Sign up to learn fundamentals

It is time to sign up for the annual Grosse Pointe South baseball Holiday Hitting Camp, which runs 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 22, at the high school's main gymnasium.

South is located at 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The cost is \$50 and is for children in second through sixth grade.

Seventh- and eighth-graders from outside Grosse Pointe South district boundaries may attend this camp.

The camp is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe

South baseball program, as well as Burke's Sport Haven, and the objective is to provide detailed instruction on the fundamentals of the game of baseball by teaching proper mechanics in a safe and positive atmosphere.

The emphasis is on instructional, not recreational.

The camp will be staffed by Grosse Pointe South players and coaches. Campers will be age-grouped and will rotate through five to six hitting stations, with emphasis on fundamen-

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All players must be pre-registered.

There are no refunds once the camp has started, and no registrations are accepted at the door.

Send a check payable to Grosse Pointe South Dugout Club to 835 Hidden Lane, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

For further questions, contact director Dan Griesbaum at (313) 347-3672 or email at Dan.griesbaum@gpschools.org.

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Wrestling

The Grosse Pointe Wrestling Club opens its 16th season Dec. 3.

Practices are in the Grosse Pointe South main gymnasium from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays through mid-February.

The teams will be coached by Tyler Thompson, Dave Salazar and Tony Cimmarrusti, as well as numerous other volunteers.

For further information, contact Cimmarrusti at (313) 640-7922 or mykingis@aol.com.

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O	P	E	N	A	L	E	E	V	I	L	
K	I	D	D	M	P	G	S	E	E	K	

- ACROSS**
1 Troubadour's instrument
5 Brit. fliers
8 Legal document
12 Tiny bit
13 Right angle
14 Present
15 Poetic foot
16 By way of
17 App symbol
18 Stingy, slangily
20 Majorettes' props
22 One of the kin (Abbr.)
23 Yon maiden
24 Wait in hiding
27 Porches
32 Eisenhower
33 Before
34 Wapiti
35 Barack Obama, e.g.
38 Quarry
39 Altar affirmative
40 Blond shade

- 42 Baseball division
45 Weather-map line
49 Extinct bird
50 Web address
52 Author Morrison
53 Stead
54 "A pox upon thee!"
55 Not ignorant of
56 Blunders
57 Supporting
58 Method (Abbr.)
DOWN
1 Secular
2 Western state
3 Heavy reading
4 Set off on a journey
5 Six-gun, e.g.
6 "The Greatest"
7 Cellulite, e.g.
8 Bleach
9 Flute's cousin
10 Press
11 Sawbucks

- 19 Gym class (Abbr.)
21 "Eureka!"
24 Cover
25 Luau music-maker
26 String around your finger
28 Geological period
29 Merchant
30 Hearty quaff
31 Firmament
36 Hateful
37 Inmate
38 Snapshots
41 Baseball position (Abbr.)
42 Not working
43 Bleak, in Hollywood
44 Verbal abuse
46 Skeletal
47 Picnic invaders
48 Laugh-a-minute
51 Carnival city

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