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Election violations alleged

By Mary Anne Brush
 Staff Writer

Kelly Boll and other concerned citizens visited 15 polling places election day, Nov. 6, beginning at 9 a.m. At each place, Boll and others complained to election officials about what they viewed as election polling place violations according to state law.

With Grosse Pointe schools used at each of these precincts, their concern was that information about the \$111 million school bond on the ballot was located at each school, accessible to voters who visited that precinct. This information was displayed on 3-

by-2-foot posters on easels or music stands, orange signs taped to the walls and orange Post-it notes indicating areas of each school to be remod-

‘These materials clearly promote things the bond will buy, and they also target items in the specific school which itself is acting as the polling place.’

KELLY BOLL,
 Grosse Pointe Park resident

eled, replaced or upgraded.

According to a Michigan Campaign Law statute, “On election day, a person shall not post, display, or distribute in a polling place, in any hall-

way used by voters to enter or exit a polling place, or within 100 feet of an entrance to a building in which a polling place is located any mate-

rial that directly or indirectly makes reference to an election, a candidate, or a ballot question.”

“My concern is that GPPSS is promoting the bond to voters within 100 feet of the polling place,”

Boll wrote in a Nov. 6 email to Jennifer Redmond, deputy director of elections under Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett. “These posters and ‘orange square’ signs and orange Post-it notes were located at many, if not all, of the GP schools used as polling places today. The posters and squares were not in non-school Grosse Pointe municipal buildings used as polling places.

“These materials clearly promote things the bond will buy, and they also target items in the specific school which

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PHOTO COURTESY OF KENDALL CASSIDY

Kendall Cassidy and her sons were impacted by a fire in the 1800 block of Hampton Tuesday, Nov. 27.

Family escapes house fire

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Residents of a home in the 1800 block of Hampton are grateful for their quick thinking and the community’s quick response after their home caught fire early Tuesday morning, Nov. 27.

Approximately 7:30 a.m., the 59-year-old homeowner was making his grandson’s lunch when he observed smoke coming from the rear of the house. He immediately alerted his daughter, Kendall Cassidy, 29, staying in the basement living area with her two young sons.

“My dad yelled downstairs and I could hear the panic in his voice,” Cassidy said. “Get out of the house.”

With her 15-month-old son in her arms, she noticed the clock near her bed showed 7:37 a.m. She threw open the door to the bedroom where her 6-year-old son was sleeping.

“We gotta get out,” she yelled, as her son sat up and stared, frozen with fear. With the baby in one arm, she grabbed the 6-year-old out of bed with her other hand and swiftly led him up the basement stairs.

“So I got them up to the top of the stairs and there was just smoke every-



PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN FENTON

Image captured by a neighbor of the house in the 1800 block of Hampton that caught fire the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 27.

where,” she said. “I yelled to (the 6-year old) to get down under the smoke and got the baby and myself down.”

The fire was in a rear screen room near the top of the basement stairs. Fortunately, the woman recalled the fire-safety training she had as a child and knew to stay low below the smoke.

Observing the smoke was coming from the rear of the house, she led her sons away from it, toward the front. She grabbed two adult jackets to wrap around her sons as they headed out the front door and into cold weather.

On the way out, she noticed the family dog in the hallway and called to him to follow her. The woman’s father, still

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PHOTO COURTESY OF KAREN POPE

HOLLYFEST success

HOLLYFEST Honorary Chairmen Jeff and Debra Jay present Sean Hogan-Downey with the first Family Center Service Achievement Award during the Nov. 29 event, an annual fundraiser gala for The Family Center. For more photos, see page 3A.

Residents question water rates

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Residents questioned village council and administrators about increasing water bills the past several years during the village council meeting Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Questions raised during the public comments portion of the meeting came with a request to village administration to detail in the billing the fixed costs passed on to residents based on infrastructure maintenance and administrative overhead and variable costs based on individual water

consumption.

A resident on Clairview representing others on his street said he’s seeking answers for why the cost of water per cubic foot increased from \$5.32 in 2009 to \$13.12 in the most recent billing cycle.

“That’s a pretty sub-

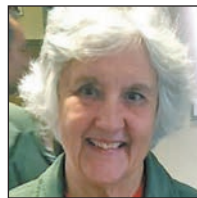
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The Charlevoix opens its doors

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It's been a long time coming, not only for bar-goers on Charlevoix — peering into the windows, trying to catch a glimpse through brown-paper-covered windows — but also for managing partners of The Charlevoix, Nick Arrigo, Brian Czerny and Brandon Belknap.

Just before Thanksgiving, the newest restaurant in Grosse Pointe Park opened its doors to the community.

"This whole thing is meant to be a neighborhood spot," said Belknap. "Something exciting, new, but also comfortable. A place you can hang out."

Belknap, who previously was the executive sous chef for the Detroit Lions, said the menu is an eclectic mix of "elevated bar food."

Belknap was brought on first as a consultant.

"Brandon talked about how we don't know how to design a kitchen," Czerny said.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE CHARLEVOIX

The Charlevoix, 14927 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park, recently opened its doors to the community.

"As everything evolved, it just made more sense to me to jump on full board and buy in and become a partner," Belknap said.

The menu features po' boys, wings and tacos with unique twists and

the drink menu was curated to compliment the flavors.

"The wine program especially, just like the beers I brought in, is very



The Charlevoix offers an eclectic menu of elevated bar food, handcrafted cocktails and a kitchen that's open late.

much meant to compliment the food," Arrigo said.

The drink menu features seasonal craft beers, handcrafted cocktails and a small but focused wine list.

"Places have cocktail lists, places have wine lists, but we are a little more focused on fun, accessible cocktails," Arrigo said. "Using fresh seasonal ingredients, ingredients that might not be used in other

places. But nothing that is uncomfortable."

It should be noted the kitchen is open late, which, for Arrigo, was the impetus for opening the restaurant in the Park.

Arrigo said while he was working downtown at Joe Muer Seafood as lead bartender, it was often a struggle to find food in the Park after work.

"You can only have pizza so many times in the week before you start feeling depressed," he said.

Arrigo said his experience helping open seven restaurants the last eight years — including Luxe in the Farms and the expansion of Park Grill — helped him realize it was possible to open his own restaurant.

"And when this property became available, it was almost divine intervention," he said.

Arrigo has known Czerny since high school. Both graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in the mid-

'90s. They first worked together when Czerny was working on expanding Park Grill.

Czerny, whose background is in finance, saw an opportunity to cater to the adult crowd by bringing downtown "date night" spots to the neighborhood.

"We can provide an option not only to Grosse Pointers, but to eastside Detroiters where you can come this way and not have to deal with the parking headaches of downtown, but you can still get that downtown feel," Czerny said.

Located at 14927 Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park, The Charlevoix is open 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Friday, noon to 2 a.m. Saturday and noon to midnight Sunday. The kitchen is open until midnight Monday to Thursday and until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. The restaurant also is available for events. For more information, visit thecharlevoix.com.

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Expanded

Ahee family matriarch Bettejean Ahee, center, along with her children and grandchildren, cut the ribbon on the expanded showroom at edmund t. AHEE jewelers. With the family are Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Bob Novitke and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce President Jennifer Boettcher.

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Pointer walks every mile

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

There probably aren't a lot of Grosse Pointers — even the lifelong ones — who can say they've been on every street in the five cities, let alone walked them.

But Marianne Costakis can.

The 57-year-old Woods resident recently completed her goal of walking every street in the Grosse Pointes — more than 250 miles.

The idea came to her earlier this year in Florida while walking on the beach.

"Sometimes you get so sedentary and I thought, 'I need to do something,'" she said. "What about walking the streets of Grosse Pointe?"

When she mentioned it to her brothers, she said they told her, "I don't think you can do it in a year."

That didn't stop her from trying. She started slow in April, walking in

her neighborhood a mile or two at a time.

"I eventually got a momentum going," she said.

Soon she was walking four or five times a week, marking her progress on a map and keeping track of the miles on her phone. By November, she had one road left: Provençal.

Unlike the rest of her journey, Provençal is a private road. She said she went to the guard, then public safety, but nothing could get her in.

"I was a little sad when I got to Provençal and I couldn't get down the street," she said. "I thought, 'It's going to be an incomplete project.' It was a little disheartening."

But a friendly neighbor came through. She said she ended up talking to one of her neighbors in the Woods "that kind of knows everybody." As it turned out, he knew a few people on the road and helped Costakis secure access.

"It was a little cold that day," she said. "That was my last day and I got to the end of the road, took a picture, then my phone just died."

During her walks, her phone not only helped her keep track of where she went, but also what she saw. Things that caught her eye fill her camera roll: well-maintained — and not-so-well-maintained — houses, interesting landscaping, lawn decorations (a dinosaur, a gorilla on Provençal and a David statue dressed in a tutu) and the changing fall colors.

"Whatever happened to strike my fancy," she said. Each city has its secret corners, streets rarely seen by anyone but the people who live there.

"I think my favorite part of any of the walks was just finding the little streets you never go to," she said. "There's a lot of them."

It wasn't always easy to get out the door, she said.

"Some days maybe I didn't want to (walk) as much, but once I did, it was good, even the days after I worked," the Beaumont Hospital nurse said.

She said she would bring an extra set of clothes to work, then after a midnight shift on her feet, would hit the town. Soon, the walks became an outlet to relax.

"It was a good thing to do and I felt better after I did it each day and I was disappointed on the days I couldn't do it for whatever reason," she said. "It was a good stress reliever."

For the most part, Costakis walked alone. Every once in a while she said she would walk in the Park with her niece or a neighbor would drop her off somewhere and she would walk back, but because of schedules — she typically would walk weekdays — there weren't a lot of people with whom to share the experience.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARIANNE COSTAKIS

Marianne Costakis took a selfie on Provençal in Grosse Pointe Farms just after she finished her goal of walking every street in Grosse Pointe.

"In some ways it was good and other times it would've been nice to share it with somebody," she said. "But then in some ways you can do what you need to do or stop in random places and take pictures."

She recommends walking to anybody. Her brother also is setting out to accomplish the same goal, although he says it will take him a couple years.

Before setting out, Costakis offers a few tips: Wear comfortable shoes, try to walk in morning or evening — "Especially in the middle of summer; it gets very hot." — hydrate, go to the bathroom before leaving, bring money and listen to music or audio

books. Although "sometimes it was nice just to get rid of the noise, too, and just take in the surroundings," she said.

Now that she finished her goal this year, Costakis is looking for the next one. She doesn't know what she will end up doing yet — maybe walking historical Detroit neighborhoods or swapping seasons. She said she's open for suggestions.

She does know she can't wait to get going again.

"Now that I'm not walking as much, I really miss it and I find that it's not quite the same," she said. "I need to get back into doing something."



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From left, Francine Parker, Candace Miller and Mary Treder Lang.



HOLLYFEST faces

Above, Amy Kish, operations assistant at The Family Center, and her husband, Ken, enjoy the evening. Left, from left, Beverly Perry, Harper Woods Mayor Pro Tem Valerie Kindel and Wayne County Community College District Provost Sandra Robinson.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, DEC. 10

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms city council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 90 Kerby.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park city council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Board of Review meeting, 9 a.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 10 a.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Wood Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Board of Review meeting, 9 a.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

RATES:

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stantial increase, a 147-percent increase over nine years," he said, adding he contacted village administration to request an itemized bill and was told that information was unavailable.

"It seems we have a blended rate, where it's just based per 100 cubic feet of water," the concerned resident told council. "If that's the case of a blended rate, then as the rate goes up, as the usage goes up, we're also paying additional costs to the fixed cost. There should be a set cost for the fixed cost. And then whatever our usage is, we should be charged for that."

He asked council to explain the blended rate and the history leading to it, calling out a 30-percent increase in water rates between 2011 and 2012, followed by significant increases each year after.

"The lack of transparency is what bothers us particularly," the resident said, "given the significant increase in the cost of the water."

Councilman Bruce Bisballe explained that since 2011, when the village's 30-year contract with the Great Lakes Water Authority went into effect, the cost of water is calculated per 100 cubic feet.

"We mark that up with our cost and put that through," Bisballe said.

"So the significant increase in cost you see is through (Great Lakes Water Authority)."

Bisballe added the contract with the authority promises no more than a 3-percent rate increase per year.

"They (Great Lakes Water Authority) haven't lived up to that," he said. "The reasons the rates are doubling for the entire metropolitan area is simply fewer people, set infrastructure. The infrastructure was built for 2 million people living in the city of Detroit, for example. There's only a million people there."

"The pipes didn't get any smaller. They didn't get any newer. So you have all that infrastructure that's being maintained for a much larger base. That's why the costs continue to escalate."

"As far as breaking out the fixed, the variable, the meter charge, No. 1, we looked at this prior years. Seventy percent of the water bills in the community are fixed-charge. They're the minimum charge. So that has been a decision by council prior years and over the course of time that that would be maintained at the lowest possible cost for the residents on a minimum-charge basis. That's why you see larger water users, in many cases, pay a higher total cost."

Bisballe said the combined sewer and water rate in the Shores is the second lowest among the

five Grosse Pointe communities. The Shores, Woods and Park are in a contract with Great Lakes Water Authority. Farms and City rely on the Farms water plant.

Higher water consumption, during summer, for example, leads to escalated charges calculated by usage and stress to the system, which accounts for additional charges to the village by Great Lakes Water Authority toward fixed costs, Bisballe explained.

As for showing itemized charges in billing,

Bisballe said new accounting software — on the agenda for council approval the same meeting — would enable administrators to provide itemized water bills to residents by the next billing cycle.

"It's not going on deaf ears. It's not a blind decision," Bisballe stressed. "It's a conscious choice that has been made by the council in the establishment of the water rates and more detail will be forthcoming."

The motion to adopt the new accounting software was approved.

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Farms woman has experience of a lifetime

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

With pounding heart and mile-wide smile, the Rev. Susan d'Olive Mozena recently got the experience of a lifetime in the cockpit of a B-52 Stratofortress bomber.

The flight — which included a couple simulated bomb runs — was in honor of the service of Mozena's father, 1st Lt. Charles d'Olive, a fighter pilot during World War I. But her story starts long before the Grosse Pointe Farms resident was fitted for flight.

Mozena, 73 and the coordinator of adult education at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, grew up in the Chicago area and moved with her family to Cedar Falls, Iowa, when she was in junior high school.

"I was an only child," she said. "My parents were older. My dad was 49 when I was born, my mom 12 years younger. They used to call girls who liked sports and who were good at athletics tomboys. I'm a tomboy. ... I was raised doing sort



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SUSAN MOZENA

The Rev. Susan Mozena, dressed in her specially made flight suit, is all smiles before the flight.

of boy things with my dad and girl things with my mom, although she was also a tomboy. ... I watched an awful lot of war movies with my dad

and I heard his stories a million times."

Her father served with two squadrons in France — the 93rd Aero Squadron and, briefly toward the end of the war, the 141st Aero Squadron. He was awarded a Distinguished Service Medal — the second highest military decoration in the United States — for five aerial victories with the 93rd squadron. The day after he received the medal, the war ended.

"I was raised on that story," Mozena said. "Always on Nov. 11, I put our flag out and think about Dad and how grateful I am that he survived."

Several years ago, Mozena's son decided to see if the 93rd squadron was still around.

"After World War I, a lot of military were demobilized," Mozena said. "The 93rd had been decommissioned and then brought back in the '30s as a bomb squad, not a fighter squad."

Its commander, Col. Joe Jones, sent two public affairs officers to Mozena's home to photograph her memorabilia. She gave them original

items as well.

"We had a connection," she said.

That connection led to an invitation to Mozena and her family — husband, John; son, John; and daughter, Beth — to the centennial celebration of the squadron's formation. They traveled to Shreveport, La., last year, where the brigadier general told her father's story. Out of that gathering came the idea to put Mozena on a B-52.

The flight, which took place at Louisiana's Barksdale Air Force Base in September, wasn't Mozena's first in a cockpit. She was so enamored with her father's stories, she took flying lessons in high school.

"Dad wanted me to solo in a plane before I'd solo in a car," she said. "So I took flying lessons before I turned 16."

Mozena's nine hours of dual instructions, including successful touch-and-go landings, didn't last. Expensive lessons, a hint of self-doubt and "math anxiety" led her to stop.

"I love to fly and I am sorry I didn't follow through on that," she said.

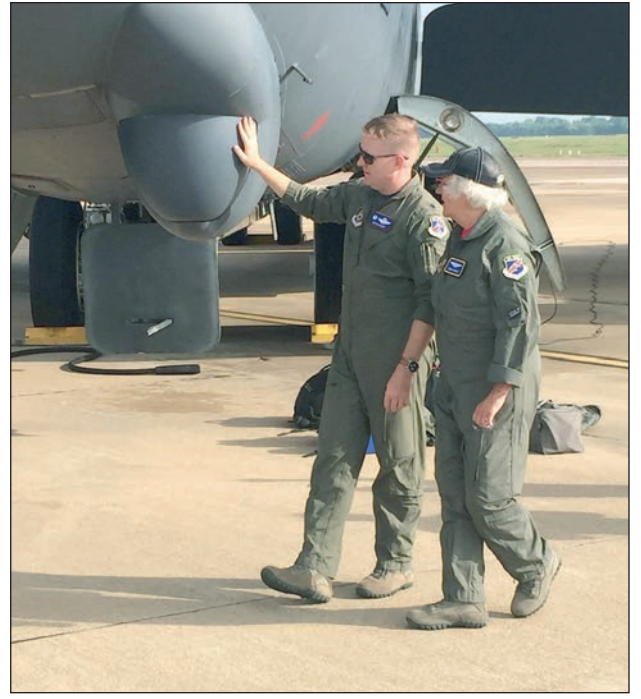
However, Mozena has no problem following through on other pursuits. The 1967 Mount Holyoke College graduate majored in political science and minored in history. She earned a master's degree in teaching from Northwestern University in 1968, the same year she wed John Mozena.

"I taught four years," she said, "but I knew teaching wasn't what I wanted to do with the rest of my life."

She became a stay-at-home mom, but it was the early '70s, "right at the beginning of when women started to do things outside the home," she said. "I wasn't a radical women's libber. But at Mount Holyoke, we were taught you can do anything you set your mind to. There were no mixed messages about that."

Mozena was asked to volunteer with Junior League of Detroit, which eventually led her to volunteer at Children's Hospital of Michigan working the emergency room triage desk.

"Through that I was recruited to be the volunteer coordinator at Henry Ford Hospital, part time," she said. "From that, I fell in love with hospitals. I got a master's degree in the hospital administration program at the



Mozena does a pre-flight inspection with Lt. Col. Bryan Bailey, squadron commander.

University of Michigan School of Public Health in 1984."

From there she worked in the office of the administrator at Detroit Medical Center Corp., before being recruited as an assistant administrator at Detroit Receiving Hospital. Several promotions and years later, she became vice president of administration.

"Those 12 years were the richest of my health care career," she said. When her position was eliminated in 1996, it was "one of the saddest days of my life."

Mozena served several capacities at different health care agencies until 2010, all the while attending seminary.

"At age 57, I felt the call," she said. After major surgery in 2002, she had three months of recuperation to reflect on that call.

"Not a day went by that I didn't have somebody reaching out to me doing something gracious," she said. "From my perspective, it was the holy spirit motivating them to reach out to me in those wonderful ways."

"If one feels called to the ministry of any sort, it's often a secret call," she continued. "You don't tell anyone about it. I didn't say a word to my husband. It's such a private moment."

Already in her late 50s, Mozena was certain she didn't aspire to run a church; however, she felt called to become a hospital chaplain. She earned a Master of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago in 2009, and shortly after began working at Memorial Church.

The Rev. Dr. Peter Henry "gave me the

opportunity to be coordinator of adult education," she said. "It's the perfect niche because I used to be a teacher."

"I also worked full time as chaplain at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, which is now Beaumont Wayne, by the airport," she continued. "I was 64 when I was ordained. Here I am at 73, retired four years from my chaplain role."

Currently, Mozena leads Bible studies, preaches several times a year, assists in worship and works on a contingency basis at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. She celebrated her ninth anniversary of ordination Dec. 5.

"It's a combination at this time in my life of putting together everything I've ever learned to do," she said. "I'm grateful for all of it. I'm grateful to be in good health, too."

Mozena loves to golf and exercise. She and her husband are second-generation Rotarians. Additionally, Mozena volunteers with the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College and the church-based nonprofit Pilgrims of Ibillin, which supports interfaith peacemaking efforts in Israel and the West Bank.

The Mozenas recently returned from a trip to New Zealand and Australia in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

"The biggest thing in my life is my family — my husband, our two kids and three grandkids. The happiest time for us is when we're in the dining room and all nine of us are around the table at once."

Sharing the thrill

The Rev. Susan Mozena speaks about her experience flying in a B-52 bomber during the next Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meeting, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The flight happened in September, out of the Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, where the 93rd Bomb Squadron is based.

"It was perfect weather for the flight," she said. "It was glorious. I loved every minute of it."

Mozena was invited into the cockpit because her father, an ace pilot during World War I, flew B-52s. He recorded the 93rd Pursuit Squadron's first ever aerial kill when he shot down a German Fokker D.VII fighter on Sept. 12, 1918. Charles d'Olive shot down a total of five planes during the war and received a Distinguished Service Cross for his efforts.

"I can't prove if I'm the only surviving family of those guys, but I'm the only one they know about," Mozena said. "I'm the only link to their history."

Mozena said she enjoyed every bit of the experience — from pre-flight training the day before to even being allowed to control the tiller for a short while.

"My dad would have just gone nuts over this," she said. "I was incredibly moved by the whole thing. It was adventure. It was fun. It was emotionally engaging for me. ... I missed my dad through the whole thing. No doubt his combat experience in World War I was certainly the most adventure he had in his life." The 93rd squadron is part of the Air Force Reserves Command and does all the training for B-52 pilots in the U.S. Air Force and Reserves, Mozena said.

"Through me they were honoring my father ... and it wasn't lost on me," she said.

The public is welcome to attend Mozena's Dec. 12 lecture. For more information, visit grossepointerotary.org.

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Drunken driving

A 67-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, on Jefferson at Lakeland.

Officers observed the man parked on the west-bound curb of Jefferson for multiple light cycles. When contacted, the man said he ran out of gas on his way home. Officers noted an odor of intoxicants and a LEIN search revealed a suspended license. The man failed a field sobriety test and a preliminary breath test resulted in .17 percent blood alcohol content.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Too drunk

A 50-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated after sideswiping a patrol vehicle, refusing to stop, hitting a spike strip and driving the wrong way on Lakeshore at 3:20 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3, on Lakeshore at Kerby.

An officer stopped at a red light on Mack at Calvin observed the man behind him with his right-turn signal activated approximately 9:30 and 3:20 a.m. However, instead of making the turn, the man continued straight and sideswiped the passenger side of the officer's vehicle, causing

damage to both vehicles. The officer activated his lights, but the vehicle did not pull over. The man turned right on Moross and, according to police reports, continued east-bound, traveling between 15 and 35 miles per hour, hugging the right curb.

Shores officers assisted and laid a spike strip on Moross just west of Lakeshore. The Detroit man's front tires deflated after hitting the spike strip traveling approximately 30 miles per hour, but he kept driving. According to reports, when the man approached Lakeshore, his wheels locked up, causing him to nearly run into the exit gate at Pier Park. He then turned right onto Lakeshore and traveled southbound in the northbound lanes. Officers were finally able to block the roadway and stop the vehicle at Kerby.

According to police, the man smelled of intoxicants and believed he was on the freeway in Detroit.

He had a .29 percent blood alcohol content.

Easy breathing bandit

A Continuous Positive Airway Pressure machine was stolen from a vehicle in the 18000 block of Mack between 9:30 and 11 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28. Reported Friday, Nov. 30, the victim said he parked his car behind a restaurant then returned a few hours later to discover

of those impacted by house fires projected six to eight months for restoration. However, the insurance company had not yet assessed the home at press time.

The family is hoping insurance coverage will enable them to rent a house in Grosse Pointe Woods during the restoration.

"Everyone has been amazing. The community, family, friends," said the woman.

Cassidy's stepsister launched a GoFundMe site the day of the fire.

"I did not expect it to go as far as it has," the stepsister told the Grosse Pointe News about response to the site, which raised more than \$4,500 at press time. "The world we live in today, I did not expect the outpouring of love. It's amazing, especially right before the holidays."

Cassidy said Roy Bishop, principal of Mason Elementary School, arrived to check on the family within a half hour of the evacuation. Later that morning he returned with clothing and shoes for her 6-year-old.

"Not just any shoes, but light-up Avengers shoes," she said, adding Bishop also gave them games and toys.

She said the pastor from Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, where they attend regularly, also arrived that morning and mobilized the church community in assisting the family.

Cassidy said there have been many examples of residents reaching out to help them, including a

the machine missing.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Warrant arrest

A 21-year-old Detroit man was arrested for a Shelby Township warrant at 9:20 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, on Mack at Maryland. He was stopped for speeding.

Stolen credit card

A 31-year-old Detroit woman used a stolen credit card to purchase a sandwich at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, in the 17000 block of Mack.

Home invader arrested

A 21-year-old Detroit man was arrested in his home in the 2900 block of Fullerton at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, in connection to multiple home invasions in the Park and City in October.

Suspended licenses

◆ A 32-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving on a suspended license and warrants at 2:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at Lakepointe and Fairfax. He was stopped for tinted windows.

◆ A 34-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving on a suspended license and warrants at 1:40 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, on Mack at Bedford. He was stopped for speeding.

Neighborhood Grinch

An unknown person cut four strings of Christmas lights over two nights in the 900 block of Westchester between Thursday, Nov. 29, and Saturday, Dec. 1.

Home invasion

More than \$5,000 worth of items were stolen from a house in the 1100 block of Grayton between 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, and 6:35 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. Stolen were an LG TV, a silver bar, a gold wedding ring and cash. The unknown suspect entered through a rear unlocked door.

Stealing from the blind

A 52-year-old Chesterfield Township woman was arrested for stealing money from elderly patients' purses in the 15000 block of Jefferson at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30. The woman would steal when the victims were there for eye exams. She confessed to multiple thefts over many months.

— Anthony Viola

Report information about these and other

crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

No license

Officers arrested a 26-year-old Detroit woman during a traffic stop at Lakeshore and Vernier Friday, Nov. 30, after a scan of the license plate of her 2003 Buick Rendezvous revealed she was driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

— Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Disorderly complaint

Officers responded to a complaint by an employee in a medical office in the 20800 block of Mack of an irate man yelling at her in the lobby. The 53-year-old Woods

man entered the office approximately 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, confronting the employee at the front desk alleging patients were illegally parking in front of his house in the 1800 block of Hollywood.

The man exited the office after a patient in the waiting room and a handyman working in the office asked him to leave. Meanwhile, the employee called 911.

Responding officers discovered a vehicle blocking the man's driveway. The man told officers that patients regularly park blocking his driveway. He also said on two occasions he found medical supplies left in front of his house.

The officers advised the man to contact public safety for parking enforcement in the future and warned he would be arrested if he returned to the medical office.

— Melissa Walsh

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

FIRE:

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inside the house, yelled for her to call 911.

Safely in a neighbor's house, Cassidy called emergency services. Her father found his way out of the house and joined them soon after.

Telling her story to the Grosse Pointe News, Cassidy stressed the importance of establishing a family fire-response plan and running fire drills in the home.

According to the public safety report, several calls were reported of flames coming from the exterior rear of the house, beginning at 7:35 a.m.

Woods public safety officers were the first on the scene, followed by Woods Engine 5, which experienced a problem connecting the hydrant hose.

Harper Woods Engine 1 arrived at 7:45 a.m., connected a hose to the nearest hydrant and began dousing flames on the rear of the house.

At 7:54 a.m., Farms Ladder 3 arrived, which firefighters climbed to cut vent holes in the roof.

By 8:21 a.m. the fire was under control. Firefighters cleared the scene at 9:15 a.m. Investigators took photographs, before the house was boarded at 9:30 a.m.

"(The house) is all boarded up and locked up right now," Cassidy said. "There was enough damage that they'll have to rebuild before we can get back in."

She said a preliminary estimate by a fire-damage expert and advocate

Mason family who anonymously paid their food bill after spotting them at a local restaurant.

Neighbors also assisted Cassidy's father — the homeowner — who needed to return to running his business the day following the fire.

The 6-year-old returned to school Thursday, Nov. 29, and went to his Cub Scouts den meeting the same evening.

"I wanted to get him back into a routine as quickly as possible with his life being turned completely upside down," Cassidy said.

Though the family is thankful for escaping the fire, they grieve the loss of a pet — a cat that died of smoke inhalation.

"He was mine. ... He was my first baby. He made me a mom," Cassidy said, mourning the cat she rescued when she was 18 years old.

Despite the loss, Cassidy said she is grateful for the safety her family found in the community.

"We are very friendly with all our neighbors. We are very close to them. I grew up in that house," she said.

"I already felt so blessed in my life," she added. "Then to have this happen and to see how many people have given, it just has been an outpouring. I'm speechless about how much support we've had. It's just been phenomenal. I couldn't be more blessed in how the boys and I have ended up and how kind everyone has been."

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OUR VIEW

Enrollment ...
by the numbers

Enrollment is down 218 students this year — nearly twice the 110 expected. This apparently came as a surprise to top school administrators and board members.

We're not sure what to be more concerned about: the unexpected drop in students or the fact the administration didn't know about it long before the Nov. 26 meeting of the school board when it was announced.

To be fair, projections have been off by a factor of 100 before. At the Sept. 22, 2008, board meeting, then deputy superintendent Chris Fenton reported that enrollment was 104 students lower than projected.

Fall "count day" this year was Oct. 3. The deadline to submit the numbers to Wayne RESA was Nov. 15. So the Grosse Pointe Public School System releasing its enrollment numbers in late November falls right within the published timeline.

However, as the letters to the editor in this week's newspaper attest, some folks are incredulous — if not suspicious. Clearly, they believe, the administration knew the numbers as early as the beginning of October. Some say there should have been inkings after the first day and weeks of school in September.

The truly cynical think the numbers were withheld until after the Nov. 6 election so as not to affect the \$111 million bond issue on the ballot. One wonders: Had the enrollment decline been less than expected, would those numbers have come out prior to the election?

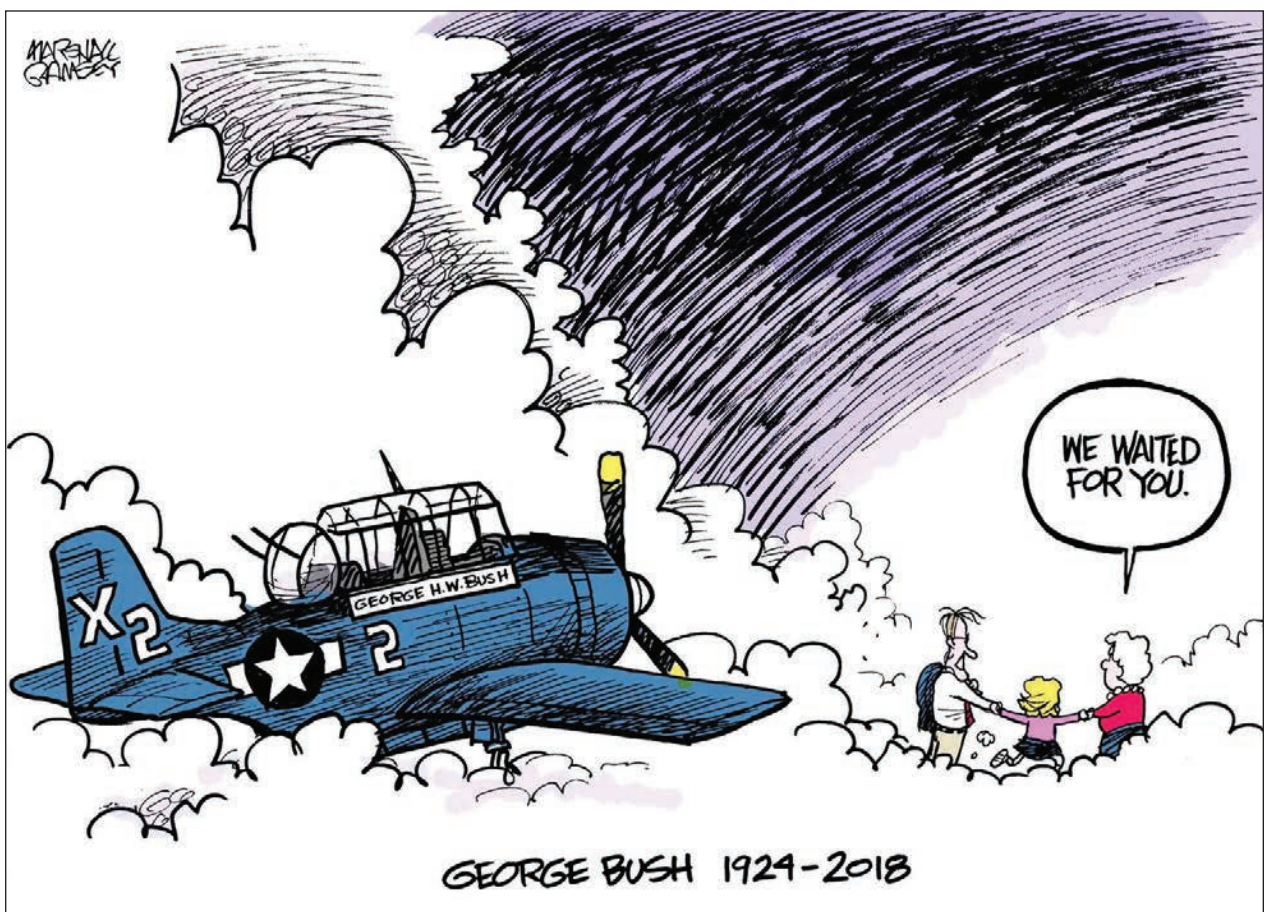
Traditionally, when are enrollment numbers made public? Last year, on Oct. 9, 2017, Superintendent Gary Niehaus informally announced the enrollment numbers as part of his report to the school board. In 2016, the enrollment numbers were announced at the board's Sept. 26 meeting. In 2015, enrollment figures were reported at the board's Sept. 21 meeting. Clearly, this year's numbers were tardy compared to past years.

Was it deliberate and would earlier release of the higher-than-expected loss of enrollment have impacted the bond vote? We suppose some voters may have been swayed to vote differently had they known the drop in students was twice as big as expected. Why pump millions of dollars into schools if they are going to have to be closed anyway?

The loss in enrollment also has huge budget implications. The school district loses \$1 million in state funds for each 100-student drop in enrollment. That's \$1.08 million on top of the already projected \$1.1 million loss for 2018-19. Unfortunately, the \$2.18 million loss may come out of the school district's fund balance, which the current school board has struggled to get back up to 10 percent from the low of 2 percent in 2013 that impacted our bond rating.

The new enrollment numbers also trigger school closure discussions — within 30 days per recently adopted board policy. Consequently, board President Brian Summerfield expects the administration to present an outline of what needs to be done to reshape the district by the next regular board meeting, tentatively scheduled for Jan. 14.

Happy New Year.



This cartoon by Marshall Ramsey of the Jackson, Miss., Clarion Ledger, part of the USA Today Network, "went viral" after he posted it on Twitter. We are not surprised. What a wonderful tribute to the kind and humble 41st president of the United States, who died Nov. 30 at age 94. Ramsey drew a similar tribute to Barbara Bush in April. Visit @MarshallRamsey on Twitter.

Meet the STAFF

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

John Pigott

IT MANAGER, GRAPHIC DESIGNER

◆ Years at the paper:

Four

◆ Describe your position at the paper:

IT manager and graphic designer

◆ Do you have any hobbies:

Cooking/baking

◆ Tell our readers a bit about yourself:

I have worked in the Pointes since 2002. I have a wonderful, supportive wife and kids who keep me on my toes and are always making me laugh.

◆ Favorite thing about working at the Grosse Pointe News:

Fortunately, I get to work with terrific (and patient) people in every department of the paper. Technology can be both amazing and infuriating.



I enjoy the challenge of making all the various softwares, services and devices work together in order to help us achieve our goals.

LETTERS

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Enrollment:
Delay bonds

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my concern over the Grosse Pointe Public School System administration's revelation on Nov. 26 that student enrollment has declined by 218 students. While it is no surprise that our enrollment is declining, that number is nearly double of what was anticipated.

I find the timing of this announcement interesting. The school board has advised that it first learned of the information on Nov. 20. However, we know that Oct. 3 was the official "Count Day," so wouldn't the administration have known around that time what the enrollment number was? And wouldn't the administration have shared this information with the school board?

Although the enrollment isn't certified ... until Nov. 14, the number should have been disclosed with a caveat that the number was preliminary pending certification. And if the school

board really didn't know about this until Nov. 20, then I find that lack of communication between the administration and school board troubling as well.

Declining enrollment was a central issue associated with the bond proposal and failure to provide this information to the voters prior to the election reflects a serious lack of transparency on the part of the administration.

Many community members, including me, were opposed to this bond because the administration had no plan to address our declining enrollment.

In light of the information presented last night (Nov. 26), I would hope that the administration would delay selling any bonds until it has a comprehensive plan in place to deal with declining enrollment.

WENDY SAIGH
Grosse Pointe Woods

Ethical
transparency

To the Editor:

Before its passage, the

conservative position on the recent school bond proposal was that it was excessive and premature, especially relative to projected student enrollment declines. The non-interest-accruing sinking fund was promoted as an alternative for critical and necessary facilities repairs until the full impact of the projected enrollment declines could be determined.

Shortly after the commencement of classes in early September, this year's student enrollment figures became a known commodity for the GPPSS's administration. Although enrollment numbers may vary slightly over ensuing months, they on average will change only minimally over the school year.

Due to the serious budgetary impact of a sharp enrollment decline, I believe any school system's superintendent would be remiss in not discussing the issue immediately with the board of education president, who develops and sets the monthly meeting agendas, would be the one to circulate the information to the individual board members and schedule it for immediate discussion.

It would normally be considered a first priority order of business as budgetary intervention is better served earlier in the school year than later.

It is now December and surprisingly it took until the Nov. 26 meeting

of the board of education for the accurate enrollment figures to be presented publicly. It comes not surprisingly three weeks after the administration-backed \$111 million school bond proposal was approved and not surprisingly the figures reveal that the enrollment declines are double the administration's initial projections.

Accurate enrollment figures were obviously known by the administration prior to the bond vote and possibly by some members of the board of education. Without question, the administration and potentially certain members of the board withheld or delayed release of information critical to the public's ability to make an informed decision at the polls regarding the proposed bond.

In my opinion, a deliberate lapse of clarity breaches the ethical transparency we as a community deserve and should expect from our publicly funded entities.

Withholding or delaying relevant information is akin to a lie, is counterproductive to the financial well-being of the community as a whole and demonstrates the need for increased timeliness in disclosure and unbiased professionalism by our representatives.

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I SAY By John Minnis

Doing lunch with Willie Horton



Terry and I had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity recently to “do lunch” with one of our heroes, Willie Horton of the 1968 World Champion Detroit Tigers team.

The opportunity came about at last year’s Detroit Historical Society Ball. The silent auction item Terry bid on was lunch with Mr. Horton, four tickets to the 1968 50-year reunion game in September and autographed memorabilia.

We were, naturally, shocked and delighted when Terry’s bid won.

It took a while to schedule lunch with Mr. Horton at his favorite restaurant, Andiamo’s, near his home in Bloomfield Hills.

The baseball great had been in the hospital during the summer for various procedures, but on the day of our lunch last month, he was in fine health and talkative.

The first thing we learned was that Mr. Horton had always wanted to be a fireman and he carried the desire throughout his entire career — much to the consternation of then general manager Jim Campbell.

Being a fireman was always more important

to Mr. Horton than “playing a kids’ game.”

We also were informed that Bob Gibson — the fearsome, strong-armed St. Louis Cardinals pitcher the Tigers faced in the 1968 World Series — was not the toughest pitcher he ever faced.

In fact, Mr. Gibson did not even make the top of his list. The toughest pitcher he faced, according to Mr. Horton, was Luis Tiant with the Cleveland Indians.

Favorite manager? That honor goes to Charlie Dressen, manager during Mr. Horton’s rookie years (1963-66) and Billy Martin.

When it came to naming his favorite teammates from 1968, Mr. Horton paused. They were all favorites in

some way, but Mickey Stanley got the nod for teaching Mr. Horton how to play the outfield.

Mr. Horton is the youngest of 21 children. As a youth, he hit a home run at Briggs Stadium when he was 16 during an all-city high school game. After winning a city championship with Detroit Northwestern High School in 1959, he signed with the Tigers in 1961, playing in the Tigers’ farm system.

He recalls his first Spring Training trip to Lakeland, Fla. He recalled a taxi driver refused to drive him from the train station in downtown Lakeland to Henley Field. However, Mr. Horton recalls it as the “best walk” he ever had.

The Detroit Tigers would later move Spring Training to Joker Marchant Stadium, “Tiger Town,” in 1966. The bonds he formed with players at Tiger Town lasted all his career and to this day.

One of Mr. Horton’s fondest memories is of rooming with Frank Howard. Mr. Horton recalls on the first morning on the road, Mr. Howard called room service for a breakfast big enough for two. This is great, he thought, he’s treating me to breakfast. But as the 6-foot-7 slugger finished the order, he turned to his roommate and said, “Do you want anything?”

Mr. Horton is still on the Detroit Tigers’ payroll, serving as special

assistant to GM Al Avila, along with former ’68 teammate, Al Kaline.

Mr. Horton is the first to show each year at Spring Training. In fact, his winter home in Davenport outside of Orlando is just minutes away from Joker Marchant Stadium at Publix Field.

At age 76, Mr. Horton is not sitting the bench. In 2000 he and his wife, Gloria, created The Willie Horton Foundation — the 360 Organization, today — to support youth through the combination of sports, schools, churches and business. Their motto is “Many Hands Light Work.”

Thank you, Mr. Horton for a great visit and looking forward to seeing you at Spring Training!

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

POST OFFICE ASSURED: The Grosse Pointes’ long battle to obtain a post office of their own has ended in victory.

The U.S. Post Office department has authorized the establishment of a branch in Grosse Pointe.

FISHER ROAD LIES WHOLLY WITHIN FARMS: The proposed widening of Fisher Road was raised at the Farms council meeting Monday night.

The post-war project contemplates the widening of Fisher Road from Kercheval to Mack by about seven feet. This would be obtained by taking approximately two feet from the easterly or Farms side of the street and about five feet from the curb on the westerly or city side of the street.

The Farms it seems, according to the original lines laid down by the developers of the City and Farms, includes all of Fisher road and the sidewalks, up to the property line of the City residents.

Obituaries: Clarence A. Campbell

1968

50 years ago this week

SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN ADOPTED: At its Monday meeting, the Farms council appeared reluctant to the proposed hiring of an adult school crossing guard for the Kercheval Moross intersection, as requested by a number of concerned parents of Kerby School pupils. A compromise was arrived at, which seemed to appease the parents, at least for the present.

The council authorized the installation of a traffic signal light at the intersection of Moross and Beaupre; the installation of a solid metal railing, instead of a chain type, between the sidewalk and street in front of St. Paul Cemetery and a designated route to school, which Kerby School students should follow. The reforms will be evaluated after three months.

PARENTS OBLIVIOUS TO DAUGHTER'S POT PARTY: City police took a forward step Nov. 30 in the prevention of drug and marijuana usage by local teenagers when they conducted a raid on a St. Paul residence.

Acting on information received from a reliable

source, City police obtained a search warrant and presented it to parents of a 17-year-old girl, who was celebrating her birthday with friends.

When police arrived at 11:25 p.m., 16 teenagers, three juveniles and 13 minors were present. Police indicated when the party was at its peak, as many as 50 teenagers were present.

The girl’s parents, who were at home, denied any knowledge of the presence of marijuana or narcotics on the premises.

Obituaries: Marion Blanche Archbell, Donald F. Farnsworth, Frederick J. Gill, Amelia McCarthy, Daniel Morrill, William Peck, Grace H. Raffle, Dr. Paul B. Rickard, Ella Ricketts, Henry M. Stein

1993

25 years ago this week

SCHOOLS DISCUSS SUMMER TAX BILLING: Calling the proposal a “hidden tax increase,” a citizens group vocally opposed the Grosse Pointe school board’s consideration of switching from a winter to a summer tax collection.

As a means of avoiding cash flow problems

next year, the superintendent recommended to the board that the tax collection come in July rather than December.

MOVIE MOLESTER STRIKES AGAIN: Grosse Pointe Woods police were summoned to the Woods Theater when a woman reported a suspicious patron who had been bothering women the last time he was in the theater had returned.

The man wanders from movie to movie looking for women sitting alone. He then sits next to them and attempts to touch their thighs. When he is caught, he runs out of the theater.

These incidents are unrelated to reports made in late fall concerning a man with a hair fetish preying upon female moviegoers at the Woods Theater.

Obituaries: Berenice Elizabeth Asher, John L. Drummy, Katharine S. Jerome, William Arthur Kreiger Jr., John S. Leonard II, Mary Margaret Peeler

2008

10 years ago this week

ARREST MADE IN CAR LARCENIES: A high school dropout with a burglary record has

added to his criminal resume by breaking into cars parked overnight in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The 19-year-old Detroit resident is believed to be responsible for more than 25 break-ins of vehicles in the last week. He stated the cars he broke into were unlocked.

MAN ROBBED IN GARAGE: A 74-year-old Shores resident was robbed of an \$18,000 Rolex Presidential watch in his driveway in the 900 block of Lakeshore.

The resident arrived

home from what he said was a jewelry party at a jewelry store in Southfield. When he exited his vehicle inside his garage, he encountered a lone male standing at the entrance pointing a gun at him demanding the man’s watch.

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Liggett makerspace director brings innovation to Iceland

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Ready, set, make!
This was the title of the session Nick Provenzano presented at a conference in Iceland in early November. The University Liggett School Makerspace director spent six days exploring the country and culture, visiting schools and attending Utis, an annual education conference.

Provenzano was invited to the conference last January while attending an educational technology exhibition in London, England, known as the BETT Conference. While showcasing the work ULS teachers have done with coding and design, he met an educator from Iceland, who invited him to be one of only 126 educators selected to participate in the Icelandic conference from all over the world.

Provenzano also was one of the speakers, presenting on ULS students' work in the Knight's Forge Innovation Lab to show teachers from other countries how they can bring design and making into their own classrooms.

In addition, he conducted a workshop introducing teachers to block-based coding featuring projects created by ULS sixth-graders, focusing on project-based learning and makerspaces to support literacy — the focus of the conference.



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Above, Nick Provenzano was able to engage with students during his visit to Iceland. Here he joins in with students in art class to build a rabbit out of clay to be part of a teacup holder. Right, Provenzano talks with teachers about makerspace and coding.

Provenzano's four sessions were packed, he said, with more than 30 participants at each. He also spent time talking with teachers individually. "It was exciting and it was really cool to share what I've been doing here at Liggett," he said. "They had lots of great questions about how we do things here. I had to stress we are not a public school. ... We are very lucky to be an independent school and do the things we do."

Before the conference, Provenzano had an opportunity to visit Iceland's oldest and largest school in the capital city of Reykjavik.

"The largest school in Iceland is going to have a new record next year of just over 700 (students)," he said. "That definitely puts it into perspective when I said I used to

teach at a high school that had 1,700 kids — and just four grades." Before joining ULS's faculty last year, Provenzano taught at Grosse Pointe South High School.

The approach to education in Iceland — and the school culture in general — struck Provenzano as "profoundly different" from the educational system in the United States.

"How they view education, how they prepare for it and how they engage in it is so very different from how we do it," he said.

For example, at the school he visited, every student from first-through eighth-grade takes woodshop as part of their daily schedule. They also have cooking and textile classes, with both boys and girls learning to knit and crochet.

"These elements used

to be a mainstay in American education and disappeared about 20 years ago," Provenzano said. "But there it is gender neutral. Everyone takes woodshop. Everyone takes cooking. ... Those are skills they feel everyone in Iceland should have."

While Provenzano described the woodshop as amazing — "I was in heaven," he said — he acknowledged these types of activities would never occur in the United States due to fear of liability.

"The idea of first-graders using saws would terrify parents here," he said.

The schools also were more casual than traditional American schools, he said. Everyone takes their shoes off before entering the school, wearing slippers and socks.

"You do not wear your outdoor shoes in the school," Provenzano said. "Every outdoor hallway has shoe racks."

Moreover, students refer to teachers by their first names and everyone dresses casually. Even

the principal was in T-shirt and jeans.

"The idea of who we are is not how we dress," Provenzano said. "The respect we have is the respect we give our students and it is returned."

"It was very casual and slower," he added. "More relaxed. There's a hustle and bustle to American public education that just isn't there."

A major difference for teachers was the amount of preparation time they are given. For every 40

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Spotting Icelandic horses grazing along the roadside, Provenzano stopped to take a selfie. These "very special and rare" horses are the only breed in the world with five types of gaits rather than four, he said.

Teacher of THE WEEK

Lindsey Baratta



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School: Grosse Pointe Academy
Years at GPA: 5
Grade/Subject: Grade 1
Nominated by: Jennifer Kendall, assistant head of school for early and lower school education
Assistant head's quote:

"Lindsey Baratta's classroom is the definition of a perfect first-grade room. Lindsey has a natural talent for the teaching of reading and nurtures and challenges each of her students to reach their potential. She is a team player and a leader among the faculty. As a valuable member of our Professional Development Committee, Lindsey is always looking for ways to support her colleagues both in and out of the classroom."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

The kids ... of course! That may sound obvious and a bit cliché, but working with kids is truly my passion. Their energy, smiles, curiosity and daily hugs are just a few of the reasons why I love teaching. Being an educator is such a meaning-

ful, rewarding career and I honestly couldn't see myself doing anything else. Every year it's my goal to make sure my students are happy and excited to come to school each day. I make learning fun and exciting for my students, and my classroom is full of laughter.

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

Year after year my greatest teaching accomplishment is always the relationships and bonds I form with my students. I create a classroom community that is accepting, warm and nurturing. When my students feel comfortable, respected and safe in their learning space, they can strive to be the best versions of themselves. I always take the time to get to know my students on a personal level to help build a connection. My students know how important they are to me and how much I care about them. I believe that positive relationships and trust are needed in order for students to per-


form at their very best and to become successful. **Please share a book or person that has inspired you or your teaching.**

I have always wanted to be a teacher from as far back as I can remember. Growing up I had some amazing teachers in my life who believed in me, cared for me and made learning fun, which in turn inspired me to become a teacher. It's such a rewarding feeling knowing that now I'm the person making a difference.

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GROSSE POINTE ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

This article 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.

Using sports for good

South alumnus combines love of sports with diplomacy and mentorship

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South High School graduate Dexter Mason, Class of 2009, has found the perfect job to combine his love of sports with passion for public service.

Mason is a regional director of events and programming at the Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality, known as RISE. Founded by Miami Dolphins owner Steven Ross, the nonprofit uses the unifying power of sports to improve race relations and drive social progress, Mason said. RISE has two locations. Headquarters are in New York and Mason works in the midwest office on Michigan Avenue in Detroit's Corktown area.

Passionate about using sports as a catalyst in improving race relations, diplomacy and mentorship, Mason said he is happy to have the opportunity to use his experiences and skill set to promote and increase diversity within professional sports organizations, collegiate athletic departments and corporate America.

This journey began at the University of Michigan, where Mason graduated in 2013 with a Bachelor of arts degree in sports management. He went on to earn a Master of Professional Studies in Sports Industry Management degree from Georgetown University in 2014.

During his time as an undergraduate, Mason served four years as a student manager for the men's basketball program. His senior year, the team made it to the NCAA Final Four, losing to Louisville in the national championship.

For two years Mason was president of a student organization called the Sports Business Association. Its purpose was to help members gain exposure to professional development in the sports business world. Mason helped bring in speakers, host panel discussions and plan events for teams to talk to students about internships and opportunities to get exposed to the sports business industry.



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Dexter Mason graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2009.

Mason said one of his greatest sources of pride was his ability to bring different circles of friends together through his involvement with these different groups, including Kappa Alpha Psi, a historically black fraternity.

"I was very fortunate to have a diverse experience at Michigan, with different circles of friends," Mason said. Through this involvement with minority groups and sports teams — and his perspective growing up in Grosse Pointe, "which is growing in terms of the racial demographics, but during that time was not that racially diverse" — Mason said he "was able to bridge gaps and become friends with people from different sectors on campus."

A favorite memory was a group of friends from different social groups having lunch together.

"That was one of my bigger moments in college," he said. "I was able to facilitate those introductions — people from different backgrounds became lifelong friends. That is something I take great pride in."

His senior year, Mason received U of M's Chapter of NAACP Outstanding Male Leadership award. This further sparked his interest in finding a way to combine his love of sports with politics and public service.

"I didn't know how they intersected," he said. "If there isn't (an intersection), how could I create it? I took a leap of faith and applied to Georgetown University for a master's in sports management."

Because classes were held in the evenings, he was able to intern during the day, gaining in political and government service experience. One of his internships was with Congressman Gary Peters, who was running for U.S. Senate. The

internship took place fall 2013, coinciding with a government shutdown. As an unpaid intern, Mason went to work every day.

"There were jokes that interns were running Capitol Hill while the government was shut down," he said.

Other internships were in the Office of the Commissioner at Major League Baseball, at the NCAA government relations office and, during his last semester, in the White House in the Office of Public Engagement during President Barack Obama's administration. Mason worked on the private sector engagement team. The team's role was to promote the government's agenda — higher wages, decreasing the gender pay gap, expanding paid leave — any time the president or an official in the administration interacted with private businesses, from large companies to small businesses.

Mason graduated in December 2014 — the same time Peters was elected to the U.S. Senate. An opportunity arose for him to work as Peters' staff assistant. Mason remained in this position for about 10 months until he got an offer to return to the White House as a staff assistant in the operations department. His role was to help plan, execute and manage meetings on the complex, from state arrivals, such as Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's visit, to the Easter Egg Roll.

In addition to his work in the White House, Mason volunteered as a mentor for the

Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy, a state-of-the-art site using baseball and softball as vehicles to improve opportunities for underserved youth through academic achievement and positive character development.

"It was a safe space for students to go after school located near a neighborhood middle and elementary school," Mason said. "Business professionals including myself came at least once a week to help students with their work and do leadership training as well."

Mason happened to be onsite when President Obama and Steph Curry, a guard for the Golden State Warriors, arrived to film a public service announcement for My Brother's Keeper, a public-private partnership Obama initiated to promote intervention to civic leaders in the lives of young men of color.

The Warriors had just won the NBA National Championship, Mason said, and were using the power of sports to promote the mentorship initiative — both integral to Mason's own interests and pursuits.

Mason had no idea the president or Curry were arriving for filming that day, or that he himself, shown briefly playing Connect 4 with his mentee, would be part of the video.

"I happened to be in the right place at the right time," he said.

In 2016, with a change of administration on the horizon, Mason knew his days at the White House were numbered.

"I was a political appointee of Obama so my chances of staying were slim," he said. "I loved politics and I love public service. I missed working in sports. Once

the messaging, working with various communities throughout the United States.

"It's really interesting what's going on in our society and current events because you see the intersection of sports and politics very amplified now," he added. "You see athletes speaking out. LeBron (James) started a school. You see a president criticizing athletes. It's interesting to see the intersection of polarizing topics in our country and athletes using their platform to change communities."

After more than two and a half years, Mason, who lives in Detroit, said he has "found a really good home" and hopes to stay. Moreover, he is able to continue his volun-

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MASON DEXTER
Grosse Pointe South, Class of 2009

again I tried to find that intersection using sports for good."

He accepted the job at RISE, where he found "a perfect intersection."

"We partner with every single sports league and major broadcast network through this initiative," he said. "We work with professional teams, leagues and athletes for this work and amplifying

teen work as a business professional mentor for the FATE Program, a four-year, cohort-based program for high school students in northwest Detroit.

"I love the job I'm doing, the city I live in," he said. "I definitely still have friends in Grosse Pointe. I still enjoy driving the 15 minutes to get there."



Throughout his career in public service and nonprofit work, Mason has made time to volunteer as a mentor to underserved youth. He is pictured here playing Connect 4 with a mentee at the Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy.

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ELECTION:

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itself is acting as the polling place — which also, as it happens, is exactly the place where that school's parents are likely to vote (precincts and schools being location oriented)."

Redmond said she received Boll's complaint and forwarded it to the state of Michigan for review, adding responsibility for inspecting the polling site when opening the location in the morning and conducting random inspections throughout the day lay with the local clerk and inspectors, not the school district.

According to an email from Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations Lisa Abbey, the signs in question were "the same signs, in the same places, as they had been on the evening of Nov. 5. In fact, we believe they were the same signs in the same places as they had been since the school open houses in September, when the signs were put up." She included a list of September open house dates for each school.

A statement from district attorney Mark McInerney confirmed the "postings in question" were on display since September. Moreover, he claimed they were informational in nature and "did not advocate voting for or against the bond."

"It honestly did not occur to anyone from GPPSS, or to any of the election workers from the various cities, that the presence of these postings was a problem until complaints were made, at which point the postings were promptly removed," McInerney's statement continued.

According to Abbey, the 14 school buildings used as polling places were turned over to city clerks and election workers after staff opened them at 6 a.m. on election day. All district staff members attended professional

development at Grosse Pointe North High School, which was not a polling site.

"To our knowledge, the only GPPSS employees in the buildings on Nov. 6 were those who opened the building for poll workers, or who responded to requests from the city clerks for assistance removing signs when directed, or who came in after 2:30 p.m. for second shift," Abbey wrote. "Those scheduled to work the second shift are our custodial staff."

Principal Rodger Hunwick confirmed there were four posters displayed at Brownell Middle School since September — one in both vestibules, one in the multipurpose room and one in the rear of the school. Since there had been no instruction prior to the election to take down any of the materials, they remained in the same locations when he left school Monday. Tuesday morning, while attending professional development day at North, he heard there were complaints. He said building engineer Kevin Cole returned immediately to Brownell to assist with removing the materials. By the time Hunwick arrived to help, they all had been taken down.

When Stefany Segesta, election volunteer at the Brownell precinct, arrived at 5:45 a.m. Tuesday morning, however, she said there were no signs up.

"We parked in the back parking lot. I would have walked by any of the signs that were later pointed out to us," Segesta said.

Adding she is "usually pretty observant," she said she didn't see any in the entranceway to the gym either. These were later pointed out to her by "a lady (who) came into the gym and wanted to speak to someone in charge."

According to Boll's complaint, "Ms. Segesta inspected and seemed surprised and upset to

learn that a school bond poster on an easel was displayed inside the school down the hall (outside the Gym 2-C door) from her polling place. ... She said no such materials were present when she arrived this morning."

Denver Higley, an election official at Monteith Elementary School, also responded in an email, "The easel display in the hallway was not there when we opened the polls for election. I remember the orange squares on the doors at the start of the election, but I did not know their meaning until the orange notice was found later that morning."

"The postings were immediately removed when discovered," he added. He took photos of what was displayed in the halls "after the polls opened."

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ATTORNEY MARK MCINERNEY

"If (the posters) were not there as these election officials say, somehow these schools were complicit in allowing somebody access to these posters and to the stands and easels, which were their equipment," Boll said. "These officials do their job. How would they miss it? They're setting up at 6 a.m. There's a routine. They're coached."

Like Hunwick, Monteith Principal Shelleyann Keelean confirmed the presence of the signs prior to the election. There hadn't been any instructions to take them down.

"No one thought about it because it was just factual information," she said.

As soon as the city clerk notified Keelean of a complaint at about 9:45 a.m., building engineer John Stahl left the professional development session he was attending to help poll workers remove any postings. The sign was already put away in the office by the time he returned, she said.

"The city clerk took down everything in sight and John went back and checked the classrooms that were all locked," Keelean said. He removed any orange stickers inside

the classrooms "just in case," she added.

The other building principals responded via email to an inquiry whether posters were on display at their respective schools when they left the day before the election and where they were located.

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School Principal Moussa Hamka wrote, "The signage on the walls and the orange stickers were up from the beginning of the year. The poster boards on easels have been placed at our doors, outside the auditorium and in other locations throughout the year based on events taking place in the building."

◆ Parcels Middle School Principal Dan Harley said posters were on a bulletin board on wheels and placed by the gym entrance along with

any entrances.

◆ Principal Ryan Francis responded the posters on display since Maire Elementary School's back to school night Sept. 11, were present when he left Monday. Two large posters, each on an easel, were in the front entrance off the parking lot.

◆ Principal Roy Bishop confirmed the presence of a poster at Mason Elementary School's entrance when he left Monday.

◆ Poupard Elementary School Principal Hussain Ali confirmed a poster was on display when he left Monday. It was located on the wall in the hallway by the entrance.

◆ Richard Elementary School Principal John Kernan replied, "Boards were put up when they were received. They were placed down the hall from our receiving door entrance as that is the one nearest our parking lot. They may have been moved for events such as our spirit wear sale or open house, but they have been up since we were given them. I did not report to Richard on the Tuesday of voting day and cannot be sure if they were up when I left Monday night. I can say that they were in the office on Wednesday morning when I returned to work."

◆ Trombly Elementary School Principal Walter Fitzpatrick wrote, "Trombly's 2x3 boards were put on display when we received our tripods, which was around Aug. 28. We had the signs stationed near our two front entrances, on the wall by the receiving room door and near our parking lot door. We may have moved some because they were knocked down or in the way of something we were doing. When I left Monday evening, the signs were up just like they had been since the beginning of school. I did not report to Trombly election day morning so I didn't touch the signs. When I came back on Wednesday, the signs were down. I am unaware of when and by whom they were moved."

◆ Supervisor of Student Services Sue Lucchese wrote, "The posters at Barnes (Early Childhood Center) were on display in the lobby area and on the media rack by our sensory motor room since we received them. I believe they were both on display at the end of the day on Monday."

Jane Blahut, Grosse

Pointe Park city clerk, acknowledged she received complaints about materials inside polling places.

"Basically Ms. Boll was policing the schools in opposition to the millage proposal," she wrote in an email. "As we saw them in the schools, we removed them each time."

She also confirmed she spent a lot of the day removing signs posted illegally by campaign volunteers.

"They're not supposed to have any campaign literature on any city property and it has to be 100 feet from the polling place door," she said. "So if we (saw) signs that were posted in the grass, we took them down. 'Yes' (bond), 'no' (bond), even a person running for office, we took them down. They're allowed to stand on the sidewalk and hold their signs. They can't (post) their signs and walk away."

Dan Roeske, co-chairman of the Bond Yes committee, said the only violation he observed on Election Day was the illegal placement of "Not This Bond" signs at the Defer and Pierce polling sites.

"'No' signs were planted in the ground on both school and public property," he said. "I observed the Park city manager remove those items."

Lisa Hathaway, city clerk for Grosse Pointe Woods, received complaints at two of her precincts, including Monteith.

"Although election inspectors are trained to perform regular rounds throughout Election Day checking the parking lots, hallways and voting booths for campaign materials, I then asked staff to call all six of Grosse Pointe Woods precinct chairs and asked them to look for, and remove, posted literature, which was completed," Hathaway wrote in an email. "Lisa Abbey called me and explained it was factual information regarding the school's millage and had been posted in some places for months. I informed her that even though it was factual information regarding the millage, it was considered campaign material and according to election law had to be removed, or relocated to beyond the 100-foot marker at the entrance of each polling location. She understood and was completely cooperative."

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Distinguished service

The Board of Education recognized 12 employees of the Grosse Pointe Public School System for their distinguished service. Honored at the regular meeting of the board Nov. 12, were, front row from left, Kate Sharp, Mason Elementary School clerk; Michele Stopinski, a paraprofessional at Barnes Early Childhood Center; Mary Lapish, attendance clerk at Brownell Middle School; Mary Ann Magill, primary music teacher at Ferry and Kerby elementary schools; Mary Tocco, secretary to Principal Kate Murray at Grosse Pointe North High School; and Angela Whateley, second-grade teacher at Poupard Elementary School. Back row, Andrea Gruenwald, life skills teacher at Parcels Middle School; Michelle Kramer, computer lab technician at Maire Elementary School; Michael Novitke, member of the custodial staff at Brownell; Linda Schultz, secretary to Principal Moussa Hamka at Grosse Pointe South High School; Elizabeth Wang, first-grade teacher at Monteith Elementary School; and Denise Sharples, executive assistant in the central office at 389 St. Clair.

Sharples was recognized for her exemplary service in a surprise announcement. As Sharples is the behind-the-scenes organizer of events like the distinguished service employee recognition, keeping her selection under wraps was a challenge, according to Rebecca Fannon, community affairs manager, who supported Superintendent Gary Niehaus's nomination.

Superintendent rated highly effective

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The Board of Education met in closed session before the regular meeting Monday, Nov. 26, to discuss the evaluation of Superintendent Gary Niehaus, in his fourth year at the helm of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

The Michigan Association of School Boards provides a superintendent evaluation instrument requiring school boards to evaluate their superintendent's job performance annually as part of a comprehensive performance evaluation. The board met with Niehaus two times to reach a consensus on each category rating.

Niehaus was rated on a point scale from 1 to 4, with 1 being ineffective, 2 minimally effective, 3 effective and 4 highly effective.

Niehaus's professional practice rating of 3.77 was based on a breakdown of the following weighted categories: governance and

board relations (20 percent) — 4; community relations (15 percent) — 4; staff relations (15 percent) — 4; business and finance (20 percent) — 3.4; and instructional leadership (30 percent) — 3.8889.

In addition, Niehaus received 4 points each on student growth and progress toward district-wide goals. This, combined with his professional practice rating, gave him an overall score of 3.9, or 98 percent, which, according to President Brian Summerfield, is highly effective.

"I would just add that Dr. Niehaus has been a tremendous asset to this district over the years and I appreciate everything he's done. We do have the arrows in alignment and that's what he promised to do three years ago. I'm very grateful for that," Summerfield said.

The motion to approve the superintendent's evaluation carried 6 to 0. Secretary Cindy Pangborn was not in attendance.

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minutes of instruction, they receive 20 minutes of time to prepare, Provenzano said.

"And they sort of teach in shifts. You'll have a group of teachers who aren't teaching — having drinks, having snacks — and then the next shift goes in."

Provenzano also was impressed by how the school adapted to the changing world of technology, in particular to provide differentiated education.

"Being able to utilize technology to support such a varied structure of learning was very important to them," he said.

Respect for the teaching profession itself was high, he said.

"Of course they pay high taxes so they are ridiculously well funded and the teachers are highly paid," he added. "This is what they pay high taxes for."

Upon his return to ULS, Provenzano said, "It was nice to be able to share with teachers, hey, we're headed in the right direction. ... We're very lucky to be in Grosse Pointe and have a wonderful, sup-

portive community that is very much like being in Iceland. The community comes together. They raise funds. Anyone can go to any teacher. Families are highly involved."

He also made connections he hopes to continue with ULS students and students from Iceland through shared reading and learning about each other's schools, towns and cultures.

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Holiday help Volunteers needed for red kettle campaign

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit has set a fundraising goal of \$8.2 million this year.

The Detroit Conner Creek Corps — which serves Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and Detroit — hopes to raise \$92,000 of that total, but it needs the community's help.

“Our biggest need right now is volunteer bell ringers,” said Capt. Kelsie Moreno, corps officer at Conner Creek. “We have hundreds of hours yet to be filled on the eastside and thousands of hours in the metro area.”

A two-hour shift may be completed at the location of the volunteer's choosing, Moreno said, adding there are 20 eastside sites from which to choose.

“When people ring for those two hours, it's not

always easy to see the difference,” she said. “You're greeting people and you have a warm, happy feeling, but the money raised by volunteers does so much good. Your two hours of bell ringing will help buy a coat for a kid or put Christmas dinner on a family's table or bring 10 Christmas presents to kids who otherwise would have nothing. Plus, the money raised at Christmastime helps fund our activities all year.

“Salvation Army is known for showing up in emergencies, after fires, giving coats at Christmas,” she continued, “but we're also so much more than that.”

Conner Creek offers summer camp and after-school programming for children, as well as a senior computer lab, senior luncheons, cooking demonstrations and a host of other community

programs that rely on funds raised by holiday bell ringers.

Moreno said she's seen some uptick in volunteers this year, as opposed to paid bell ringers. While she said she's happy to provide jobs for people during the holidays, when the service is done by volunteers, Salvation Army gets to keep 100 percent of the proceeds to put toward programming.

“Volunteers' attitudes toward bell ringing, their sense of energy, is greater in most part than paid ringers,” said Richard Strowger, a City of Grosse Pointe resident who sits on the Conner Creek board. “They're community members who want to be there.”

Strowger and Moreno, both seasoned bell ringers, said they get satisfaction from volunteering.

“When I'm out ringing bells and I see someone I know ... they want to



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From left, Jeslyn Agee, Kelsie Moreno, Deanna Jones and Lynn Greene.

know what it's all about,” Moreno said. “I love the connections I make when I'm out bell ringing myself.”

Apart from personal satisfaction, volunteer bell ringers have some extra incentive to brave the cold this year with the Ring for Bling initiative. For every two-hour shift a volunteer serves, they get one entry into a drawing to win a Gabriel NY diamond necklace, valued at more than \$6,000, donated by Lucido Fine Jewelry.

“Ring at Christmas and bling into the New Year,” Moreno said, noting there's no limit to the number of entries per person as long as they're volunteering their time. Plus, during the Consortium of Hope match period — Dec. 21 to Dec. 31 — each two-hour shift is worth two entries.

“Consortium of Hope is a collection of donors in the metro Detroit area who provide a significant amount of donations to match what is collected,” Moreno said.

Last year's Consortium of Hope match was \$300,000.

All donations during the red kettle campaign, no matter how they're collected, benefit the local community, Moreno said.

“People assume we raise money in Grosse Pointe and spend it in Detroit, but there are also Grosse Pointers who find themselves in need and using our services,” she said. “And we have donors in Detroit who don't use our services. We're not raising money on one side of Alter and spending it on another. We're here for anyone on the eastside, no matter their circumstances.”

A new option for Salvation Army supporters is donating via QR code.

“We know people continue to carry less and less cash; we're a plastic society, with credit and

debit cards,” Moreno said, noting that at each bell-ringing station is a sign with a QR code people can scan with their cellphones to donate online.

Other donation options also are available — online at salmich.org, texting SALMICH to 41444 or calling (877) SAL-MICH.

“We're trying to make it convenient to our donors,” Moreno said. “We also appreciate when people go the extra mile to carry cash.”

Any kind of cash will do: For several years, an anonymous donor — or donors — has dropped Krugerrands into red kettles. The South African gold coins are valued between \$1,100 and \$1,500, Moreno said.

That kind of support is greatly appreciated, as is the support of neighboring organizations to Conner Creek. Northeast Guidance Center volunteers, for example, have filled every Saturday time slot at Village Market. CEO Sherry McRill, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, “rallied her employees ... to volunteer,” Moreno said. “It's a fantastic opportunity for them to give back to the community. I find the community gets stronger when we work together.”

This is the first year select McDonald's locations have allowed Salvation Army bell ringers, thanks to Errol Service, a franchise owner and chairman of Conner Creek's advisory council. The corps also has received help from Detroit Police Department's Fifth Precinct, located down the street from Conner Creek.

“It's easy to be a Salvation Army Corps,” Strowger said. “But the second part of the charge here is to be a community center. Kelsie and (her husband) Javier have done a great job of moving that needle.

“The more we can create links between the Conner Creek area of Detroit and the Grosse Pointes, the better,” he added.

Like NEGC and McDonald's, businesses and corporations are stepping up to the plate more often, volunteering groups to ring bells. Other options are available for them, too.

“Anybody who'd like to host a kettle at their location, there are options,” Moreno said. “We have counter kettles, so if you're a small business, a bank, a restaurant, the kettle sits on the countertop with no bell ringer. We'll come and empty it.”

“Or businesses also can sponsor a kettle for a day (for) a \$500 donation,” she continued.

Any businesses — or individuals or families — wanting to volunteer, host a countertop kettle or sponsor a kettle, should call Moreno at (313) 882-2800 or visit ringbell.org.

Volunteers must be 18 or older to ring bells; however, children are welcome to volunteer with an adult.

“Kids are some of the best volunteers,” Moreno said. “Nobody can walk past a cute kid. This is a great family activity. Several families have made it tradition.”

The experience is priceless, Moreno said.

“I hear so many stories,” she said. “People will say, ‘When I was a kid, my dad lost his job and Salvation Army showed up on our doorstep with gifts and food.’ My favorite story from last year was, a guy put a donation in and told us he had recently completed the adult rehabilitation program at ARC. He had been there getting his life together, getting sober. ... He was so happy to put a donation in for the group that saved his life. That sums up why we're out there ringing that bell.”



Jeslyn Agee, Lynn Greene, Kelsie Moreno and Deanna Jones sing Christmas carols outside Kroger on Mack.

Singing for Salvation

As snowflakes began to fall and temperatures hovered just below freezing around noon last Thursday, a quartet of women huddled together and kept themselves warm singing Christmas carols outside Kroger on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The ladies — volunteering as bell ringers for Salvation Army's red kettle campaign — had smiles on their faces as they wished passersby a merry Christmas and filled the air with holiday cheer.

Among the bell ringers was Capt. Kelsie Moreno, corps officer at the Salvation Army Detroit Conner Creek Corps, which serves Detroit, Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe.

“I like to think of myself as the kind of leader who won't ask you to do

something if I'm not willing to do it myself,” she said. “I ring bells a couple hours a week. It's something I did as a kid, so there's a nostalgia to it too. As the face of the organization, the more accessible I am to the community, the better.”

Braving the cold with Moreno were volunteers Jeslyn Agee, Lynn Greene and Deanna Jones.

“I love the mission and what we do,” said Agee, a four-year volunteer. “It's about the community and giving back when you have a lot. It's a joy to know how far donations people caringly give can go.”

Greene, who's volunteered for Salvation Army since the 1970s, said

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Michigan Opera Theatre returns to The War Memorial for Gian Carlo Menotti's classic holiday opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at 2 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children younger than 12. This family-friendly performance takes place in The War Memorial's Patriot Theater.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" retells the classic nativity tale from the point of view of Amahl, a boy with a lame leg, and his mother, as they encounter the three kings on their journey to Bethlehem. Through their interactions, a story of faith, charity and love unfolds. The opera, which runs about an hour in length, is performed in English and accompanied by a chamber orchestra.

"The War Memorial is



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"Amahl and the Night Visitors" takes place Dec. 9 at The War Memorial.

beyond thrilled to bring this classic opera to the community," said War Memorial President and CEO Charles Burke. "In the fifth grade, I had the distinct privilege of playing Amahl in this very production. I can confidently say that this opera will remind guests of the true spirit of the holiday season and show that

nothing can replace the feeling of pure joy that a live performance can

provide."

The performances are presented through the support of The John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation.

"Our family feels blessed to be a part of this wonderful story that points directly to the true Christmas story," said Kristine Boll Mestdagh, executive director of the Boll Foundation. "Find the historic Christmas story in Luke 2, and we wish everyone a blessed Christmas season."

Michigan Opera Theatre's performance will be directed by

Jennifer Williams and conducted by Oriol San. The production features Cheyanne Coss as The Mother, Michael Day as King Kaspar, Harry Greenleaf as King Melchior, Allen Michael Jones as King Balthazar and Branden C.S. Hood as The Page. Grosse Pointe resident Ashton Fell, a seventh-grade student at Brownell Middle School, performs the role of Amahl at select performances.

"We are so fortunate to have partners like Michigan Opera Theater, who return to The War Memorial time and time

again to provide our guests with world-class performances," said Brooks Hoste, War Memorial vice president of community engagement and programming. "Whether guests are experiencing their first live opera performance or this is their hundredth time seeing this production, they will enjoy the magnificent way Michigan Opera Theatre tells such a familiar tale in The War Memorial's Patriot Theater."

Tickets are available at warmemorial.org/arts or by calling (313) 881-7511.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Food drive

Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods is sponsoring a food drive through Friday, Dec. 14, at each Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe public school building, the administrative building, 389 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe, and the Mary Ellen Stempfle Center-Center for Learning Technology, 19191 Vernier, Harper Woods. Food items will be distributed to local families during winter break. The following items are suggested: cereal, granola bars,

soup, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, spaghetti sauce, noodles, canned food and macaroni and cheese cups. For more information, visit face book.com/healthygrossepointe. Call (586) 224-3497 to have donations picked up.

Questers

The Pear Tree Questers hosts its annual Christmas luncheon at 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 7, at Country Club of Detroit. The group hosts a coffee hour and welcome by hostess Marie Brady, followed by lunch. Chef

Brian Beland will share stories about the venerable country club. Members are asked to bring unwrapped children's toys for donation to a children's charity.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Dr. Walter Brownridge, associate for Parish Life and Christian Foundation at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Ram's Horn Restaurant, 23815 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Call (313) 882-9600.

Community Chorus

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus pres-

ents its 66th annual holiday concert, "Holiday Brass," at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The chorus will be accompanied by the Brass Expansion quartet. Music selections include pieces from "Messiah," traditional European carols, an American spiritual, a Hebrew text song and many old favorites. The 70-voice chorus is under the direction of Joseph Palazzolo with accompanist Ron Pietrantonio. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for ages 12 and younger, and are available at Moehring-Woods Florist, (313) 882-9732; Posterity: A Gallery, (313) 884-8105; or with chorus members. Visit grossepointecommunitychorus.org or call (313) 331-7728.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods.

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The Encore Years: Dina Winter

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Dina Winter fell in love for the first time at age 14.

That was her age when her mother took her to her first opera. While opera played on the radio at home, "it sounded like a lot of screaming to me," Winter said.

However, after attending "La Traviata" at the old Metropolitan Opera in New York City, her perception changed.

"In a way, I was born at the age of 14," said Winter, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident. "I was stunned in the wonderful way the curtains opened, the singers came onstage. That was 1944. ... At the end, I left the theater with this conviction: I want to be an opera singer. Fortunately, I had a voice."

Winter, who speaks fluent Italian thanks to her mother, found her first opera teacher in Francesca Pasella, an Italian maestra in the Bronx. The lyric dramatic soprano quickly became the maestra's protegee.

"Having found something I could put my passion and love into and grow through ... that came through having worked with Mrs. Pasella," Winter said.

Through Pasella's instruction, Winter won several singing awards, including the Blanche Thebom Award.

"I was 25 at the time," said Winter, who applied and was accepted to audition for the annual award. "I was not at all nervous, because I knew I was not going to win."

After her first aria, she was asked to sing a second. Not prepared to make it that far, she



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Dina Winter, right, performs the leading role in the first 20th-century performance of "Maria Stuarda," in Bergamo, Italy, in 1958. Inset, Winter was 29 when she took the role.

"winged it" with a more difficult last-act aria.

"It had dwindled down to three people," Winter said. "I was really surprised to have come that far."

Even more surprising to her was being selected as that year's winner.

"I thought I was going to fall right through the floor," she said. "I thought it was unusual I got this far and was able to sing without nervousness. I was able to sing freely and enjoy what I was doing. I could relax and sing as well as I could because I wasn't singing to win."

"That's how that ended," she continued, "but to me that was the beginning, because I (had been) ready to end my career at that point."

With her \$1,000 grand prize, Winter traveled to

Italy. Thebom encouraged her trip due to Winter's knowledge of the language.

"I was to stay for a year," she said. "That year ended up being 10 years. I got glowing reviews. I loved what I did, because I fell in love with opera. It gave me something to put my attention to. It enriched my life and opened up a world of literature to me."

Winter made her Italy debut as Santuzza in "Cavalleria Rusticana." She also earned the lead role in "Maria Stuarda."

"After her time in Germany, she did some touring in Holland," said Eric Winter, her husband. "She was then asked to do understudy for 'Maria Stuarda.' The opera company in Bergamo, Italy, had a reputation for bringing back operas that

weren't in the standard repertoire."

Winter became the understudy for two roles, the lead of which was quite demanding. She found out firsthand

when she was asked to take over.

"She was the first performance of this opera in the 20th century," Eric Winter said. "She earned excellent reviews. Because it was so successful, it has now become part of the standard repertoire."

From there, Winter went on to perform at the Stuttgarter Staatsoper in Germany, where she sang "Tosca" in Italian to everyone else's German.

"It was a very dramatic role," she said. "I just felt comfortable when I decided to sing opera. Something in me said, 'You will have no difficulty with the acting.'"

After finding success in Europe, Winter took exception to the way directors were taking over operas in Germany. They were not being faithful to the concepts of composers, she said.

"I felt it was not what I

wanted to do," she said, so when an acquaintance asked if she'd be interested in becoming the executive director of Detroit Waldorf School, she accepted.

"They had the building and needed somebody with my talents," Winter said. "They gave me 24 hours to make a decision."

Added Eric Winter, "So she accepted the executive director position to get it started — and it's still going. ... You can sense Dina's passion for opera; she's equally enthused about Detroit Waldorf School."

It was through the school Winter met her husband; they married in 1970. She stayed involved with the school in different capacities for 20 years. However, music was never far from Winter's mind and in 2006 she accepted an invitation to coach singing and opera in Beijing, China. She stayed two years.

"The invitation arose from a connection she made with the Chinese mezzo-soprano, Ning Liang, when she performed the role of Suzuki in Puccini's 'Madame Butterfly' at the Michigan Opera Theatre in 2003," Eric Winter said.



Dina Winter

"Because of Dina's passion for opera and enthusiasm, she's a big supporter of Michigan Opera Theater and the performances there," he continued, noting his wife began writing opera critiques for the Grosse Pointe News 10 years ago, "to enthuse people about opera and tell them what a great opera program we have. She loves to do it. The passion she has for opera comes through in what she writes."

Winter also stays heavily involved in the 133-year-old Tuesday Musicale of Detroit. Currently, she is serving her second three-year term as president.

"When it comes to Dina and her career, I think of Churchill when he was selected as prime minister," Eric Winter said. "He said he felt his whole life had been preparation for this moment. In many ways, Dina's life has been

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Concert on tap

Tuesday Musicale of Detroit's annual Christmas program takes place 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The program features a selection of international carols performed by soprano Gretchen Wolff, pianist Yuki Mack, cellist Judith Vander Weg, bassist James Rose Jr. and violinist Sonia Lee.

Reservations are required for a luncheon following the program.

Visit tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org or call (313) 520-8663.

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she does it because she believes in the work Salvation Army does.

"This is one way to give back," she said. "It makes me feel like I'm giving

back to the community. It makes me feel warm and fuzzy inside."

Jones said she started volunteering for Salvation Army at least 15 years ago when she saw a real need in the community.

"This is a good way to

earn money for them and it's also fun — but I wish it was in the summertime," she said. "It gives me a sense of caring and I feel like I'm sharing myself with the community and people that are in need."

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Illustrator to speak about accomplishments Dec. 9

Here's the storyline: The goblin tribes get news of a mouse on a mission to rid the world of all its ancient evils. Concerned the rodent will upset the balance of good and evil, the goblin chiefs send their agents into the human lands of San Francisco with directions to stop him at all costs.

What do those agents look like? Author Benjamin Wachs turned to illustrator Sean Bieri to answer that question and create the cover for his recently published book, "The Deeds of Pounce."

Bieri has been illustrating stories since the early 1990s and, according to his colleagues, has an



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Cover for the Michigan Fiction edition of Metro Times.

impressive range. Currently the marketing designer for Specs Howard School, Bieri is the former art director for

Metro Times and a sought-after drawing teacher.

"Every time you see him draw, he's doing

something different from a wide variety of influences and experimenting with materials," said colleague Suzanne Baumann.

Bieri, who was the juror for the Grosse Pointe Artists Association current exhibition, "Joy and Wonder," will talk about his work as a freelancer and art director at Metro Times during a reception and awards ceremony at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The public is invited to the lecture and awards ceremony. The show will be exhibited through Sunday, Jan. 20.



Bieri's book cover.

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PFLAG hosts Marla Maiuri Dec. 13

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Marla G. Maiuri presents "Gender Identity and Human Sexuality, as it Relates to the Wholeness of Who We Are," during the Grosse Pointe chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meeting 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

Maiuri plans to talk "about all that we are on this journey of living," she said. "As the world remains a place of diverse beliefs on the topic of gender and sexuality, we also remain a world desiring real connection with each other."

Free of judgment, Maiuri shares and offers questions with

depth and lightness. She invites the community to "experience an evening where together we can explore our personal journey to unconditional love."

Maiuri recalls having a wonder for everything beyond physical experience since childhood. Presently inspired in the writings of several books, Maiuri delights in being dad to two cats.

When asked about her personal life, she responds, "My romantic relationships are with women."

Maiuri easily connects with spirit through nature and with animals.

For more information about her lecture, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

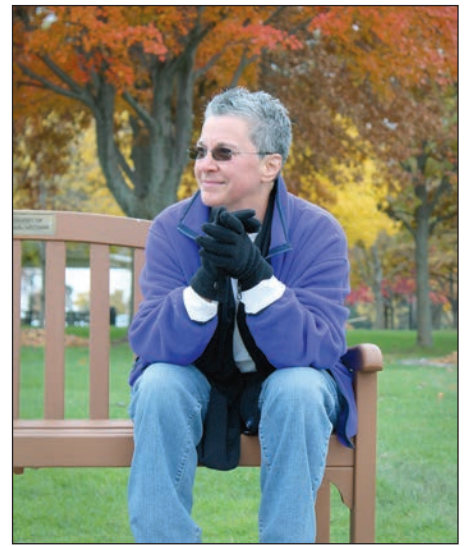


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Marla G. Maiuri

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Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikelek at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men

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

32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Robin Ferriby, former vice president of philanthropic services for Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan, speaks.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Susan Mozena presents "My Trip on a B-52 Bomber." Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres meets at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 13, at the home of member Madeleine Phillips for the group's annual Christmas party. Co-hostess is Jean Forton. Dinner is followed by a "Bring Love to Christmas" gift exchange. The group donated to Children's Hospital and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen this holiday season.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

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better than another. I thought you could point me in the right direction.

A: Clearinghouses are in the business of making money and often do so in terrifically unethical ways. For instance, there are treatment centers that pay tens of thousands of dollars a month to buy referrals. So, when you call, they aren't interested in what's best for your husband, rather they are interested in which of their paying clients is due a patient. Our website lists reputable

treatment centers in different price ranges. Start there: lovefirst.net. If you have a question about any of the treatment programs, feel free to give us a call. We are knowledgeable about the statewide and national treatment landscape.

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



Dina Winter stands with performers from the University of Louisville, Kentucky, School of Music and Michigan Opera Theatre during Tuesday Musicales's opera concert at St. Clare of Montefalco in April.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIC WINTER

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preparation for her presidency of Tuesday Musicales of Detroit."

As president and programs coordinator, Winter is responsible for arranging 10 concerts per year, as well as two Artist of the Year concerts — one adult and one youth.

"Her background is excellent for that which she is devoting her entire energy to," Eric Winter said.

Tuesday Musicales also sponsors a Student

League, which provides concert experiences and awards to young musicians.

Recently, three funds were established by Mary Levack Quick to honor students for wind, piano, string and voice talents. The Dina Soresi Winter Fund among them honors young singers.

"I'm very proud of our youngsters," Winter said.

In October, Winter's tireless efforts were recognized by Sen. Coleman A. Young II, Michigan 1st District, with a proclamation affirming her "a phenomenal woman of musical artistry and excellence."

Do you know someone who is breaking the stereotypes of aging? We are looking for individuals who are doing any number of things that previously were not associated with people 60 or older. Have a suggestion? Call or email Jody McVeigh at (313) 343-5590 or jmcveigh@grossepointenews.com.

Pointers honored for volunteer services

The Association of Fundraising Professionals of Greater Detroit recently announced its 2018 Philanthropy Distinguished Volunteer Award recipients, who were honored at the National Philanthropy Day Dinner last month.

Awardees are selected based on their philan-

thropic contributions and commitment to enhancing southeast Michigan.

The Greater Detroit chapter honored eight major award recipients, as well as 71 Distinguished Volunteers, which included the following Grosse Pointe residents: Denise Asker, Walsh

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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.

Ruth Matilda Bandlow

Ruth Matilda Bandlow passed away Friday, Nov. 30, 2018. She was 94.

Born Jan. 8, 1924, in Detroit, she was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Marlynn, and her grandparents, Frank and Frieda Keusch, who raised her after the loss of her parents. She lived more than 20 years in Grosse Pointe Woods before moving to Torch Lake.

Ruth is survived by her children, Richard Bandlow (Diane), Sharon Bandlow, and Cheryl Tobin (Tom).

A lifelong Lutheran, Ruth was devoted to her children; eight grandchildren, Jason, Jennifer, David, Laurel, Ashley, Colley, Alison and Sawyer; as well as her two great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Miles. She will be dearly missed by those who knew her.

Memorial services will be announced in the spring.

Donations may be made to the Samaritas Senior Living of Traverse City at samaritas.org/Senior-Living; designate Activities.

Share a memory at lifestorytc.com.

Charles Frederick Daas

Charles Frederick Daas, 54, died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018, in Norfolk, Va., after a long illness.

A 1983 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, Charles earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and a Master of Arts degree in urban planning from the University of Illinois, Chicago.

As a Chicago resident, Charles enjoyed a long and successful career in education and urban planning. A champion of affordable housing, Charles never tired in his quest to re-invigorate neighborhoods through single home ownership and community development.

His enthusiasm for making the world a better place was boundless. Charles found a platform to spread his vision as adjunct faculty at the University of Illinois, Chicago. In recognition of his accomplishments in education, Charles received the Silver Circle Award, an honor given only to the university's best teachers.

Charles leaves behind a host of affectionate friends who will continue to cherish his memory as a generous companion, an interested listener and a lively conversationalist. Charles is survived by his mother, Mary; sister, Martha; former wife, Heather Foote, and sons, Griffin, 11 and Spencer, 8.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 201 St. Paul's Blvd., Norfolk.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Ravenswood Community Services, 4550 N. Hermitage Ave., Chicago, IL 60640 or online at ravenswoodcommunityservices.org.

Jon Huffman Clark

Jon Huffman Clark, passed away Friday, Nov. 30, 2018.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit.

Emmet Eugene Tracy Jr.

Emmet Eugene Tracy Jr., 85, Detroit business and community leader, devoted husband and passionate supporter of youth hockey, passed away peacefully Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018, at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born May 1, 1933, in Detroit, to Frances (nee Carney) and Emmet Tracy and lived the majority of his life in Grosse Pointe Farms with his wife of 47 years, Marilyn "Mickey" Hallett Tracy. He was the loving father of Tiffany Pierce Tracy Klaasen (Daniel), Emmet Eugene Tracy III (Tripp), Landon Lawrence Tracy (Christine nee Fikany) and Timothy Hallett Tracy. He was the proud grandfather or "King" of grandchildren, Maxwell Hallett, Fletcher Carney and Annabel Tracy Klaasen and Eloise Cynthia and Landon Frances Tracy.

Mr. Tracy attended St. Paul's grade school in Grosse Pointe Farms, the University of Detroit Jesuit High School in Detroit and the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., before earning his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1958. He practiced law for the National Bank of Detroit and later became a co-founding partner of Fenton, Nederlander, Tracy and Dodge.

During this period, he exhibited a keen interest in politics, advising numerous local campaigns as well as serving as special counselor to Michigan governors George Romney and William Milliken.

In 1971, he married Marilyn "Mickey" Hallett, who encouraged by her mother-in-law, urged Mr. Tracy to leave law and join his father in the family business. In 1975, she succeeded, and he began working full-time as executive vice president for Genuine Parts Distributors, an automotive parts remanufacturing business. He succeeded his father as president in 1992. During his tenure at GPD, Mr. Tracy helped grow the company from a local distributor to a nationally recognized remanufacturer. His adherence to quality was reflected not only in the company's auto parts, but also in the

prized annual GPD golf outing along with the hugely successful GPD youth hockey organization, which he oversaw and sponsored. In the span of 15 years, its teams produced two and a half dozen future NHL players, two Stanley Cup Champions, one Stanley-Cup winning captain, as well as creating the opportunity for countless others to eventually play college and major junior league hockey.

Mr. Tracy also served as vice president for Alma Products Co., a clutch and distributor manufacturer from 1975 through to its sale in 1996.

In his community, Mr. Tracy exhibited leadership in several organizations. He served on the Detroit Library Commission for 17 years and as the president of that body on three different occasions. For 15 years, he also served as a vice chairman of the annual S.O.C.K. Dinner of the Capuchin Guild benefiting the soup kitchen. Mr. Tracy also was a former commissioner of the Michigan Bar Association and president of the Holy Cross Club of Michigan. He was a member and past chairman of The Grosse Pointe Club in addition to being a member of the Bayview Yacht Club and Detroit Athletic Club. The Tracys had homes in Harbor Springs and Palm Beach, Fla. In Harbor Springs, Mr. Tracy was a member of Little Harbor Club; in Palm Beach, he was a member of both the Bath and Tennis Club and Everglades Club.

Mr. Tracy attended Mass regularly and loved to sing loudly in church — despite not having the greatest singing voice. A member of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church since 1971 as well as St. Edward's parish in Palm Beach and the Holy Childhood of Jesus Church in Harbor Springs, he was invested as a Knight of Magistral Grace in the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (Knights of Malta) and served on the board of Catholic Social Services of Wayne County for eight years, the last as its president. His legacy to his family will be that of a man who was generous to a fault, who acted with charity yet never sought credit, and whose abiding love for his wife and family was matched only by a profound sense of decency and honor from which he never strayed.

A funeral Mass was held Nov. 29 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The family suggests memorials to Monastery of St. Therese (Disalced Carmelite Nuns-Archdiocese of Detroit), 35750 Moravian, Clinton Township, MI 48035; Sacred Heart Major Seminary at smhs.edu; Pope Francis Center at popefranciscenter.org; or Guest House at guesthouse.org.



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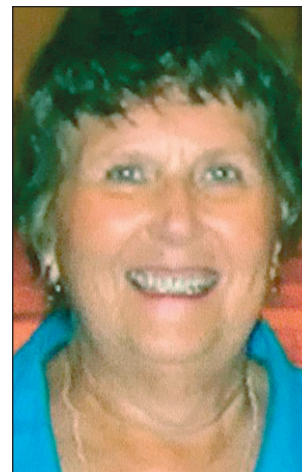
Richard Clayton Cook



Joy Busby Baker



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Camille S. Peterson

Richard Clayton Cook

Former Grosse Pointe resident Richard Clayton Cook, 60, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018, of natural causes, in Mount Clemens.

Born April 2, 1958, Richard graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a master's degree in geography from Wayne State University. A kind-hearted and generous man, Richard loved his family, travel, the Detroit Lions, opera, philosophy, art and his cat, Henri. In spite of early onset Parkinson's disease and additional complex health problems, Richard maintained a positive outlook and interest in the world around him.

Richard was predeceased by his father, William L. Cook; mother, Edith Geer and stepfather, William N. Geer D.D.S. He is survived by his sister, Laura McCourt (the late Bill); brother, Joe Cook (Mary Lou), a niece, nephew and cousins.

Richard's life will be celebrated privately by his family.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Salvation Army at salvationarmyusa.org or an animal adoption organization of the donor's choosing.

Joy Busby Baker

Joy Busby Baker (Pekarek), 79, resident of the Lakeshore Senior Living Community in St. Clair Shores, passed away Monday, Nov. 12, 2018, at LakePointe Senior Care & Rehab Center, Clinton Township.

Born Sept. 4, 1939, in Bainbridge, Ga., to Verlin W. and Bernice Gay Busby, Joy graduated from Bainbridge High School in 1957. She attended North Georgia College, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in business in 1961.

On April 13, 1961, Joy married Bert Edward Baker (Pekarek). Bert and Joy raised three children while moving around the United States as an Air Force family. In 1978 they settled in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Joy furthered her education at Wayne State

University, earning a Master of Arts degree in secondary education in 1986 and Master of Social Work degree in 1988. After four years as an outpatient therapist, Joy opened a private psychotherapy practice, Shores Counseling, in St. Clair Shores in 1992.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bert and great-granddaughter, Milan Richmond.

Joy is survived by her children and their families: Bert E. Baker Jr. (Lisa) — Michelle, Samantha, Adam (Lauren and Lincoln) and Brandon; Jonathon S. Baker — Brooke and Nicolas; Kerry G. Baker-Relf (Graham) — Oliver and Caroline.

A celebration of Joy's life will be noon Friday, Dec. 14, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. The family will receive friends at the church beginning at 11 a.m.

Share a memory at cremationmichigan.com.

Leo "Jerry" Howe III

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Leo "Jerry" Howe III, 72, of Lachine, passed away Monday, Nov. 26, 2018, at MidMichigan Medical Center-Alpena.

Born Oct. 13, 1946, in Detroit, to Eleonora (nee VanLoon) and Leo Howe Jr., Jerry served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He worked with Howe-Martz Glass Co., once the oldest family glass business in Detroit dating back to 1915 and started by Jerry's grandfather, Leo Howe Sr. Later, Jerry worked for and retired from Wahler Automotive in 2014. On Nov. 18, 1994, he married his loving and caring wife, Pearl E. Manning.

Jerry was an active horseback rider both at home and around the world. He also was an active member for many years at the Detroit Athletic Club, where he was an avid bowler. He enjoyed skiing, sailing, flying, woodworking, welding and working in his shop in Alpena alongside his German shepherd.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Pearl; daughter, Tracy Howe Kraft (Peter); grandchildren, Taylor, Macallan, Hunter and Ryder who all live in both Frenchtown, N.J., and

Wellington, Fla.

He also is survived by his sisters, Judy Gilbert (Art) and Carol Burgess (Mike); brothers, Michael Howe (Ann) and James Howe (Robin) and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was predeceased by his brother, William "Bill" Howe.

Per his wishes, Jerry's body was donated to the University of Michigan anatomical donations program.

A memorial service will take place 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Community of Christ Church, 12990 Atkinson Road, Lachine. Visitation begins at 2 p.m.

Donations may be made to the Huron Humane Society of Alpena, 3510 Woodward Ave., Alpena, MI 49707.

Arrangements were handled by the Bannan Funeral Home, Alpena.

Camille S. Peterson

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Camille S. Peterson, 85, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018, at The Silverado in Morton Grove, Ill.

Born Jan. 11, 1933, in Detroit, to George Schooff and Harriet Retzlaff, Camille earned a bachelor's degree and worked as an office manager in the health care industry before retiring.

Camille was the first woman elected to the Grosse Pointe Park City Council, past president of the PTO at Maire Elementary School, a Life Master bridge player and a longtime member of Sweet Adelines.

Camille is survived by her husband, Robert J.; sons, Drew (Cyndi), Robert Jr. (Suzanne), Jeffrey and Bradford (Kirsten); daughter, Jennifer Kalas (Michael); 14 grandchildren; sisters, Carol Zeiter (Henry) and Judy Shroyer (Rodney) and brother, Kenneth Schooff (Betsy).

She was predeceased by her parents.

A memorial service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, at St. Peter Catholic Church, 8100 Niles Center Road, Skokie, Ill.

Mrs. Peterson's inurnment will take place spring 2019 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Catholic Relief Services, 228 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21201 or at crs.org.



CHURCH EVENTS

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents its eighth annual "Sweet Noels" holiday bake sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8. Members of the church sell homemade candies, cookies, baked goods and other treats. The same time, shoppers are invited to visit The Little Thrift Shop and Christmas Boutique, which will be open throughout Sweet Noels. The Mack entrance to the church's parking lot is between the CVS parking lot and the Parcels playing fields, just south of Vernier. From the parking lot, visitors should use the entrance under the long, covered walkway.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts Christmas Music Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 9. The Good News Singers perform music, featuring the works of composer Dan Forrest and accompanied by strings, percussion and piano conducted by Nate Judson. A reception following the performance honors organist and choir director Robert Foster, who celebrates 35 years of service to First English as

its coordinator of music.

The church hosts its annual Christmas Cookie Walk after its 9:30 and 11 a.m. services Sunday, Dec. 16. Assortments cost \$5 per pound.

The church welcomes The Motor City Chorale 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, as it presents "A Holiday Concert."

St. James

The St. James Book Club meets 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, in the church's gathering space, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, to discuss the book "The Boy on the Wooden Box" by Leon Leyson. All are welcome.

St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, holds a service of Lessons and Carols at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, in the sanctuary.

United Methodist

The annual Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church Cookie Mart takes place 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 8. This holiday tradition features thousands of homemade cookies and other treats. Proceeds support the mission work of United Methodist Women. The church is located at 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Symphony holiday concert is Dec. 9

The Grosse Pointe Symphony presents its annual holiday concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairfield, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The concert includes selections from "Messiah," featuring soprano Alice McAllister-Tillman. Another feature of the concert is cellist Alexander Shier, winner of the 2018 Nester Scholarship, who plays the first movement of the Dvorak cello concerto.

Shier, 16, of Beverly Hills, Mich., is a classical music enthusiast who began playing cello six years ago. Recently enrolled as a junior at Interlochen Arts Academy, his private teachers are Dr. Patrick Owen, instructor of cello at the Academy; Paul Wingert of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra; and Brandon Cota of the Michigan Philharmonic.

Shier is an active member of the Interlochen Arts Academy Orchestra. Concurrent memberships have been with the Detroit Symphony Youth Orchestra, DSYO Jarvi Quintet, Michigan Youth Symphony Orchestra, Dearborn Youth Symphony, Birmingham Groves High School Symphony Orchestra and the Tuesday Musicales of Detroit Student League.

Shier won the 2014 Dearborn Youth Symphony String Solo Competition, 2017 DYS Concerto Competition, 2017 Birmingham Musicales Jean Hohmeyer String Award and 2018 Louis Potter Cello Competition-Junior Division. Recently, he achieved a perfect score at the 2018 Michigan

School Band and Orchestra Association State Solo and Ensemble; participated in the 2018 MSBOA All-State High School Orchestra as Michigan's highest-ranked 10th grade All-State Orchestra cellist; and was a 2018 MSBOA Michigan Youth Arts Festival-Nominated Outstanding Soloist and Honors Orchestra cellist.

Beyond his passion for cello and chamber music, Shier enjoys listening to classical music, conducting, cycling, reading novels and spending time with family and friends.

McAllister-Tillman is known for her ability to perform a diverse range of literature spanning many genres. She attended the University of Michigan School of Music where she studied voice performance with Dr. Willis C. Patterson and earned Bachelor of Music and Master of Music in Voice Performance degrees. She also completed course work leading to a State of Michigan Teacher Certification.

While maintaining a highly visible performance career, McAllister-Tillman has been a vocal music educator at every level including kindergarten through post-graduate studies. Her ensembles have consistently earned excellent ratings and her students frequently are accepted into some of Michigan's most prestigious ensembles.

Tickets for the Dec. 9 performance are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, free for students in high school and younger. Tickets may be purchased online at gpsymphony.org or at the door.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Alice McAllister-Tillman



Alexander Shier

Student collects 6,000-plus books for Brilliant Detroit

A monthlong book drive in Grosse Pointe in October, spearheaded by local resident and University Liggett School student Matthew Lesha, has generated a collection of more than 6,000 new and gently used children's books to benefit Brilliant Detroit families.

"The response to the drive was overwhelming and we far exceeded our collection goal of 1,000 books," Lesha said. "Delivering three carloads of books made me feel a real sense of accomplishment. I know these books will greatly change the lives of the children and families Brilliant Detroit serves."

Brilliant Detroit, with which Lesha volunteers, "is dedicated to building kid success families and

neighborhoods where families with children 0-8 have what they need to be school ready, healthy and stable," its mission states. "We do this by providing proven programming and support year round out of Brilliant Detroit homes in high-need neighborhoods."

An avid reader since grade school, Lesha organized the book drive after he became aware of alarming statistics on U.S. literacy. He knew he had to do something to make a difference, so he mobilized his local community.

"I could not have accomplished this without the generous support of so many," Lesha said. "Thank you to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, St. Paul on the Lake

Catholic Church, University Liggett School and the Grosse Pointe Shores city offices, which also served as collection sites."

"Matthew is a young man on a mission for good. He is the hope of our future and we are so thrilled that his passion and purpose will bring reading at home to so many kids. We are blessed," said Cindy Eggleton, co-founder and CEO of Brilliant Detroit.

Lesha hopes the book drive created an awareness of the literacy crisis.

"Although we made great progress in the month of October, there are still so many Detroit children who need books," he said. "Please continue to give."

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From left, Robert A. Babinski, The Most Rev. Allen H. Vigneron and Grosse Pointe Farms resident Barbara M. Fisher during Guest House's 60th Anniversary Bishop's Dinner at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, where Fisher was awarded the Sister Letitia Close, BVM, Award.

Wizner to serve in AmeriCorps program

Casey Wizner of Grosse Pointe Farms recently began a 10-month term of service in the National Civilian Community Corps, an AmeriCorps program. Founded in 1994, the corps is a residential national service program that supports disaster relief, the environment, infrastructure improvement, energy conservation and urban and rural development.

Wizner arrived in Denver in mid-October to begin training, which emphasizes teamwork, leadership development, communication, safety and project preparation. As a corps member, Wizner will be responsible for completing a series of six- to 12-week-long service projects as part of a 10- to 12-person team. Her first service project ends mid-December, at which time her team will break for the winter holidays and begin a new project in a new location in January.

Before joining the corps, Wizner attended Grosse Pointe South High School and Yale University, from which she graduated in 2017 with a degree in molecular, cellular and developmental biology.

"I chose to serve because community service has always been an integral part of my life," Wizner said. "After nine years as a competitive rower, I knew I loved working on a team and challenging myself daily. I am thrilled that serving with AmeriCorps NCCC will allow me to further these passions while traveling around the southwest region of the United States."

Wizner is the daughter of Ed and Leslie Wizner.



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Ice hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS

Murphy gets hat trick

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Clare Murphy recorded a hat trick last weekend, leading the Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team to a come-from-behind 3-2 win over visiting Plymouth-Canton-Salem.

"This was a good hockey game against an equal opponent," head coach Casey Quick said. "We had some good performances from everyone tonight."

Murphy scored a short-handed goal at the 2:15 mark of the first period to give the Norsemen a 1-0 lead.

The Penguins scored two goals in the final two minutes of the first period to take the 2-1

lead into the intermission.

Neither team scored in the second period. The Penguins had two power-play opportunities, while the Norsemen had one in the period, but neither would light the lamp.

Murphy tied the game with a goal at the 12-minute mark, and scored the eventual game winner three minutes later.

Her younger sister, Erin, assisted on both, and senior Maddie McIntyre had an assist on the first tally.

Once the Norsemen had the one-goal lead, their defense didn't allow the Penguins to get any good scoring chances.

Seniors Bella Welke and Hannah Martin anchored the defensive effort in front of sophomore goal-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe North's Clare Murphy, No. 14, scored a hat trick to help the Norsemen edge Plymouth-Canton-Salem 3-2.

tender Mia Cassar.

"Mia did a nice job in net, and our defense was solid against a team with

some good forwards," Quick said.

North improved to 2-0 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS



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Solid

Grosse Pointe North goaltender Brian Clogg, left, made 61 saves in a tough 4-0 loss last weekend to U-D Jesuit, ranked No. 3 in Division 3. Head coach Joe Drouin and his Norsemen opened the season with four tough foes. After a slow start, they played nearly even in the second and third periods. Joe Lucido made a heads-up play at the defensive end, while the offense nearly scored late in the third period. North is 0-3 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 0-4 overall.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL BOYS

Knights beat Pioneers

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School boys hockey head coach Mike Maltese and his coaching staff took a season-opening loss in stride.

They put their players through some good practices and watched plenty of film from that game.

The Knights quickly fell behind 2-0 in the rematch last week on home ice, but got back some momentum when freshman Rocco Scarfone scored with only 1:17 left in the opening period.

The Knights used the shift in momentum to dominate the second and third periods to win 6-3.

The Knights scored two power play goals in the second period to take a 3-2 lead.

Junior Will Nicholson tied the game with his goal at the 10:12 mark, and they went ahead 3-2 when senior Luke Zinn tallied at the 5:40 mark.

It was all Knights in the third period as junior Dakota Jones, Nicholson and freshman Doug Wood scored goals to give the Knights a 6-2 advantage.

Nicholson scored on the power play, while Wood's goal came with the Knights short-handed.

Gabriel Richard scored with 61 seconds left to account for the final score.

Senior Danny Bowen had four assists and was a presence at both ends of the ice.

Senior Jake Rosenberg earned the win in net.

Two nights later, ULS hosted Brownstown



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

University Liggett School's Tristan Reilly, No. 13, celebrates after the Knights scored a goal in a win over Riverview Gabriel Richard.

Woodhaven in another Michigan Metro Hockey League battle.

They fell behind 2-0, thanks to a slew of penalties, and never caught up in a 9-2 defeat.

Senior Dace Potas scored early in the third period, with Nicholson and sophomore Ryan Warezak netting assists,

and Scarfone scored unassisted on a breakaway late in the third period to account for the Knights' offensive output.

Sophomore Grant Lindsay suffered the loss in net.

ULS is 1-2 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS

Blue Devils stay perfect

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Freshman Molly Ryszewski is scoring goals like Wayne Gretzky in his heyday, and the team she plays on, Grosse Pointe South's girls hockey squad, is benefiting.

Ryszewski had six points on three goals and three assists in the Blue Devils' 7-0 win over Northville last week.

"Molly is a great skater and creates on the ice," head coach John Weidenbach said. "The line she is on with Lauren Benoit and Kelsie Francis is very explosive."

Benoit, a junior, had a goal and two assists, against Northville as 10 different players recorded at least one point in the victory.

Senior netminder Madeline Kelly earned the win.

The following night was an 8-6 win over

Farmington Hills Mercy.

Benoit had four goals, while Ryszewski had two goals and two assists, and Francis had four assists as each player had a four-point game.

Kelly was in net and had the victory.

On the third night, junior Emily DesNoyer got the nod in net as South beat Ann Arbor Skyline 8-3.

Ryszewski led the way with five points on three goals and two assists. Francis had three points with one goal and two assists, while Benoit and freshman Effie Hodges had three assists apiece.

Other goal scorers were seniors Anna Mary Moody and Madison Ryszewski, freshman Bridget Backer and sophomore Veronica Van Rossen.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 3-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 4-0 overall.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL GIRLS

Knights win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Knights hosted one of the top teams in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League, Farmington Hills Mercy.

They moved the puck well between the blue lines, but once inside the Marlins' zone, they couldn't get a quality shot on net in an eventual 3-0 defeat.

Junior Evie Bournias stopped 21 of 24 shots, and the offense was led by underclassmen Gabrielle Anusbigian, Natalia Dragovic and Ava Jacob.

Mercy scored a goal in the first period, and added two more in the second to complete the scoring.

Later in the week, ULS hosted Walled Lake and won 5-1 as five different players scored a goal.

In the first period, Dragovic scored at the 12:15 mark, while Anusbigian, Jacob and Maisie Melican tallied in the second period.

Putting the finishing touches on the victory was a third-period goal from Annette Meraw.

Bournias earned the win in net as ULS improved to 1-1 in the league and 1-2 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS

Needed points

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team earned its first win of the season last week, beating visiting Macomb Dakota 6-2.

The Blue Devils opened the scoring with a goal from senior Andrew Vyletel at the 12:00 mark of the opening period.

The Cougars tied it with a goal at the 4:33 mark, and the score remained 1-1 after the first period.

It was all Blue Devils in the second and third periods.

Other goal scorers were juniors Alex Stapleton, Alex Miciuda,

Brian McKenna and Alex Miciuda, plus sophomore Dean Therriault.

Junior netminder Will Strickler shut them down.

Last weekend, South tied Warren De La Salle in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League game at Fraser Hockey Arena.

The Blue Devils fell behind 3-1 early in the first period, but battled back to finish in a 3-3 tie with the Pilots.

Vyletel, junior Adam Strehlke and senior Garrett Benoit scored.

Strickler was in net to help Grosse Pointe South improve to 1-1-1 overall and 0-1-1 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

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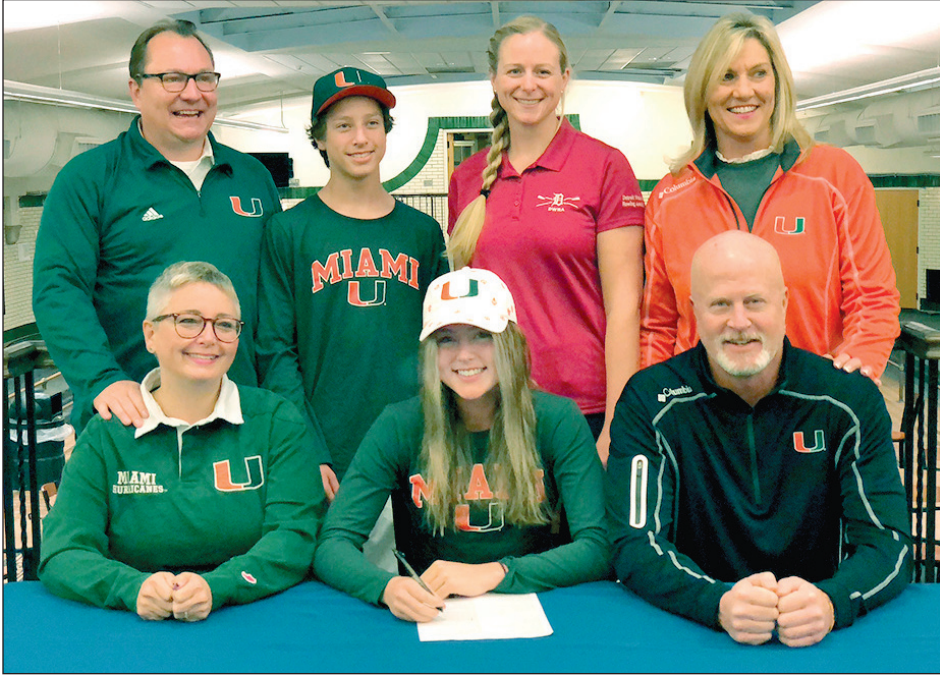


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Rowing south

Grosse Pointe South senior MaryClaire Graham, seated center, recently signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in women's rowing at the University of Miami in Florida. Joining her at the signing were, seated from left, parents Amy Graham and Dean Graham; and standing from left, James Scull, a friend of Amy; younger brother, Wells Graham; Detroit Waterfront Rowing Association coach Kerry Shaffer; and Dana Moir, a friend of Dean. The Hurricanes' head coach is Dave Sanderson, and they are a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

GROSSE POINTE LAKERS

Lakers host holiday camp

The Grosse Pointe Lakers will present the fourth annual Holiday Basketball Camp on Wednesday, Dec. 26, through Friday, Dec. 28, at The Grosse Pointe Academy, 11 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Fundamentals taught are being a great teammate first, confidence

with the ball, playing without the ball, offensive concepts, individual defense, team defense, transition defense, ball handling, shooting, passing, cutting, screening, on-ball defense and rebounding. The camp is \$129 per player and for boys and girls in kindergarten

through eighth grade. Register on-line at gplakers.com. Contact camp directors Kevin Richards at (313) 244-1523 or Stephen Benard at (313) 580-0351. Make checks payable to Grosse Pointe Lakers, and mail to GP Lakers, 1145 Berkshire, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils start with mixed results

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys basketball team took to the court last week to open its season against Detroit University Prep and Anchor Bay.

The Blue Devils split the road games, losing 75-68 to University Prep and beating Anchor Bay 68-55.

"We have a relatively small team, so we have to press a little more and play a more up-tempo style to fit our roster," head coach Troy Glasser said. "The guys practice hard and have a great attitude. I like to see that when I come to the court

each day."

The Blue Devils struggled to find any shooting rhythm in the opener, making less than 40 percent of their field-goal attempts and only 11 of 25 free throws.

The missed shots from the charity stripe turned out to be the difference in the outcome.

Senior Ryan Downey led the Blue Devils with 24 points, followed by sophomore Daryl Houston with 18 and freshman Will Johnson with 12.

The Blue Devils evened their record at 1-1 after the victory over the Tars.

"We had 17 assists to only nine turnovers," Glasser said. "We had

our chances to start the season with two wins, but we will take the one win as we have a busy schedule before the holiday break."

Glasser's squad put four players in double figures, led by Houston with 16 points.

Johnson finished with 14 points, followed by Downey with 13 and sophomore Tommy Hessburg with 11.

The Blue Devils finished the week with a tough 55-54 road loss to Bloomfield Hills.

The Blue Devils dropped to 1-2 overall.

Grosse Pointe South hosts Birmingham Seaholm at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Comeback falls shy

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Solomon Spann made his debut at University Liggett School last week.

His Knights' boys varsity basketball team dropped its opener, 53-29, to host Plymouth Christian Academy, before coming home later in the week to host St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

Junior Nick Post led

the way with 10 points against Plymouth Christian.

In the home opener in front of a full house, the Knights stormed back from a 15-point halftime deficit, but lost 42-37.

The Huskies used a 17-2 second quarter to build a 24-9 halftime lead.

However, the Knights battled back to cut it to 33-26 at the end of the third quarter.

The Knights played

with more energy at both ends of the court to get back in the game.

They just couldn't get the big basket late in the game when they had chances to cut the deficit to a single basket.

Junior Nolan Ondersma led the scoring with 10 points, followed by senior Anthony Green with seven.

Sophomore Cameron Strong had six points, seven rebounds and two blocked shots.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Give Norsemen time

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Andy Ayrault is ready for a challenge in his first year at the helm of the Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team.

"This year, we will be relearning a lot," Ayrault said. "I feel we will hit our stride after the new year and be a pretty good team, but it is going to take a little more time than expected considering the number of seniors we have."

"Even though we kept four new seniors, those

players haven't competed on the varsity level yet. Our tough preseason schedule will certainly challenge them to get up to speed as fast as they can."

One of those tough non-league competitors came in the Norsemen's season opener last week, Dearborn Divine Child.

The Norsemen, playing without two starters hurt as they lost 68-46 on the road.

Seniors Troy Herd led the way with 14 points, and senior Joe Ayrault had 13 points as the Norsemen fell to 0-1.

The other seniors on the varsity roster are Ryan Webb, Joey Rheaume, Steven Bly, Sean Bly, Hunter Levick, Chad Lorkowski and Owen Martinbianco.

Juniors Keyshawn Cooper, Drew Henderson, Zack Buterakas, George Graham and Cameron Perrino round out the roster.

The Norsemen compete in the Macomb Area Conference White Division, along with New Haven, Grosse Pointe South, Warren Mott, Utica Ford and Romeo.

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

ACROSS

1 Yard activities
6 Measuring device
11 Wig
12 Show up
14 Hang around
15 Vocalist
16 Big bother
17 Formal pronouncements
19 Yoko of music
20 Spill the beans
22 Bear hair
23 Coaster
24 Black-and-white movie, e.g.
26 90210, for one
28 Always, in verse
30 Mongrel
31 Sways from side to side
35 "Gone With the Wind" star
39 Look lasciviously
40 Three-man vessel?

DOWN

1 Large beer glass
2 Golfer Palmer
3 Schlep
4 — out (supplemented)
5 Helvetica lack
6 Stomach-related
7 Met melody
8 Grecian container
9 51- Across of a sort
10 Tied
11 "The Republic"

42 Intend
43 Grazing area
44 Filleted
46 Suitable
47 Identify
49 Sarcastic remark
51 Stag's lack
52 With malice
53 Butcher's wares
54 Keglers' venue

man
13 Wear away
18 Since, slangily
21 Belgian city
23 "Get lost!"
25 Conger or moray
27 Boxer
29 Cutting responses
31 "Look Homeward, Angel" author
32 Anti-elderly bias
33 Quick look
34 Baltimore newspaper
36 Snoopy, e.g.
37 Boutonnieres' sites
38 Access
41 Watch-crystal holder
44 Ernie's pal
45 Prima donna
48 — long way (last)
50 Diarist Anais

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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