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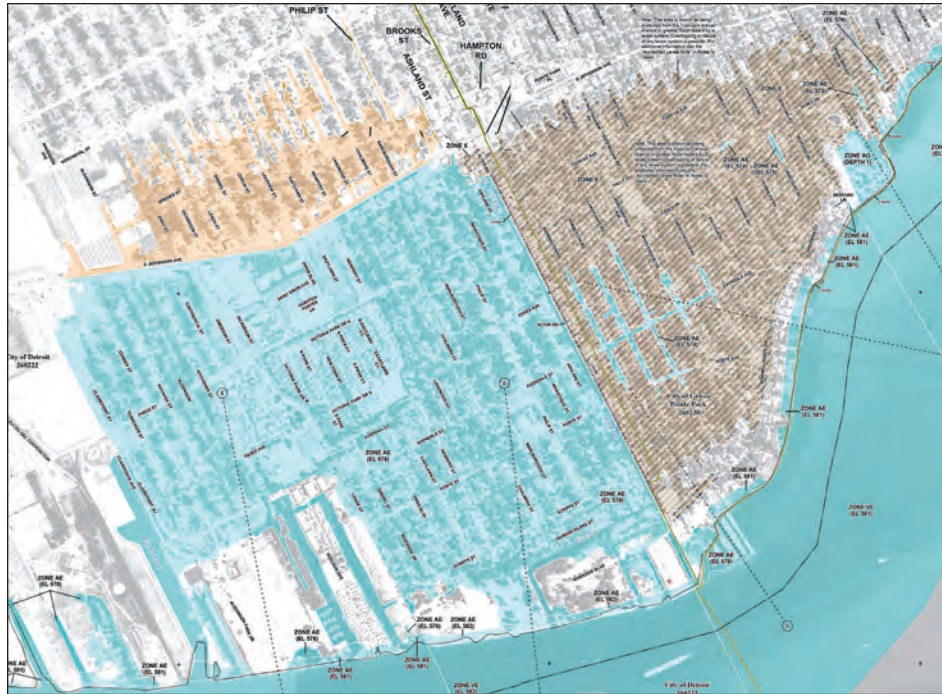
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A section of FEMA's new preliminary floodplain insurance rate map displaying Grosse Pointe Park, south of Jefferson and Jefferson-Chalmers in Detroit. Blue represents the 100-year special flood hazard area and orange represents the 500-year area. Brown shows the reduced flood risk area due to levees.

FEMA releases new floodplain maps

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Over the last few years, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has been reexamining its floodplain insurance rate maps for southeast Michigan, which could have a potentially large impact on insurance rates in the Park.

The maps show areas that are more likely to flood in the event of a large storm, significant snowmelt or wave action.

They are used for community floodplain management and insurance requirements.

In late December, FEMA released its new preliminary maps.

"We were just relieved that the preliminary maps show us outside that 100-year special flood hazard area," City Manager Dale Krajniak said. "The cost would have been significant on the per-homeowner basis."

The majority of the Park south of Jefferson is in the 500-year floodplain

area. The rest of the Grosse Pointes are by and large outside any special flood hazard areas.

Krajniak said in the mid-'90s the city constructed levees to remove the majority of the city from the 100-year floodplain and through their upkeep, the city has been able to maintain its status in the 500-year floodplain in the new preliminary maps.

According to Krajniak, the new maps come as

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2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

Deeplands, seawall dominate 2018 headlines

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Disagreement over the proposed subdivision at 55 S. Deeplands made news headlines several times during 2018. Though Deeplands Development Co. moved

closer to acceptance by the city council and planning commission with the submission of a revised plat design, several neighbors of the nearly 8-acre site remain opposed to a subdivision being built there.

Shores council and administrators sought resolution for the fallen

and deteriorating seawall along Lakeshore — a county road — but made little progress in gaining assistance from Wayne County's Department of Public Services or in receiving funding from state or federal government.

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FILE PHOTO

Plans for the former estate at 55 S. Deeplands, which was demolished in February, caused quite a bit of controversy in 2018.

Man, machine recovered from lake

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Thanks to OnStar's crash-notification system and rapid re-

sponse from Shores public safety officers, a man was rescued from rough Lake St. Clair water during the early morning of Thursday, Dec. 27. The vehicle was recovered the

next day.

According to a Woods public safety report, a domestic disturbance at 5 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, ended with a 24-year-old Woods man driving a

vehicle into Lake St. Clair.

About a half hour after the man abruptly left his Woods residence in his mother's vehicle, his mother called public safety at 5:34 a.m. —

reporting her son was "acting out of sorts."

Responding officers informed her that her son drove the vehicle into the lake minutes after leaving and he was rescued by Shores public safety officers and being treated in a hospital emergency room.

Earlier, at 5:03 a.m., the vehicle's OnStar system notified Farms public safety of a crash near Lakeshore Road and Lakeshore Lane. At 5:05 a.m., OnStar sent notice that the vehicle was submerged in water.

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Workers with InfraSource lay out a 4-inch gas main on Balfour.

DTE begins work in Park

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The DTE Energy work caravan is making its way south.

Recently, the energy company began work to replace gas mains on Jefferson and Balfour in

the Park, with work on residential and commercial service lines beginning in the spring.

According to City Manager Dale Krajniak, over the winter, DTE will install new mains on both sides of Jefferson as well as Balfour. The replacement of meters and resi-

dential lines will begin in the spring.

The work is a part of DTE's gas renewal program. The Park is the latest Grosse Pointe to experience the large infrastructure overhaul. The gas renewal pro-

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Laura Cox seeks state GOP post

Laura Cox — two-term state representative, former Wayne County commissioner and U.S. Customs special agent — is the Eastside Republican Club speaker at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Cox is campaigning for leadership of the Michigan Republican Party.

“Laura Cox is a woman with a long record as a fighter for sound government and has raised a family that values our country’s freedoms,” said ERC chairman Dr. Annette DeSantis Feldpausch in a statement. “Laura’s daughter is a U.S. Marine who served in Fallujah and one son is currently a Naval Academy midshipman.

“The forum is open to the public at no charge, so we invite anyone interested in the future of the GOP in Michigan to hear from Laura and ask questions,” Feldpausch continued.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for coffee and networking in advance of the meeting.

As a GOP activist, Cox served as district chair and state committee member. She also served as delegate to the 2012 Republican National Convention.

In 2014, Cox was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives representing her Livonia district. After winning election to her second term, she was named the first female House Appropriations chair in the history of Michigan, helping oversee a \$56 bil-

lion budget.

Prior to serving in the legislature, Cox won election as the only Republican on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, where her colleagues selected her as chair of the Ways and Means Committee. As commissioner, Cox championed transparency in government and was the first to make her office budget available online.

Cox began her public service as a U.S. Customs special agent where she worked undercover, conducted surveillance and executed search warrants to stop drug traffickers. During 13 years as an agent, her work also included sophisticated financial investigations to halt smugglers and currency traffickers.

She earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and a master’s degree in criminal justice research and planning from Michigan State University.

Cox and her husband, former Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, have four children and two grandchildren.

ERC members will elect officers and board members at the Jan. 15 meeting.

The ERC Forum meets monthly September to May at the War Memorial. Admission is free and the public is always welcome.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Balle opens new location

Grosse Pointe Dermatology and Cosmetic Center has a new location at 16815 E. Jefferson, Suite 260, City of Grosse Pointe. Its services include complete skin care exams, treatment of skin cancer, psoriasis, phototherapy, eczema, acne and warts, among others. For more information, call (313) 886-2600.

Pictured during a recent ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Grosse Pointe Chamber President Jenny Boettcher; David Balle M.D.; Judith Lipinski M.D.; City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Chris Boettcher; and Grosse Pointe Chamber Director of Membership Linda Reid.



Laura Cox

The Helm open house is Jan. 26

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, formerly Services for Older Citizens, hosts a community open house 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Residents of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, as well as their families and friends, are invited to explore all three floors of The Helm’s refurbished historic facility and experience some of its programs and activities, including tai chi, ballroom dancing, brain fitness, core strengthening, French for the traveler, piano classes, chorale singing, pingpong and more.

Light refreshments will be served

and there is no cost to attend.

The Helm is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, non-residential senior community center whose mission is to inspire and enable residents of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods to enjoy living healthy and meaningful lives as they grow older. The organization serves as a resource to older adults by providing opportunities and services in the areas of health, nutrition, social and recreation activities, education and enrichment programs, transportation, Meals on Wheels and home maintenance.

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Farms celebrates winter Jan. 12 Week Ahead

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — It may not feel like winter right now, but that isn't stopping Grosse Pointe Farms from celebrating the season.

On Saturday, Jan. 12, the Farms holds its annual Winterfest at Pier Park from noon to 4 p.m.

In its second year at the park, Winterfest features myriad activities for the whole family. There will be live entertainment under the tent, food trucks, a soup and chili challenge, ice skating, a petting farm, games, crafts and other activities. K-9 Duke also will be in attendance.

Chris Galatis, director of parks and recreation, said the event is free and open to Farms residents with valid park passes and their guests.



FILE PHOTO

Fun and games are in store during Winterfest, which takes place this Saturday.

"Some of our activities will go the entire time and others will not, but there will be an itinerary at the entrance of the park to see when everything is going on and we will

also post it on our Facebook page under the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, so (residents) can check it out there," Galatis said.

Last year, about 2,000 people went down to Pier Park, said Galatis, and he is hoping for just as many this year.

"We're excited," he said. "We're excited to have the event down here (at Pier Park) and see all the residents come in and see the park in the wintertime. Our busy time is obviously during the summer, but we have a lot of winter activities. So they can come down and enjoy the afternoon."

For more information, visit the Farms' Facebook page or website at grossepointefarms.org.

— Anthony Viola

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Winterfest, noon to 4 p.m. at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore.

MONDAY, JAN. 14

◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.

◆ 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, JAN. 15

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at village hall, 795 Lakeshore.

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

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A new gatehouse constructed at the entrance way to the Osius Park parking lot addressed security concerns raised by some Shores residents and council members.

This is the year in review:

January

◆ Matthew Seely begins his first term on city council.

◆ The Parks and Harbor Committee proposes new objectives for the coming year, including beefed-up park security and an entrance gatehouse.

◆ An anonymous donor provides new equipment to the public safety department, including squad-car computers and fire-fighting breathing apparatuses.

February

◆ City Manager Mark Wollenweber announces the city will receive approximately \$18,000 in a Community Development Block Grant for initiatives in 2018 benefiting low- to moderate-income residents and handicapped clientele.

◆ City council approves spending \$20,000 for improved lighting at the Osius Park tennis courts. Sixteen LED lights will replace the metal halide lighting. Councilman Robert Barrette says the cost up front will bring a 200-percent savings long term.

◆ City council approves spending \$150,000 to repave the Osius Park parking lot, including the widening of the park entrance.

◆ The home at 55 S. Deeplands is razed by property owner Deeplands Development Co., amid a lawsuit filed by neighbors Dec. 15 opposing the company's plans to develop a subdivision on the nearly 8-acre site.

March

◆ Deeplands Development Co.'s appeal of the city's rejection of its preliminary plat is heard by Wayne County Circuit Judge Craig Strong. The cul-de-sac length for the 18-lot plan exceeds the city ordinance's 600-foot restriction.

◆ Neighbors of 55 S. Deeplands fill council chambers to voice concerns about the proposed subdivision development, including enforcement of the city's tree ordinance and the impact on infrastructure.

◆ City council approves constructing a gatehouse at the Osius Park parking lot entrance from



FILE PHOTO

Grosse Pointe Shores DPW installed crushed concrete in many sinkholes along the Lakeshore seawall, including 30 yards of the material in this large sinkhole.

Lakeshore. The move is proposed as a boost to security for the residents-only park.

April

◆ For the 15th consecutive year, the city is designated a "tree city" — one of 340 cities named Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.

May

◆ City council adopts the fiscal year 2018-19 budget recommended by the Finance Committee. The general fund budget of \$6,129,661 is a 6.4-percent decrease from the previous fiscal-year budget of \$6,546,179.

◆ Public Safety Director John Schulte presents K-9 goose-chaser Trace with a badge for daily service in reducing geese at Osius Park.

◆ City council approves a special land-use request for the installation of solar panels on a house in the 600 block of Lakeshore, consistent with the recommendation submitted by the Shores Planning Commission.

◆ Councilman Robert Barrette addresses the state of the seawall along Lakeshore during the May 20 city council meeting, presenting his analysis of how far the seawall has dropped and deteriorated since it was installed in 1932.

June

◆ In an opinion released June 13, Wayne County Circuit Judge Craig Strong denies an appeal filed by Deeplands Development Co. for a deviation to a Shores' zoning ordinance prescribing residential cul-de-sac length of no longer than 600 feet.

◆ City council approves an agreement with the Southeast Macomb Sanitary District, qualified by a memorandum of understanding to negotiate Shores-specific needs for managing its storm-water and sewage system.

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's Legacy on the Lake at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House honors members of the Ford family for their leadership in the community.

◆ More than 40 young junior sailors compete in the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Opti Red White Blue Invitational Regatta.

July

◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen addresses the deteriorating seawall along Lakeshore — a county road — assuring the Shores and Farms communities the county is assessing cost and will "hunt for the money" in the form of federal assistance.

◆ For the second year in a row, the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League All-Star team wins a Little League state championship.

August

◆ U.S. District Judge Robert Cleland sentences resident Gasper Fiore to 21 months in



PHOTO BY MICHELE PENOYER

Junior sailors competed in the GPYC Opti Red White Blue Invitational Stadium Regatta in June.

federal prison for his role in the Macomb County public corruption scandal, according to local news sources. Cleland orders Fiore, 58, remanded to prison from the courtroom and to pay a \$10,000 fine.

◆ Construction of the new entryway gatehouse at Osius Park slated to begin in August is postponed due to delays in laying the concrete foundation.

◆ Councilman Robert Barrette, Public Works Director Brett Smith, City Manager Mark Wollenweber and counterparts in the Farms meet with Wayne County Public Services Director Beverly Watts about the deteriorating seawall along Lakeshore, requesting assistance with short-term repairs as the county seeks federal financial assistance for long-term resolution.

September

◆ On Sept. 7 and 8, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club hosts the launch of a new model of racing sailboat — the RS21 built in Southampton, England — in North American waters for the first time.

◆ Councilman Matthew Seely defends memes he posted to Facebook following the release of statements by political watch-dog groups calling for his resignation.

October

◆ Deeplands Development Co. submits a revised proposal for city council approval. The two cul-de-sac design would accommodate 16 single-family homes.

◆ U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence communicates in a statement that her office is working to secure federal funding for repairing the fallen and deteriorated seawall along Lakeshore.

November

◆ City council adopts the planning commission's recommendation

to accept conditionally the preliminary plot application for the development of a 16-home subdivision at 55. S. Deeplands.

◆ Residents question rising water-service charges and request Shores administrators itemize fixed and consumption-based costs in the billing.

December

◆ On the heels of the state's legalization of recreational marijuana use by adults 21 years or older, city council votes to prohibit the sale of marijuana.

◆ Public safety officers, with the assistance of a Michigan State Police K-9 unit, investigate a bomb threat sent to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House security director with negative results.

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A sip of Moloko Plus

A 44-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, in the 500 block of St. Clair.

An officer spotted the woman stopped in parking Lot 2 in The Village. When asked, the woman said she lost her ticket and was unable to get out of the lot. The officer opened the gate and the woman proceeded south toward Kercheval where she stopped at the red light.

The light went through a full cycle without the woman moving. When the light went through another cycle and the car remained stationary, the officer honked. When the car did not proceed, the officer turned on their lights to initiate a traffic stop. The vehicle then continued straight through a red light and stopped in the next block of St. Clair.

According to the police report, the woman was unable to answer basic questions, was unaware of her surroundings and had pinprick pupils.

A preliminary breath test resulted in .0 percent blood alcohol content. Because of her erratic behavior the woman was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs. She was taken to Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe for an evaluation.

The woman said she had taken "Clockwork Orange" earlier in the night.

Drunken driving

A 31-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:55 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, on Jefferson at Neff.

Officers pulled the man over when they spotted him traveling 51 mph on Jefferson. During the interview, officers noted the man's slurred speech and an odor of intoxicants. The driver admitted to drinking earlier in the night.

A field sobriety test was conducted, which the driver failed. He refused a preliminary breath test. The man was arrested and taken to Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe for a blood draw. He was cited for speeding, refusing the preliminary breath test and operating while intoxicated.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Passengers packing

When a 23-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman was arrested on Lakeshore and Vernier for driving without a license and valid insurance at 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, officers discovered two of her three passengers were carrying guns.

A 24-year-old Detroit man was arrested when he told officers he had a gun in his front pocket but no concealed pistol license. The officers took the loaded Baretta Nano and secured it.

A 22-year-old Detroit

man also had a gun, but with a concealed pistol license. After an officer secured the weapon and verified it was registered to the man, he returned it to him.

— Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

What's that noise?

A 65-year-old Sterling Heights woman noticed an uncanny noise coming from her 2000 Honda Odyssey as she drove from the Ascension St. John Hospital north parking lot at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, after visiting her husband who was hospitalized there.

Days later, her husband discovered the noise was due to the absence of the vehicle's catalytic converter.

The woman submitted a belated larceny from automobile report with Woods public safety on Thursday, Dec. 27.

Car door used as a weapon

A 19-year-old Woods man was arrested at his home in the 2200 block of Hawthorne shortly after 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, after witnesses reported seeing him assault his girlfriend while dropping her off for work at an assisted-living facility on Cook Road.

The 19-year-old Harper Woods woman told officers she and the suspect were arguing when he drove her to work. As she exited the car, he threw her smoothie at her, hitting her coat. As she leaned in the car to retrieve her purse, he accelerated quickly in reverse.

The car door struck her, causing her to fall onto the pavement. She sustained pain in her left leg and hip and an abrasion on her left palm, but did not want medical assistance.

Larceny from minivan

A 34-year-old Woods resident reported items taken from his vehicle

while it was parked in the 1800 block of Blairmoor Court between noon and 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29.

Missing from the black 2016 Chrysler Town and Country were a checkbook and approximately \$50 in cash.

The victim was unsure if he locked the vehicle.

Hot Hellcat

A 63-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man reported his black 2015 Dodge Charger Hellcat was stolen approximately 10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, from a residence in the 1300 block of S. Duval Road, where he was a guest.

A witness reported seeing the vehicle pull away "in a hurry."

Breaking and entering

When neighbors reported suspicious activity at a house in the 500 block of Coventry Lane on Jan. 1 and Jan. 3, officers arrived before noon Friday, Jan. 4, to investigate.

They discovered forced entry through the garage side door and rear window and door panels appeared to have been pried open. They also found a broken pane of glass, but no one inside the home, and household items were in place.

An officer contacted the 62-year-old homeowner, who was in Florida, and arranged for boarding the damaged door and window.

— Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Change stolen

Change was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 1100 block of Lakepointe overnight between 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, and 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 30.

Went toward the light

A 22-year-old Redford resident was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 12:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, at

Harvard and Maumee. The driver collided with a street light pole and was found to be intoxicated.

Suspended licenses

◆ A 28-year-old Detroit resident was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 3:50 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, on Mack at Whittier. The driver was pulled over for speeding and found to have a suspended license.

◆ A 43-year-old Park resident was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 11:25 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, on Mack at Alter. The driver was pulled over for speeding and found to have a suspended license.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Drunken driving

A 66-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:15 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, on Lakeshore at Beacon Hill. The man was pulled over after officers observed the vehicle he was driving swerving and crossing the center line

on Jefferson. The man had an odor of intoxicants, according to the police report and a field sobriety test was conducted. A preliminary breath test resulted in .16 percent blood alcohol content.

Forgot birthday

A 54-year-old Detroit man was arrested for multiple warrants, possession of narcotics and providing false information to officers at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, on Mack at Moross.

The man was a passenger in a vehicle which officers observed run a red light at Kerby and Mack.

While interviewing the occupants, the passenger verbally gave his name and birthdate. When officers ran the name through the Law Enforcement Information Network, there was no record. There was, however, a "sound alike" person with the same name but different birthday and several warrants for his arrest.

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OUR VIEW

North coach
— round two

As you read this, the new crop of applicants for Grosse Pointe North High School head varsity baseball coach will have been screened, according to a timeline sent to parents by the school's athletic director, Michelle Davis, published elsewhere on this page of the Grosse Pointe News.

As parents and readers will recall, this will be the second coach to be hired to fill the vacancy caused by the abrupt and unwarranted dismissal of veteran head coach Frank Sumbera last June after 49 years of employment with the school district.

Since Coach Sumbera's firing was done in haste and with little forethought, the North administration was forced to hire a new head football coach at short notice, resulting in an embarrassing 1-8 season with no wins at home. Will North varsity baseball suffer the same fate? We fear so.

Readers will also recall a baseball coach had already been screened and hired by a committee of North parents and administrators. The candidate, however was found to have serious character flaws — besides being woefully under-qualified and inexperienced, in our opinion — and the offer of employment was quickly rescinded.

Now we have the same cast of characters taking another stab at hiring a qualified head varsity coach, which should have been a relatively simple task given the pool of talent and experience we have right here in Grosse Pointe, many of which were already involved in North baseball and under Coach Sumbera.

But the young administration at North seems hellbent to hire someone young and from the outside. Someone they (and parents) can get to kowtow to them.

We fear the athletic program under Ms. Davis is doomed — if not already lost. She appears not to know how to maintain, let alone build, a strong program. And the Norsemen wound is self-inflicted.

Had Ms. Davis gone to Coach Sumbera at the end of the 2017-18 school year and said, "Coach, next year will be your 50th year with the district. What say you go out with a bang. Let's play up your Golden Year at North. Make it a celebration. In the meantime, let's put together a strong succession plan to secure North's athletic prowess."

But, no, Ms. Davis, backed by the principal, deputy superintendent and superintendent, acted hastily, unnecessarily ending a man's career under a cloud. The sheer lack of empathy and consideration of years of service is mind-boggling. Why would any qualified coach want to come to North and take the risk of suffering the same fate?

We also question why parents are playing such a prominent role in selecting and hiring a head varsity coach. We also question the purpose of the "mini sessions" with seniors in a gym.

Any qualified applicant for head varsity coach at North would, and should, come with a long track record of accomplishments and success. Administrators shouldn't need parents or students to select a head coach. It should be obvious.

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

Jody McVeigh

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Nearly four

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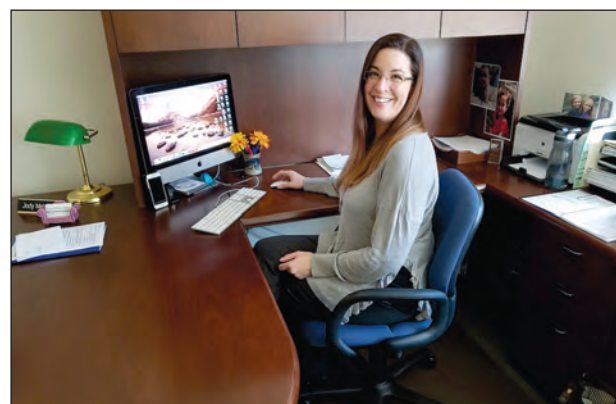
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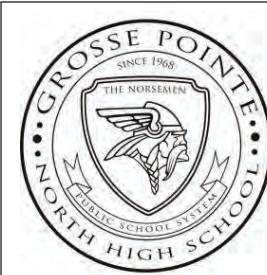
I love being entertained; I'm big on movies, music, books and art. I've been married 12 years; have three stepsons and two granddaughters; and adore my fuzzy buddy Gypsy, a cat I adopted from the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

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Meeting new people in the community and sharing their stories with our readers. The people I've met in Grosse Pointe have helped make this the most fun job I've had in my 22-year journalism career.



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Dear North Families,

Several community members have asked about the process and timeline to identify an outstanding Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2018-19 school year and beyond. GPPSS is committed to an inclusive process according to the timeline below:

- Between now and January 2, 2019 – Paper screening
- January 8-11, 2019 – 3-6 p.m. - First set of interviews with parents, coaches, teachers, and building administrators; including background checks.
- January 15, 2019 – 12-2 p.m. - (1/2 day for exams) Mini sessions with the senior boys, the athletic director and building administration in the gym.
- January 17, 2019 – Final interviews with Principal, Athletic Director, and the superintendent.
- January 21-23, 2019 – Announcement of coach
- January 23-25 – Begin interviews for sub varsity level coaching staff

We will need parents to participate as part of the interview process. Please see dates and times above. If you would like to participate in this process, please contact me at 313-432-3255 or davism@gpschools.org January 2, 2019, with your name along with the name(s) and grade(s) of your children at North.

Sincerely,

Michelle Davis

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Chief Kennedy remembered

I was saddened to learn late last week of the passing of former Grosse Pointe Public Safety Director Bruce Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy was the director in the City when I first joined the Grosse Pointe News in 1988. I simply called him "Chief," as did the other directors in the Pointes at the time — Dick Caretti in the Park, Bob Ferber in the Farms, Jack Patterson in the Woods and Dan Healy in the Shores.

Mr. Kennedy was born in Iowa but grew up as a youth in Detroit and on a family farm in Port Hope. After serving in the U.S. Navy in World War II, he returned to Detroit and joined the police department, where he worked for 20 years, rising to the rank of detective inspector and commanded the armed robbery/major theft bureau, juvenile divisions and chief of detectives. He was selected to attend the FBI

National Academy and remained close to the bureau his entire career.

Along the way, Mr. Kennedy earned bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice and police administration, taught night school and co-authored a book with his college professor son, Daniel P. Kennedy.

Kennedy was hired in 1977 as the City's first public safety director in the midst of a heated legal battle with firefighters who resisted cross training as police officers. Having successfully merged the police and fire departments, Mr. Kennedy served ably as public safety director in the City for 25 years.

I remember Mr. Kennedy as being very friendly and courteous and patient to a certain young reporter new to the Pointes. I regret not being able to attend his funeral service Saturday at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. I don't doubt that law enforcement was more than adequately represented.

Mr. Kennedy was also an avid handball player. He started playing in the 1950s at a YMCA; so did I ... some 50 years later! He competed for nearly 70 years, winning a multitude of local, state and national championships. Despite all of his achievements in law enforcement and on the handball court, Mr. Kennedy's proudest achievements were his 67 years of marriage to Italia and together raising one daughter and three sons.

Fittingly, the family has asked that donations be made to The Hundred Club of Detroit, P.O. Box 1018, Fenton, MI 48430. The Hundred Club is a nonprofit organization that supports the families of fallen police and fire officers in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Rest in peace, Chief!

LETTERS

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I SAY By Anthony Viola

College ball: When's their payday?



With college football wrapped up and the college basketball season starting its run up to March Madness, a recurring question has been running through my mind lately: Should college

athletes be paid?

It's a heated discussion whenever it's brought up.

Those in favor of status quo say money would tarnish the level of competition. Without the looming specter of money, college athletes compete solely for the chance at glory, not a large paycheck.

And, they say, athletes are compensated through scholarships. An education is priceless and sometimes athletic scholarships are the only way for some players to afford

college. They also say it is a great opportunity to play in college and have a better chance at going pro and getting the big payday.

Those against the current model say college athletes aren't fairly compensated for the risk to their health or the time spent training. Education often takes a backseat to athletics when travel and training eat into class time and injury could be severe. What happens after they graduate with a subpar education and are crippled?

Most importantly, though, is the large amount of money involved with college athletics.

Sponsorships — the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame — TV deals, apparel and merchandise sales all pull in a significant amount of money, all because the athletes go out every week and compete. Money the athletes don't see.

But because there is so much money on the line, the athletes have a lot of power.

In 2015, a large number of football players at the University of Missouri boycotted until system president Tim Wolfe resigned or was fired. After a litany of racially charged incidents — including a swastika drawn in feces in a bathroom stall — Wolfe was under fire for not doing enough to address racism on campus. Student protests began in September.

Although the football team did not start them, their involvement in the protests was pivotal. A

day after the players announced their boycott in November — potentially costing the university \$1 million if they had to forfeit their upcoming game — Wolfe resigned.

Ultimately the answer lies with the players. I am obviously not a college athlete and never was, and I'm guessing neither were you. We truly don't know what that experience is worth, if the risk outweighs the reward. But if they feel they aren't being fairly compensated, they have every avenue to change it.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1944

75 years ago this week

POINTE LAUNCHES WAR BOND DRIVE:

The Bond Day Rally held in the Esquire Theatre brought together a goodly representation of the group of merchants, clergymen, service club heads and educators which the Bond Drive Committee armed to enlist first in the campaign.

A most interesting program was presented, sparked off by inspiring screen addresses by Gov. Harry Kelly and Mayor Jeffries. Kenneth L. Moore, chairman of the Grosse Pointe drive, who spoke appealingly and convincingly of the great importance of the fourth loan drive and of the obligation of the Grosse Pointe community to do its full share.

GIRL ESCAPES MOLESTER:

A 16-year-old girl living on Wayburn told police last Friday that when she was coming home from the Aloma Theatre at 10:15 p.m., a young man, about 19, came up behind her as she was walking south on Wayburn about eight houses from Charlevoix and grabbed her arm and told her to keep on walking.

He stuck something against her back which he threateningly warned her was a knife. She tried to break away, but he grabbed her arm roughly and warned her not to try it again.

The young woman was in a panic of fright, and when a car passed she screamed out and the fellow let go of her arm and ran away. The driver of the car stopped and, upon hearing her story,

took her in and drove her to her home.

1969

50 years ago this week

CONVENT TOLD TO CLOSE DOORS:

The Catholic community in Grosse Pointe was shocked and upset over the news that The Academy of the Sacred Heart, a landmark in the Pointes since the 1800s, will close its doors permanently this June. Some 360 students will have to find another "home" away from home. The decision to close was based, according to church representatives, on a change in philosophy and the lack of teaching nuns.

The decision was made by the New York Province, of which Grosse Pointe's Sacred Heart Academy is a part.

TRAFFIC LIGHT FOR KERBY STUDENTS APPROVED:

The Farms council appeared to be hard pressed in making a decision regarding the safe crossing of approximately 28 Kerby School pupils at the Kercheval-Moross intersection. After much discussion, a final decision, hopefully, was made.

A traffic signal, including "walk" and "don't walk" signs, will be installed at Moross and Kercheval.

FIRST WOMAN CANDIDATE IN FARMS HISTORY HOPING TO WIN SEAT ON COUNCIL:

Nine candidates will be vying for a spot on the ballot at the primary election for seats on the Farms Council Feb. 17. Only the eight receiving the higher number of votes will have the right to compete for the four

council vacancies at the April 7 election.

Among the candidates, for the first time in Farms history, is a woman, Nancy Waugaman (Mrs. William J.). Mrs. Waugaman is a familiar face in the Farms council chambers, as she has attended over 60 meetings there in the past four years.

Obituaries: George B. Allen, Joseph E. Beaufait, Martha Brady, Andrew A. Broucksou, William Ward Dukett, Grace Gorman, Drew Lachiusa, Joseph Mikula, Louanne Redmond, Earl H. Smith

1994

25 years ago this week

PARK DISCONTINUES PARAMEDIC SERVICE:

In an effort to establish more cost-efficient ambulance service that better meets the needs of its residents, the Park City Council voted to end its contract with the L.C. Taylor Ambulance Co.

The current contract called for a one-year trial basis and six automatic yearly contract renewals.

City Manager Dale Krajniak said he reviewed ambulance records for the past year and could find no instance where a life was saved by paramedic as opposed to basic procedures.

PAIR PLEAD GUILTY IN ELECTION SIGN THEFT:

Claiming he was unemployed and needed the money, a 21-year-old Detroit man pleaded guilty to charges he stole 43 of Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Judge Kirsten Frank's campaign signs in last fall's election. A 24-year-old Detroit woman also pleaded guilty to the charge of

simple larceny.

The pair were caught Oct. 7 in the area of Buckingham and Jefferson with 43 of Frank's signs in a van. During questioning by detectives, the defendants told police they were offered \$150 for every 100 signs they delivered to an undisclosed area near Finney High School in Detroit.

Obituaries: Virginia R. Brown, Harry A. Carson, Mary R. Ceunick, Norma Louise Hammel, Sheila McNichol, Helen Sicklesteel, Catherine M. Smith, Dr. Carl Randolph von Gruenigen, Stanley L. Wilson, Emil Albert Wulz

2009

10 years ago this week

TRAFFIC FLOW CHANGES AT MACK AND COOK:

A new traffic sign at Mack Avenue and Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods has motorists scratching their heads.

The sign reads, "Proceed on green signal only." The previous sign advised motorists to "complete left turn on red when traffic clears."

The new sign is courtesy of Wayne County, which has control over Mack. After resurfacing and reworking some of the intersections, they insisted on the new signage.

Obituaries: Lynn Bolding-Bossler, William Paul Brown, Alice Jane Hooker Cordes, Mary Louise Lutfy, Dorothy Walton Mooney, John M. Schmidt, Robert A. Songe M.D., Michael K. Zylik M.D.

— Karen Fontanive



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DLA Inside/Out

Grosse Pointe Shores city hall recently had three Detroit Institute of Arts Inside/Out installations added to its front lawn, including "Bank of the Oise at Auvers" (Van Gogh), above, "A Day in June" (George Bellows), below, and "Spring" (Dwight William Tryon) not shown.



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Council approves indigent defense grant

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — During Monday's meeting, city council approved a contract with the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission — the regulatory body overseeing public defenders in each of the state's local courts.

Present for the contract discussion were Woods Municipal Judge Ted Metry and Court Administrator Beth Miro, who is the Woods signatory on the contract.

"(The grant contract) is required by the state of Michigan," Metry told council. "Every court in

the state of Michigan is required to have a grant signed between the state of Michigan and the court.

"All grants are obviously different, because the courts are different in size. Our grant is a significant amount more money than what our current court-appointed attorney fees are, because there's going to be additional necessity for the court-appointed attorneys."

"It's about time, quite frankly, that they raised these fees," said Mayor Robert Novitke.

Added Metry, "It's also about having counsel available immediately for arraignments and requiring certain train-

ing and making sure they're qualified."

The contract budgets \$39,200 toward criminal public defense — court-appointed attorneys for the "indigent" accused — in the Woods Municipal Court.

This includes a state grant contribution of \$36,117 and local contribution of \$3,083.

The money was initially set to arrive Oct. 1 — to coincide with the start of the state of Michigan's fiscal year, ending Sept. 30. Per the contract with the commission approved by council on Monday, the city will receive 50 percent of grant funding within 15 days of the signed contract, fol-

lowed by 25 percent disbursements April 15 and July 15.

The commission was set up following approval of the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Act, effective July 1, 2013. Last year, the commission submitted for approval by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs eight standards based on several U.S. Supreme Court cases that set precedents on legal rights for the indigent accused. On May 22, 2017, the department approved standards related to various aspects of indigent defense, including educational training of defense counsel, allocat-

ing time and space for initial client/counsel meetings, counsel's duty to make reasonable investigations and immediate assignment of counsel to those eligible for indigent criminal defense services.

The commission is contracting grant funding with each Michigan municipality to assist each court with complying to the standards. The amount provided to each municipality depends on its size and case volume in its municipal court.

"It sounds like we don't have a choice. But even then, it sounds like you're recommending this?" Novitke asked Metry.

"I think it's good for the public and good for defendants," Metry said.

With the standards in effect, Criminal Advocacy Program seminars are offered to court-appointed attorneys in Wayne County to educate them about the new requirements. Court administrators also will need to understand how to meet the new standards.

"This has kind of been described as us trying to learn a bicycle by putting one together piece by piece," said Miro. "There are a lot of changes probably and a lot of things that'll come up that we'll have to address as the changes come out."

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Outing benefits patient in need

Karen LaBarge and Cindy Merry, co-chairs for the Lochmoor Fights Cancer golf outing, presented a \$30,000 check to Ascension St. John Hospital for its Needy Patient Fund.

Pictured from left are Karen LaBarge, co-chair, Lochmoor Fights Cancer; Cheryl Wesen, medical director of the oncology program, Ascension St. John; Lorrie Lipa, director of oncology services, Ascension St. John; Tomasine Marx, COO/CFO, Ascension St. John; Cathy Patterson, oncology financial counselor, Ascension St. John; Cindy Merry, co-chair, Lochmoor Fights Cancer. Not pictured is Karen McSkimming, co-chair for the Lochmoor Fights Cancer event.

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When officers informed the man of the discrepancy, he admitted to giving the wrong birthday.

He was arrested for the warrants and cited for providing false information to officers. A bag of five marijuana cigarettes and a red straw with white residue also was found on his body.

The straw was tested for narcotics and came up positive for cocaine. He also was in possession of four counterfeit \$100 bills.

The driver, a 24-year-old Detroit woman, was found to have a suspended license, but was released at the scene after being picked up by someone with a valid driver's license. She was cited for driving with a suspended license and failing to stop at a red light.

Assault

A 60-year-old Dearborn man was arrested for assault at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, at the Mack and Moross BP gas station.

While on a coffee break at the gas station, a City officer was approached by a 51-year-old Farms

woman who indicated that her taxi driver had attempted to rape her.

During interviews with police, the woman said the driver climbed into the back seat and tried to take her clothes off.

Officers noted her clothes were not torn. She did, however, have a large bump on her forehead, bruises on her face and a bloody knee. According to the report, the woman was intoxicated and had difficulty staying on topic. She was taken to the hospital for an examination.

The driver, who was still in the parking lot, said he picked up the woman after she was thrown out of MGM Casino in Detroit by security. He said he took the woman to Chase Bank to get cash to pay him.

According to the police report, the gas station attendant said he did not see the alleged assault, but was approached by the driver asking for assistance in getting the woman back into his cab.

The man also had a warrant for his arrest out of Troy.

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

GROSSE POINTE ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

This article is part of a series featuring alumni of Grosse Pointe high schools who have left Grosse Pointe to pursue careers in a variety of fields.

Singer finds passion project creating music videos

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

When Alaina Whitney was a student at Grosse Pointe North High School, musical theater was her happy place. Today, living in Los Angeles singing with a cappella groups and producing music videos, she has returned to her roots.

Whitney moved to Los Angeles in 2012 to pursue acting and music. Her credits include lead, co-star and supporting roles in independent films and television shows and she has appeared as an extra on several prime time television shows including "Mad Men," "Scandal," "The Middle," "90210" and "New Girl."

In addition to theater performances and a cappella singing, she has performed at Disney, was featured in a YouTube limited series and started Ballad Box Music, composing and performing original covers of popular love songs.

While at North, Whitney performed in the school's spring musical all four years — in the chorus of "Music Man" and "South Pacific" her freshman and sophomore years and later in lead roles. In fact, in "Music Man" she was one of only three freshmen participating in the chorus.

Junior year Whitney played Kim MacAfee in "Bye Bye Birdie," one of four leads, and senior year she was Gertrude



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ALAINA WHITNEY

Alaina Whitney, performing with the Beverly Belles, adopts a vintage Hollywood look. "For a really long time I was obsessed with Marilyn Monroe," she said. She even went from her natural brunette hair color to blond in homage to the 1950s-era starlet. "I identify with being a blonde now," she said. "I feel more like me."

McFuzz in "Seussical." Outside of school, Whitney "did everything that I could to get my hands on different select choirs," she said, participating in the district's Summer Select Choir every year and the University of Michigan School of Music's MPulse

Summer Performing Arts Institute.

Graduating from North in 2007 — and voted "most talented" by her class — Whitney received a scholarship to study vocal performance at Western Michigan University.

While she set out as a music major, burnout set in and she dropped music to a minor, switching her major to communications. She also studied film, video and media — a decision that turned out to be beneficial when she had the opportunity to shoot a film as one of six student producers for an independent study the end of her senior year. The film premiered at Western Michigan the following fall.

Not only was the experience rewarding, Whitney said, but it gave her "the producing bug" for creating her own work.

Whitney's first professional film experience was in Michigan before her move to California. She worked as an extra on "Oz the Great and Powerful," directed by Sam Raimi and starring James Franco, Michelle Williams, Zach Braff, Rachel Weisz and Mila Kunis.

"That was a really cool experience," she said. It



Whitney performs "City of Stars" from the movie "La La Land" with fellow Ballad Box Music member Jeff Bratz. This was one of their first collaborations.

also "catapulted me into moving to California because I met so many people on that set.

"When I moved out here, I had the mentality of being a film actor because I loved movies so much," she continued.

She joined several casting companies, went to auditions and looked for an agent.

"There was a lot of back and forth and a lot of frustrations pursuing acting here, and while I was doing that I had really gotten away from music," Whitney said. "I hadn't sung or done anything since college. ... I started to kind of miss it."

After two years, she auditioned to be part of a burlesque troupe called the Dollface Dames. This led to another singing opportunity with an Andrews Sisters-type singing trio called the Beverly Belles. She missed auditions for a cappella caroling for the holidays because she was back home in Grosse Pointe during Thanksgiving.

"The next year I made sure I wasn't going to be gone during the holiday season," she said, adding she auditioned again and made it into the group. The Beverly Belles got a contract singing a vintage-style show for Disneyland.

"That was the big turning point with music for me because I was singing so much that my voice was getting stronger and I was getting back into the groove of singing with a group again," she said. "I had always done choir and a cappella and knew how to sing with other people. I knew how to blend really well. I think that's my forte, singing in little groups of people."

"A lightbulb went off in my head and I said we should do this," Whitney said.

This was the impetus for creating Ballad Box Music, a music video production company made up of singing duo Whitney and Bratz and keyboard and guitar player Patrick Boylan. The trio creates original covers for music videos, focusing on love songs from the past and present and changing the tempo, genre, time signature or style to make "it our own," Whitney said.

They released their first two music videos — "City of Stars" from the movie "La La Land" and "Stay" by Rihanna — in 2017. While it took a year — and Whitney did all the editing, using the skills she learned in college — the group finally filmed and released the Moulin Rouge medley in February 2018.

While Whitney still sings with a cappella groups, currently with a company called Sunset Singers that performs vintage-style entertainment from a range of decades, Ballad Box Music continues to be her passion project.

"It's kind of this serendipitous series of events that led to Ballad Box," Whitney said. "It fell into place and worked out. I believe in signs and stuff, so I was like, all right, I'm supposed to do this."

Find out more about Whitney at alainawhitney.com, check out Ballad Box Music on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or become a patron at patreon.com/balladboxmusic.



Whitney played lead Kim MacAfee in North's production of "Bye Bye Birdie." She is pictured with Nathan Masserang, who played Kim's boyfriend, Hugo.

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Grosse Pointe North and South students at the Michigan Thespian Festival.

North and South thespians receive festival honors

Thirty-four Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North high school thespians, along with their directors Meaghan Dunham from South and Sean Kifer from North, attended the Michigan Thespian Festival in Grand Rapids Dec. 14 and 15. With more than 1,600 high school students in attendance, the festival provides students with opportunities to compete for college scholarships and in individual and group events including acting and musical theater for state-wide recognition and the opportunity to compete nationally.

Grosse Pointe thespians earned high honors in every category in which they competed. Receiving superior ratings and qualifying for the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Neb., in June were South seniors Thomas Thams and Grayson Kennedy, duet acting; seniors Maya Petropoulos and Alana Maynard, duet musical theater; and juniors Andrew Fleming and Elyse Tazzia, solo musical theater. North student Tessa Bessette received an excellent rating for her solo musical theater performance.

Kennedy was one of only 10 recipients of the prestigious Michigan Thespian Scholarship awarded by the Thespian State Board to graduating seniors who plan to major or minor in theater arts. Each director can nominate only one student who then competes against students state-wide for the honor and financial award.

North senior Megan Thuma auditioned before a number of college and university recruiters and received three theater arts scholarships.

Another highlight of the weekend was Grosse Pointe South's performance on the main stage of two one-act plays by Stephen Gregg, "The New Margo" and "Why We Like Love Stories." Only four high school productions were invited to perform at the festival. Cast members included Grace Walsh, Alana Maynard, Maya Petropoulos, Melody Balos, Elaina Calisi, Andrew Fleming, Quinn Sahutske, Kerrigan Dunham and Campbell Stencil. Student directors were Elyse Tazzia and Riley Barbour.

The two-day festival also provides students with opportunities to attend workshops and high school productions to further their education in the theater arts.



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Liggett hosts documentary

As part of its community wellness initiative, University Liggett School is hosting a public screening of the documentary "LIKE" 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Max Stossel, narrator of the film and head of education for the Center

for Humane Technology, will facilitate a discussion after the screening.

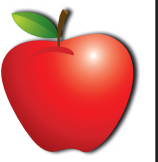
LIKE is an IndieFlix Original documentary that explores the impact of social media on people's lives and the effects of technology on the brain. The goal of the

film is to help equip people to self-regulate.

The event is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is requested at uls.org/like.

ULS is located at 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (313) 884-4444.

Teacher of THE WEEK



Margaret Rose



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School: Brownell Middle and Grosse Pointe South High schools

Years at Brownell: 28
Years at South: 7 (1986-1990; 2001; 2018-2019)

Grade/Subject: 6th-grade art, exploring art, graphic design (Brownell); drawing and painting, art and design, advanced placement studio art, drawing (and painting) and the figurative arts (South)

Nominated by: Brownell Middle School community

Quote from Principal Rodger Hunwick:

"Brownell Middle School students are gifted every semester with wide-ranging experiences in art under the leadership of Margaret Rose. Some of these artistic opportunities she provides are self-portraits, painting, clay sculpting, building designs, 2-D and 3-D illustrating, as well as computer graphics using a 3-D printer. Often one will witness students in the hallway, seated attentively, enjoying a dum-dum lollipop, while intellectually discussing each other's artwork."

Margaret Rose's mission is for students to find joy in art — and when the final brush stroke is carefully placed, each student exits class with not only a deep appreciation of art, but also the joy of expressing and witnessing one another's innate gifts placed on canvas for all to enjoy together. It's truly an honor to work with such an amazing educator. The Grosse Pointe Public School System is most fortunate to have her continued dedication."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

Hands down, what I enjoy the most about teaching is the relationships I get to build with the students. I am lucky enough to be able to teach a subject that allows me to sit down with the students

individually and talk about what they would like to be able to create with the given assignment. The students know that I can't stand "cookie-cutter assignments," where everyone's work looks the same. Getting each student to "connect" to their work so that their response to the assignment is uniquely their own, is my ultimate goal. To be able to communicate with them how they can accomplish their creative goal is where the joy of teaching takes place. Through that process, I also get to know the students more closely. I see them as incredible young people with amazing imaginations and inventive ideas.

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

When you have been teaching as long as I have, it is truly impossible to cite only one teachable moment. I learn just as much from the students as they do from me. I can honestly say I am still humbled by this profession and the weight of it in terms of how you can affect students by what you are bringing to the classroom every day. I want their experience in my classroom to be one of joyful discovery, but a mentally and artistically challenging experience as well. I consider it a teaching accomplishment when a student hits that "aha" moment when they discover they truly are artists and they feel incredibly good about their creative abilities as well as themselves. That truly never gets old. It's pure joy.

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

I sadly lost my mother 24 years ago, but I still feel

her gentle, guiding spirit every day, both in my personal life as well as in my teaching. She was also a teacher and taught me a lot about patience. Boy, has that come in handy! My father taught me a lot about keeping your sense of humor in any situation. Laughter is a huge diffuser of what might be otherwise intense situations and an uplifter every day in my classroom and beyond. Most people who know me, know that I take laughter very seriously.

My favorite book seems to always be the one I'm reading currently which is "Dear Madam President: An Open Letter to the Women Who Will Run the World." I think the title speaks for itself. The best book I have read about art in our present world is "A Whole New Mind," by Daniel Pink. It validates the necessity of creative minds in the workforce and beyond if we are to be successful as a human race. Oddly enough, "The Catcher in the Rye" is also one of my favorite books. I think it's because the main character in the story's life goal was just "to be a catcher in the rye, and catch the kids before they fall off the cliff." That would be my soulful statement as to why I teach.

Favorite quote:
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 — Eleanor Roosevelt

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Week Ahead

TUESDAY, JAN. 15

◆ All three Grosse Pointe Public School System middle schools host an Information Night 6:30 p.m. designed for parents of current fifth-grade students entering middle school fall 2019. Parents learn about the shared curriculum, meet representatives of the staff and explore opportunities for students to discover their talents and strengths through classes, extra-curricular options, clubs and service opportunities. For Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, contact Principal Roger Hunwick at (313) 432-3900. For Parcels Middle School, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, contact Principal Daniel Hartley at (313) 432-4600. For Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, contact Principal Sara Dirkse at (313) 432-4700.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

◆ GPPSS Kindergarten and Young 5's Information Night is 6:30 p.m. Parents head to their neighborhood elementary school to learn about the curriculum and daily schedule, meet kindergarten teachers and ask questions. Additional information about the kindergarten program is available at gpschools.org. Click "Kindergarten" in the far-right column. While the program is designed for parents, children are welcome.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

◆ Learn about the district's multi-age classroom 6:30 p.m. in the library on the third floor at Trombly Elementary School, 820 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park. Housed at Trombly, the program is open to all GPPSS resident students in grades 1-3. The multi-age classroom is not a split grade, but an intentional mix of children of various ages, readiness levels, learning styles and personalities. Instruction flows from continuous progress and is designed to help students develop autonomy. Children benefit from working with a consistent group of students for three years in an environment where they grow into student leaders and peer mentors. A lottery process is used if interest exceeds capacity. To learn more, contact Principal Walt Fitzpatrick at fitzpaw@gpschools.org or teacher Mary O'Meara at omearam@gpschools.org.

The story of the workman's boots

A writing contest hosted by the Grosse Pointe News

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

In a display case in Richard Elementary School's lobby are a pair of worn workman boots estimated to be from around the 1920s. They were found under Richard's original gym floor during construction.

How did those boots get there? Who did they belong to? At the request of the Grosse Pointe News, Richard's fifth-graders used their imaginations to provide some possible answers to these questions.

With the help of their teachers, Steve Gulian, Mike Havern and Nicki Wallace, the students wrote short stories around the origins of these mysterious boots. A writing checklist for them to use to review their writing included whether the story focused on the topic, began with a strong lead, included a strong conclusion and was well organized, including details and examples.

"Many of the students were thrilled with this writing assignment," wrote Wallace in an email. She added she and the other teachers treated it as an impromptu writing assignment which they used to assess writing strengths and weaknesses.

A judging panel made up of Grosse Pointe News representatives John Minnis, publisher; Terry Minnis, vice president; Jody McVeigh, editor; and Mary Anne Brush, schools reporter, selected first- and second-place winners and an honorable mention.

First place

"1920s Showdown," by Kate George

Second place

"The Mystery of the Haunted Gym," by Allie Deveroux

Honorable mention

"A Workman's Diary," by Leila Oskui



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

These workman's boots from circa 1920 were found under the original gym floor at Richard Elementary School during renovations.

1920s Showdown

By Kate George

"Achoo!" said the worker after breathing in sawdust. "Boy, I've got the sniffles!" he mumbled to himself.

"C'mon, we don't have all day!" the employer announced.

"Okay, okay," said another worker.

Then the rest of the cold, frosty day they worked, and worked, and worked. Once the worker returned to his townhouse, he sat down in his big, comfy chair with a cup of coffee in one hand and a newspaper in the other. Suddenly, he read an article called "Richard's Breaking News." It read: "Do you have what it takes to find the missing coin? Do you have what it takes to do it in just 30 minutes? Do you know the winner gets \$50,000? October 27, 1920."

"Oh, oh boy," he repeated. Wait, he thought to himself. That is in three days! So the next two days he thought, Am I going to win? Finally, on the third day, he woke up at 7 a.m. Then he drove to the school at 8:30 a.m. When he showed up, there were only five people there. But he knew they all wanted to win. Maybe he could...

"Welcome to Richard's first showdown!" the

principal said, interrupting his thoughts. "Alright, this is how it works. We thought it would be fun to have a competition. We put a coin under one of the boards, so good luck. GO!!!" she yelled.

Then everyone got to work. The man ripped out chunks and chunks of wood, until he reached the bottom. When he was about to give up, he saw a glimpse of gold. He ran to the spot, then ripped the wood. But his shoes were too big to fit so he put his shoes in a hole and grabbed the coin.

"Phew! Glad that's over," he said.

Years later a group of people found the 1920s showdown shoes.

The Mystery of the Haunted Gym

By Allie Deveroux

One day after school Chris and Tom decided that they wanted to sneak into the school late at night so they could explore the school that is supposedly haunted. Once school was done and they were dismissed, Tom distracted the teacher while Chris got their bags and hid them in the storage part of the attic.

About five minutes later, after people were gone and had already left, Tom and Chris made their way to the attic, down the hall, turned the corner, into the storage room with their bags already there.

Most of the time they were hiding in the attic, Chris was reading a book and Tom was doing his homework figuring that would be the only time to do it. After about an hour they heard the teachers from the meeting downstairs leave the building.

"Finally!" Tom sighed in relief. "Now I can stop doing boring homework and we can do what we came here to do!" he said, sounding annoyed.

"Well, let's go!" said Chris as they both got up and went downstairs.

Once they got downstairs, Tom heard something coming from the gym that was currently under construction.

"Hurry up, Tom!" Chris hollered.

"Shhh! I think there's someone here," Tom whispered as he grabbed Chris by the arm and rushed him to the attic down the hall, turning the corner into the storage room.

"What the heck, man!" Chris said angrily.

"I heard a whisper coming from the gym," Tom said, out of breath.

"So maybe it was just some dust or something hitting the ground from the ceiling," said Chris. "I mean, the thing is under construction," he added, grabbing Tom's wrist and rushing him downstairs outside the gym door.

Chris looked inside and saw nothing.

"See, Tom, you're fine. There's nothing to worry about," Chris sighed.

After about an hour of them exploring the school they were just about hopeless until they heard the most loud, horrifying, traumatizing scream they had ever heard, then the lights went out.

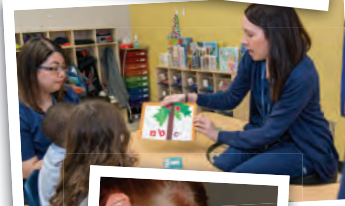
Tom ran for the gym and his heart stopped when he saw a pair of shoes, which he knew were not there before.

Chris and Tom buried them and never spoke of them again. The buried shoes were found and displayed for others to see, but no one knew the truth behind them.

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Stephen Ministers add value to congregational well-being

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

This is the first part of a two-part series.

When a person has a broken limb or is confined to a wheelchair, their physical disabilities are obvious.

But when someone is broken on the inside, it's a different story.

Oftentimes, people turn to clergy for help, but there's only so much one church leader can do.

That's where a Stephen Minister can help.

Stephen Ministry is a nonprofit Christian organization based in St. Louis. Since 1975, it has provided Christian-centered training and resources to more than 12,000 congregations of various denominations — including a handful in Grosse Pointe.

The program trains laypeople to become Stephen Ministers, who provide one-on-one care to those who are hurting or going through a difficult time.

Stephen Ministries have been available at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church since the early 1990s, but are fairly new at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, where the program is just more than a year old.

The ministry

To become a Stephen Ministry parish, a con-

gregation joins the national Stephen Series. A onetime fee provides a lifetime of support and resources for the church.

Next, people interested in leading the ministry — called Stephen Leaders — attend an intensive weeklong training, which provides a wealth of resources for training and use among Stephen Ministers.

Apart from overseeing the ministry, Stephen Leaders train Stephen Ministers.

Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training, after which they are commissioned, then must commit to two years of service. Continuing education and monthly peer group supervision also are required.

There is no cost to become a Stephen Minister, though there is a cost for books. Those who receive care through the ministry receive it free of charge.

Stephen Ministers are assigned one case at a time for as long as the person needs them. They commit to meet one hour per week, face to face, to discuss whatever the recipient wants. Pairings are kept private. Men work with men and women with women.

Stephen Leaders take each request for care into consideration to pair the care recipient with a suitable Stephen Minister.

At St. Clare more than 20 Stephen Ministers have been trained, while Memorial has 17 active



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers and GPUMC has three.

While each church offers the same services — for parishioners and non-parishioners — each has its own story to tell.

GPUMC

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church started its Stephen Ministry in 1991.

"A lovely woman in the church spearheaded it," the church's Stephen Leader Anne Sullivan said of the late Carole Davey. "I don't know how she found out about it, but she was visionary."

"She had the first class with a pastor of ours and introduced all of us to it," she continued. "The Rev. Russell Stevens — he believed in visiting people one on one."

Sullivan, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, became a Stephen Minister in 2012. Three years later, she took the next step and went through leadership training with fellow parishioner Carolyn Barth.

"She also provides invaluable services to the ministry and the church," Sullivan said.

Barth is in charge of the Grief Book, a series of Stephen Ministry publications that are mailed to care receivers throughout the year. She sends booklets with a personal letter not only to parishioners, but to anyone who requests it.

"I commend her for that," Sullivan said.



Sue Buckley spearheaded the process of bringing Stephen Ministry to St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church and is one of the ministry's leaders.



Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Director of Pastoral Ministries Carol Marks helps refer parishioners to Stephen Ministers.



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Anne Sullivan of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church runs its Stephen Ministry.

"(Stephen Ministry's) quality of providing information that would be pertinent at the right time is miraculous. Those books are so valuable."

Sullivan, who continues to serve as one of three Stephen Ministers at GPUMC as well as a Stephen Leader, said she enjoys both roles, though it's a lot of work. And just like any ministry at any church, she said, the Stephen Ministry ebbs and flows.

"Stephen Ministry is unique," she said. "It's not a program of the church. It's an internationally organized program. It's very concise, very well thought out. ... Most people go beyond the two-year commitment; some serve the rest of their life."

Sullivan — who chose to not recruit for the program — said she has four people scheduled for GPUMC's next training session.

"It needs to be the right thing at the right time," Sullivan said. "The person has to come with the heart to do it. We're looking for God's hand in that."

"It's such a quiet ministry, one to one," she continued. "It should be a person with the right kind of heart. ... They should be nonjudgmental; a person with acceptance, who can take self out of the equation; someone who's comfortable in their own skin, because it's not going to be about you. A person who can listen, be quiet and definitely a person who can be comfortable in uncomfortable times and in uncomfortable conversations."

Sullivan said being a

Stephen Minister is a humbling experience.

"It's not me; God provides the care, the miracle of whatever's going to come to that person," she said. "It's a delicate situation, putting someone in front of someone who is vulnerable. It is an important responsibility that someone is equipped."

Sullivan said many people who make good Stephen Ministers have had their own difficulties in life; it may help them better relate to someone going through a tough time.

"The world is always changing," she said. "It seems like there has always been a place for this kind of care ... but I think people are more open now to asking for help."

"It's not professional help," she continued. "Professionals pick out wall colors and take care of our feet and fix our cars. (People are) not quite as do-it-yourself anymore. ... I see change in that we understand difficulties and mental conditions more. We're going to see more people ask for help — and more people sit with a person and provide that care. What happens between two people is a beautiful thing, providing that comfort."

Memorial Church

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Carol Marks, director of pastoral ministries at Memorial Church, said the Stephen Ministry began there around 1991-92 as a way to assist the pastoral staff.

"We found the kind of care people need after something serious happens in their life, our staff couldn't handle," she said. "Stephen Ministry is one hour, once a week; you can give a kind of constant care. Our pastoral staff is maybe once a month."

Memorial has two Stephen Leaders in Debby Owen and Lois Ann Hernquist, who lead 17 active Stephen Ministers, serving the church's 1,400 members.

The last five years, 42 parishioners have received care and, collectively, 8,000 hours of one-on-one care have been

The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People.

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provided, according to Owen.

Marks serves as staff liaison.

"All Stephen Ministers meet once a month and give a check-in statement," Marks said, noting that she sits in on the monthly meetings. "I find it so wonderful. Because of the confidentiality, nothing specific is shared, but if there's something they're pondering, other Stephen Ministers are helpful. That synergy is amazing."

"And if there is an emergency, a Stephen Minister will contact me immediately so we can be helpful as staff people," she continued. "It's a good way to know when there's an issue."

In her role as director of pastoral ministries, Marks often performs hospital visits and other services, as does the Rev. Dr. Peter Henry. Both often have initial contact with potential care recipients as part of Memorial's pastoral staff and refer them to the Stephen Ministry when applicable.

"I may have initial contact or one of the leaders does," Marks said. "A lot of referrals come when someone comes to me about something else."

Stephen Ministers at Memorial concentrate on one care receiver, but may have a second, maximum, Marks said.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

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Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Army veteran Robert Rabe and Dr. Judy Jacobs present "A Soldier's Shocking Experience," giving a firsthand look at what a soldier should do during

a time of need. Admission is free and guests are welcome. For information, call John Bates at (313) 881-4125 or Tom Jantz at (586) 772-6703.

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Artists Association hosts the following classes and exhibits at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms:

◆ A Morning Out, socializing and art making, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30

p.m. Fridays, Jan. 11 and 25.

◆ "Preplanning for Success: A Workshop with Robert Fionda," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 19 and 20.

◆ "Painting Animals in Pastel with Dan Methric," 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 29 to Feb. 19.

◆ "Pen and Ink with Al Sonnenberg," 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 7 to 28.

◆ "Encaustic and Image Transfer Workshop with Candace Law," 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9.

◆ "Painting and Color: A Workshop with Rachel Reynolds Z," 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 2.

◆ "Black and Gray: A Woodblock Workshop with Nobuko Yamasaki," 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, March 7 to 9.

◆ "Impressionistic Landscapes: A Workshop with Vianna Szabo," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14.

◆ Art making for veterans, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Sandy Selinger, CEO of the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Questers

The Pear Tree Questers' first meeting of 2019 takes place at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at the home of member and president Madeleine Phillips. The title of the program is "Dish Night at the Movies." Speaker Barbara Tecos discusses her sisters, who visited Detroit movie houses during the '40s and received dishware — a different piece each week eventually adding up to an entire set. The group will be served movie popcorn and candy. Members are asked to bring their movie memories to the meeting.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross offers the following blood drives:

◆ 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, Mason Elementary School, 1640 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielak at (313) 884-4201.

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Author recounts Grosse Pointer's summers at Torch Lake

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Craig Hupp spent many a summer at his grandparents' cottage on Torch Lake.

From there he could see the boat house of Camp Hayo-Went-Ha.

"I've looked at that camp my whole life," he said.

The camp, founded in 1904, is one of the oldest in Michigan, Hupp said. It's a place near and dear to his heart, not just because of its proximity to his family cottage.

The City of Grosse Pointe resident's father-in-law, Dave Keena, spent nine summers at the camp in his youth. Keena's coming-of-age story is recounted in Hupp's "Torch Lake Summers: Growing up at Camp Hayo-Went-Ha," published November 2018.

Hupp was inspired to write the story after coming across a photo of Keena while volunteering at the camp.

"I knew my wife

Ginger's dad had gone to camp there," he said.

Finding the photo piqued his interest. Initially, Hupp thought he'd do some research and write a book for the family.

"My vision was I'd give Ginger and the kids a book like this as a Christmas present last year," he said. "Then I realized what an endeavor it would be."

While there are history books about Camp Hayo-Went-Ha, there aren't any told from the perspective of a camper. When he proposed his idea to the camp, he was given the go-ahead and Hupp, 69, set about turning "a family project into a proper book."

"Torch Lake Summers" tells about Keena's time at the camp between ages 9 and 18, first as a camper, then a counselor. Hupp fashioned the text through collected family stories and research.

The book begins with a bit of history about the Keena family and its Grosse Pointe roots.

Hupp conducted interviews and verified information via online newspaper archives; one such story about a Keena family house fire on Lakeland was confirmed through a Grosse Pointe News article.

"The rest of the book is about his summers at camp, what he learned, growing up there," Hupp said. "The book ends when he returns from camp in August 1942 and joined the Army."

In between are stories of frigid lake swims, canoeing trips, forming friendships and even Keena's first kiss.

It took Hupp more than a year to research and write the book, which includes historic camp photos, illustrations and photos of Grosse Pointe locales.

Hupp, a retired attorney who continues to work as a consultant, has long desired to be a writer.

"I love to write; I think most lawyers do," Hupp said, noting he retired early from Bodman PLC

specifically to focus on writing.

Upon retirement, Hupp began writing biographies about his auto pioneer grandfather and one of his grandfather's business associates. He started both 10 years ago; both still are underway.

"I wanted a break from working on those," he said. "I really got engaged on this. I love what Camp Hayo-Went-Ha does and what it stands for. I love Torch Lake and my father-in-law."

"Torch Lake Summers" is a semi-fictional account; Hupp wrote it 30 years after Keena died, though the story is told through Keena's voice — a perspective for which Hupp has been commended. After reading "Torch Lake Summers," best-selling author John U. Bacon, who attended Camp Hayo-Went-Ha in his youth, complimented Hupp.

"(Bacon) said the author had gotten the voice of the book right,"



Hupp said, noting his grandson also said he felt just as if Keena was telling the story.

Hupp, who has three daughters and five grandchildren, also is working on a series of children's stories.

"I love good writing; I enjoy doing it," he said. "Like everything else, it's hard to do well. It's very rewarding when I get it right; when I don't, it's painful. ... Writing is a wonderful challenge."

"Torch Lake Summers" is printed on demand at amazon.com.

The young adult book deals with "the kind of things kids 10 to 16 face

when they're growing up," Hupp said. "It's not super serious, but it touches on responsibility, independence, taking risks, growing up. It's for people who've been to summer camp and have summer camp experience. It's a nostalgic book."

Hupp said the book is a two-hour read.

"Anybody who reads it will say it was two hours well spent."

Cost of the book is money well spent, too. All proceeds go to Camp Hayo-Went-Ha.

"The money is going into a campership fund to cover the cost for kids who can't afford to go to camp," Hupp said, noting the book is available in paperback and on Kindle, as well as Horizon Books in Traverse City. "It's a family history project that turned into a good deed for Camp Hayo-Went-Ha. And along the way I learned a lot."

Learn more about the author or receive a free chapter at craighupp.com.

Aeolus Quartet, clarinetist Franklin Cohen to perform

The award-winning Aeolus Quartet is joined by revered clarinetist Franklin Cohen, former principal of the Cleveland Orchestra, for the Chamber Music Society of Detroit's new regional partner series. The concert takes place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, in the Patriot Theater at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The program features Mozart's Clarinet Quintet, as well as an early Beethoven Quartet, Op. 18, No. 3 in D major, and American composer Ben Johnston's String Quartet No. 4, Variations on "Amazing Grace."

Tickets range from \$10 for students to \$45 for premium seats and are available by phone at (313) 335-3300 or online at cmsdetroit.org.

Formed in 2008 at the Cleveland Institute of Music, the Aeolus Quartet has been awarded prizes at nearly every major competition in the United States. They have performed across North America, Europe and Asia; served as the 2013-2015 Graduate Resident String Quartet at the Juilliard School; and previously served in a similar capacity at the University of Texas at Austin. The quartet currently is based in New York City.

Dedicated to bringing music into the community, the Aeolus Quartet has been widely recognized for its innovative and engaging outreach programs and has participated in award-winning educational projects in Stanford, metropolitan Washington, D.C., throughout the state of Texas and across metro Detroit over several sea-



The Aeolus Quartet



Franklin Cohen

Competition. He has appeared as a soloist with the Cleveland Orchestra in nearly 200 performances and has toured throughout the United States, Europe and Asia.

Cohen began his professional career performing with the American Symphony Orchestra when Leopold Stokowski chose him as the principal clarinet. He subsequently served as principal clarinet with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

and the Casals Festival Orchestra. He has participated in several major music festivals, has been featured alongside many well-known string quartets and has made numerous recordings, two of which have won Grammy Awards. Since 1976, Cohen has been the chair of the clarinet department at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

sons under the auspices of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit.

Principal clarinet emeritus of The Cleveland Orchestra, Cohen has distinguished himself as one of the outstanding clarinetists of his generation. Cohen first gained widespread international acclaim at age 22, when he became the first clarinetist awarded top prize at the International Munich

Grosse Pointe Community Chorus seeks new members

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus seeks new members for its upcoming spring rehearsal season. People from all over the metro area are invited to join.

The 67th annual spring event, a dinner cabaret, takes place Friday, May 3, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

Rehearsals began Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Auditions

are not required; participants need only love to sing. Open registration takes place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Registration fee is \$50 per season. Rehearsals take place 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday evenings.

The chorus is under the direction of Joseph Palazzolo, with accompanist Ron Pietrantoni.

Visit grossepointecommunitychorus.org or call (313) 331-7728.

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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.

Allan Neef

Allan Neef, 90, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, with his three children at his side.

He was born Jan. 17, 1928, to Laura and Arthur Neef, and lived most of his life in the Grosse Pointes. He was active in the practice of law since earning his Juris Doctor and MBA degrees from the University of Michigan in 1952, until shortly before he died.

Allan had extensive interests that included traveling the world with his wife, Carol; playing bridge, in which he had obtained his Life Master designation; listening to music; sports and learning. For the past 2 1/2 years he resided at Independence Village in Oxford, where he enjoyed an active social life including dancing and Scrabble with his dear friend, Lorette.

He is survived by his children, Nancy Neef, Arthur "Beaver" and Wendy Neef, and Sherrie and Michael Vail; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Carol.

Private services were held.

Donations may be made to Susan G. Komen, Dept. 41831, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265.

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Arthur Jacob Roshak

Arthur Jacob Roshak, 94, of Naples, Fla., formerly of Grosse Pointe, passed away Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019.

He was born Feb. 25, 1924, in Scranton, Pa., to Anthony and Alice Roshak. His family moved to Detroit while Art was in high school. On May 1, 1943, he married Honoria Persa while serving as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. In 1962, Art opened Colonial Dodge in Eastpointe.

An ardent traveler, Art visited many places around the world, including Australia and Africa. In 2015, he moved to Naples.

Art was a loving husband of the late Honoria (Persa) Roshak and a devoted father. He is survived by his daughters, Cheryl Roshak and Barbara Roshak; grandchildren, Eli Gesner, Page Gesner and Ashley Bucko Cellar (Nick); great-grandchildren, Drew, Alexa, Henry and Talia Cellar and dearest friend, Luan Callery.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Anthony and Joseph Roshak.

Visitation is 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, with a 7 p.m. rosary.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at St. Paul on the Lake, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis,

TN 38105 or at stjude.org or The ALS Association, 1275 K Street NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20005 or at alsa.org.

Bruce Daniel Kennedy

Former City of Grosse Pointe Director of Public Safety Bruce Daniel Kennedy, 92, passed away Monday, Dec. 31, 2018.

Bruce was born July 8, 1926, in Fort Dodge, Iowa. The family moved to Michigan soon after, where he spent his youth both in Detroit and on a family farm near Port Hope. His 50-plus years of military and civil service began in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, he joined the Detroit Police Department, where over a 20-year period, he rose to the rank of detective inspector and held numerous positions, including commander of the armed robbery/major theft bureau, juvenile divisions and chief of detectives. Bruce was selected by the FBI to attend the FBI National Academy. After graduation, he served as the Detroit Police Department-FBI liaison. Bruce attended Wayne State University where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in police administration and criminal justice, taught night school and coauthored a book with his son, Professor Daniel B. Kennedy.

After retiring from the Detroit Police Department, Bruce accepted the position of chief of police in the City of Grosse Pointe, after which he merged the police and fire departments, becoming the director of public safety, and served 25 years. He is a life member of the FBI National Academy Associates and the Wayne County Association of the Chiefs of Police.

Bruce's love of handball started in the early 1950s at Detroit's Northeastern YMCA and spanned almost 70 years. His high level of athleticism, skill and passion earned him a multitude of local, state and national championship titles including the honor of being the first inductee into the Detroit Athletic Club Hall of Fame.

Bruce served as president, board member and trustee on numerous committees, organizations and boards, including the Detroit Police and Fire Pension Board, Detroit Municipal Credit Union, Diversified Members Credit Union, The Hundred Club of Detroit, Michigan Handball Association, Detroit Athletic Club Black Ballers, Michigan and International Police Chiefs Association and Detroit Police Lieutenants & Sergeants Association.

Of all his life achievements, Bruce cherished and was most proud of his deep commitment and 67 years of marriage to his loving wife Italia, loving family and devoted relationships with close

friends.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Italia (nee DiCurzio); children, Daniel Bruce Kennedy (Shirley), Mario Bruce Kennedy (Amy), Vita Marie Morse (Christopher) and John Francis Kennedy; grandchildren, Kelly Kennedy, Katie Bologna (Anthony), Daniel Kennedy, Jonathon Morse and Christina Morse and five great-grandchildren. He also is survived by his sisters, Patricia Hall and Jenny Siemianowski.

Bruce was predeceased by his parents, Ethel (nee Bruce) and Daniel Kennedy and sisters, Betty Galloway, Mary Jane Bryant and Norma Decker.

Donations may be made to The Hundred Club of Detroit, P.O. Box 1018, Fenton, MI 48430. The Hundred Club is a nonprofit organization that supports the families of fallen police and fire officers in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Kim Davids

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Kim Davids, nee Kokko, 66, passed away Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, at home with her husband by her side. She is survived by her husband, Mark; son, Karl (Jenny); grandchildren, Elise and Maddox; sisters, Kyle and Karen and brothers, Kent, Todd and Erik.

Kim grew up in Southfield and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in social work from Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree in health administration from Central Michigan University. She loved her family, social work and sorority, Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Kim worked for several agencies including Catholic Social Services, Judson Family Services and Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). She organized events for hundreds of volunteers and clients with MDA and served as the camp director for weeklong adventures. Her career was dedicated to serving abused or neglected children, children in foster care and those with severe medical disabilities.

After retirement, Kim volunteered with the Salvation Army, Red Cross, Meals on Wheels and local hospitals. She was an activist for civil liberties and women's rights, participating in state and national rallies and marches.

Kim considered her Sigma sisters a second family. After graduation she continued with the Omicron Chapter as advisor for many years, representing Tri-Sigma at the Detroit Area Pan-Hellenic Association. She also served as a national officer, traveling the country to welcome new chapters and assist in improving other chapters. In 2013, Kim received the Woman of Distinction Award at the national convention.

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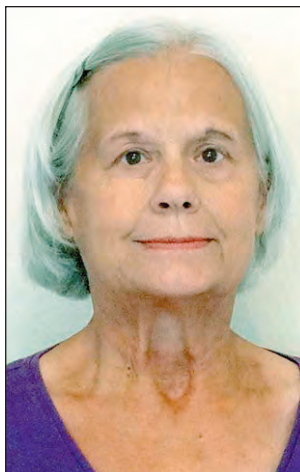
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takes place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park Community Building, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A Kim Kokko Davids Scholarship is being established for Tri-Sigma students at EMU. In lieu of flowers, donations may be mailed to Tri Sigma Foundation - Kim Kokko Davids, 510 N. River Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or made online at trisigma.org/foundation, Kim Kokko Davids Scholarship.

Douglas Duncan Rentschler

Douglas Duncan Rentschler, 59, died suddenly Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019, in Grosse Pointe.

Born April 3, 1959, in Sausalito, Calif., to David and Dianne Rentschler, Doug graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1977. He graduated in 1982 from the University of Michigan. While at U of M, he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Professionally, he was co-owner of Sort-Tek, an automotive parts inspection company in Troy.

In 1996, Doug married Leslie Breitmeyer at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit.

Doug enjoyed golfing, cooking and hunting. He especially loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Doug is survived by his wife, Leslie; daughter, Lauren Rentschler; stepchildren, Eve Mosher (Koebe) and Alex Breitmeyer (Tessa); grandchildren, Harlan and Callum Mosher; sister, Amy Hyde and brother, Brian Rentschler.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Visitation begins

9:30 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the University of Michigan at umich.edu/giving/.

James Henry Dingeman Jr.

James Henry Dingeman Jr., loving husband of Anne Virginia Ford Dingeman and devoted father, passed away Monday, Dec. 24, 2018, following a courageous battle against mantle cell lymphoma.

Jim grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms, graduated from Austin Catholic Prep High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Hillsdale College.

His business career began in the late 1960s as a commercial banker with Bank of the Commonwealth in Detroit. He moved on and became a partner with Griggs Steel Co. in the 1970s, held an interest in Pikes Peak Water Co. in Colorado, joined a Los Angeles-based performance driving/stunt company in the 1980s and ran for U.S. Congress (Michigan 12th District) in 1990. Despite a defeat by the incumbent, his passion and devotion to the campaign generated many new friends at the state and federal levels with whom he kept in contact throughout his life.

His experience as a banker and business owner led him to a position with BBK Ltd. of Southfield, where he provided operational restructuring and turnaround services. In 1998, he purchased Sterling Supply, a cutting tool distribution and supply chain management concern in Ferndale. Prior to winding down in 2006, the company received several Supplier of the Year awards from American Axle and Manufacturing. He finished his career working for Oakland County as a

business developer and film executive under L. Brooks Patterson. He retired in 2014.

A member of the Screen Actors Guild, Jim will be remembered by his friends and family as an outgoing, charismatic individual whose hobbies and interests included precision driving for movies and television; Steeplechase in Virginia; leisure boating and aviation (he had a pilot's license); playing squash at the Detroit Athletic Club; hunting and shooting in Michigan, Colorado and Africa; sport fishing in the Caribbean; jogging in 10Ks and a marathon; water skiing on Lake Huron; and snow skiing at Otsego.

Jim experienced numerous adventures that resulted in interesting stories. His favorites were the Fort Lauderdale to Detroit boat trip with his sons; motorcycle touring Tibet and other remote locations with good friends; trips to Europe and elsewhere with his wife, Anne; and U.S. Air Force officer promotion ceremonies honoring his son, John. He was proud to watch his daughter, Ann, follow her dream and his path to the film business.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Ford Dingeman; daughter, Ann Fisher Dingeman; sons, James Henry Dingeman III (Bronwen Gay), Michael Defoe Dingeman and John Fisher Dingeman; grandchildren, Miles Henry Dingeman and Bronwen Lily Dingeman and sisters, Mary Ann Staff (Ed) and Patti Dingeman Moran, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Friday, Jan. 25, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Michigan Chapter at lls.org/michigan.

Submitting an obituary

The deadline for submitting an obituary is 3 p.m., the Monday prior to the Thursday publication. Obituaries may be submitted via a form on our website, grossepointenews.com. Obituaries written by the family may be sent to karen@grossepointenews.com.

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CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers Friday Family Faith Night on Friday, Jan. 11, beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and followed by "Building the Domestic Church: Family Prayer," presented by Colleen and Mark Pressprich at 7 p.m.

Social worker Steve Fair presents "Finding Freedom in Christ" at

7:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20.

For information or to register for these events, call (313) 885-8855.

St. Paul Evangelical

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

◆ The Rev. Justin Dittrich leads Bible study

at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Harms Fireside Room.

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

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

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

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.

Star of the Sea hosts fundraiser

Parishioners, family, neighbors and friends of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church are invited to the OLSOS Italian Dinner 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the parish, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The menu features light appetizers, spaghetti — including gluten-free pasta — a variety of sauces, meatballs, Italian sausage, salad and rolls. Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and older, \$6 for children. A diverse dessert table sponsored in partnership by the Parent Teachers Organization also is available.

Coffee and tea are complementary; beer and wine are available for at-will contributions.

Visitors also will experience classical Italian music during the evening and children's events.

The Our Lady Star of the Sea Knights of Columbus Council sponsors this dinner for the benefit of the School Tuition Assistance Program.

Advance ticket sales are available at the parish office.

For more information, call Dennis Janowski at (313) 884-2549.

St. Paul collecting items for the homeless

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, collects items for the homeless beginning Monday, Jan. 7.

This March, the church will open its doors to care for homeless men and women for a week. In preparation of the event, the church is collecting

donations of new or slightly used, clean items for its Homeless Week Clothing Closet.

Each week until March, St. Paul seventh- and eighth-graders will empty collection bins and organize the clothing. Then, students will create a clothing closet for guests to visit during their stay.

Items will be collected until March 1.

All remaining items will be donated to organizations in need of clothing, including HART Mission, Into the Fire Ministries, St. Leo's Soup Kitchen and St. Vincent de Paul.

A collection bin is located near the exit on the side of the school

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◆ shirts and sweaters

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◆ belts and purses

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and gloves

◆ coats and jackets

◆ shoes and boots

Tableware and household items will not be accepted.

All children's clothing should be bagged and marked; they will be given to St. Jude's Parish.

For more information, call St. Paul at (313) 885-3430.

Omigod you guys! Grosse Pointe Theatre rocks out with 'Legally Blonde The Musical'

Grosse Pointe Theatre invites audiences to the hallowed halls of Harvard Law as it continues its 71st season with a production of "Legally Blonde The Musical." The eight-performance run starts Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Pierce Middle School auditorium, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. Parking is free and free valet is available.

In 1948, Grosse Pointe Theatre staged its inaugural show, "Clarence" by Booth Tarkington, at Pierce.

An award-winning musical based on an adored movie, "Legally Blonde The Musical" follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. It is action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances.

Elle Woods appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down



when her boyfriend, Warner, dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle charms her way into the prestigious law school. While there, she struggles with peers, professors and her ex. With the support of new friends, she quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

Performances take place at 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 20 and 27, and at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 24 to 26 and Jan. 31 to Feb. 2.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online at gpt.org or by calling

the Grosse Pointe Theatre box office at (313) 881-4004.

With music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin, book by Heather Hach, based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture, "Legally Blonde The Musical" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorized performance materials also are supplied by MTI.

The cast includes Kimberly Elliott of Canton as Elle Woods, Robert "Zak" Shugart of Troy as Emmett, Sarah

Seely of Hazel Park as Paulette, Kevin Fitzhenry of Warren as Callahan, Joseph Domino of Detroit as Warner, Virginia Lee of the City of Grosse Pointe as Vivian, Erin Getzin of Harrison Township as Enid, Christine Mauer of Troy as Brooke, Ashley Trefney of Detroit as Pilar, Hannah Johnson of Romeo as Margot, Niyah Crawford of Detroit as Serena and Zack Coates of Detroit as Kyle.

Ensemble members include Lauren Berndt of St. Clair Shores, Danielle Vogler of the City of Grosse Pointe, Jared Bugbee of Detroit, Trevor Sherry of Clinton Township, Beth Teagan of Grosse Pointe Woods, Rebekah Tiefenbach Sellers of St. Clair



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Kimberly Elliott as Elle Woods.

Shores, David Roberts of Grosse Pointe Park, Laura Bartell of Grosse Pointe Shores, Fiona Donough of Grosse Pointe Park, Jordan Prisby of Clinton Township, Joanna Delpaz of Macomb Township, Sophie Leszczynski of Grosse Pointe Woods, Emma

Schulte of Ferndale, Allison Roberts of Grosse Pointe Park, Pete DiSante of St. Clair Shores, Jordan McAllister of Canton and Eddie Tujaka of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The crew includes Director Rachel Settlege, Assistant Director Sara Shook, Stage Manager Leta Chrisman, Assistant Manager Kathleen Lusk, Producer Gretchen Archinal, Assistant Producer Maggie Archinal, Music and Vocal Director Stan Harr,

Lighting by Tom Archinal, Sound Design by Paul Gonzalez, Props by Julie Nixon, Co-Tech Directors Eddie Tujaka and Mike Clyne, Set Dressing by Anne Leo, Costume Chair Ginger Keena Hupp and Hair and Make-up Design by Lorena McDowell-Parker and Jackie Pfaff.

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

◆ Body Alignment 101, 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 14 to April 15, with instructor Gwendolyn J. Scales.

◆ Elder Law — Essential Legal Planning, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, with facilitator Katy Graham.

◆ Choral/Sight Singing Class, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 15 to Feb. 5, with instructor Carol Ambrogio Wood. Cost is \$40.

◆ Ballroom Dancing with instructor Andreas Browne, a student of the Fred Astaire Studio, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 15 to Feb. 26.

◆ Essentials of Singing: Vocal Singing Technique Class 1, 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 16 to Feb. 6, with Carol Ambrogio Wood. Cost is \$40.

◆ Third Thursday Book Club, 2 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month, January through May, with Grosse Pointe Public Library Outreach Librarian Kathleen Gallagher.

◆ Euchre Club, 2:30 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Jan. 17, with facilitator Dave Stander.

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

Tuesday Musicale

Tuesday Musicale of Detroit presents its midwinter music concert at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. The concert is free; free-will donations are accepted. Visit tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org.

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Shelly Watts, national development director for Humble Design, speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets at noon Wednesday, Jan. 16, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. After lunch, Bruce Anderson of Moehring Woods Flowers will speak. Guests are welcome. For reservations, call Helen Roberts at (586) 944-0299 by Saturday, Jan. 12. Cost is \$14. For information, call Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents its next Lunch & Learn meeting noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cyndee Harrison will discuss the changing business landscape and provide real-world workarounds and marketing tactics that provide world-class outcomes to customers. Attendees will receive a free 2019 Strategic Marketing Planning Guide. Cost for Lunch & Learn is \$25 and includes lunch. Call (313) 881-4722.

LWV

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe hosts a Chinese Dinner/Program Planning Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at The Annex at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Cost is \$17. Visit grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org.

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No matter the issue — job loss, divorce, illness, death of a loved one, isolation, age limitations — “there certainly is a spiritual component in Stephen Ministry,” Marks said. “When difficult things happen to you, one of the things you think is, ‘Where is God in all of this?’ It’s mostly life-change issues.

“This doesn’t replace a therapist,” she continued. “Many times, our Stephen Ministers are seeing someone who’s seeing a therapist. They work in concert with someone providing medical help. But it’s clear that’s not what this is.”

And if a pairing doesn’t work out — which Marks can’t recall happening in all the years she’s been at Memorial — she’s happy to arrange a new match.

“We as humans want to be helpful; we really like to fix what the problem is,” Marks said, adding Stephen Ministers are trained not to fix the issues themselves. “In reality, Stephen Ministers listen to them, reflect back to them and help them come to their own conclusions in a way that would be supportive.”

St. Clare

Grosse Pointe Park resident Sue Buckley learned about Stephen Ministry while volunteering at the Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe gift shop. Fellow volunteer Bev Gardner, a Stephen Minister at Memorial Church, told her about the program.

“I was running the funeral ministry at St. Clare,” Buckley said. “When you’re working with people that have suffered a significant loss, you see them at their most vulnerable points.”

During a follow-up call with a grieving father, Buckley said she realized the church was not equipped with the proper resources to help the man.

“It really slammed me that we didn’t have answers for him,”



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A sample of materials from Stephen Ministry St. Louis.

she said.

Through a conversation with Gardner, Buckley learned about Stephen Ministry and suggested the program to St. Clare pastor, the Rev. Andrew Kowalczyk.

Buckley thoroughly researched the ministry and while Stephen Ministry is not prominent in Catholic churches, Kowalczyk gave his approval for St. Clare to join.

Buckley and Patty Bodien both attended leadership training. Later, when they presented about Stephen Ministry during Mass, they hoped to get a few people interested in becoming Stephen Ministers.

“Twenty-one people went through the first class,” Buckley said. “The need has been steady.”

St. Clare’s second Stephen Minister training class begins later this month.

“It draws a lot of different personalities, which is great because the people that come for the ministry are all different,” Buckley said, adding she

and Bodien do their best to pair people with someone who best suits them. Ministers also are asked where their comfort is strongest and in what situations they just wouldn’t feel comfortable.

Additionally, once paired, if the situation grows worse or is beyond the scope of the Stephen Minister, the Stephen Leaders are apprised and help the recipient find the appropriate help elsewhere.

“We’re not just going to leave them,” Buckley

said. “But we are not trained therapists.”

“The hardest thing is we all want to help and fix what’s wrong, but we’re not there to fix them,” she continued. “The ministry is about listening. People want to be heard. Our training focuses on how to be a good listener. We’re not giving advice. We’re not therapists or counselors. We are the caregivers and Christ is the cure. We are here to journey with you just so you’re not by yourself.”

Buckley said the program is 100 percent confidential on the side of the minister; length of care depends on each pairing.

“As long as the need is there, the minister is there,” Buckley said, for whatever the need.

“It’s the normal stuff that happens in your life,” she continued. “All of a sudden there’s a road block and no direction to get around it. It’s for anybody experiencing anything difficult. ... Struggle is OK. Life is not meant to be without struggle. It’s just life; it knocks you down sometimes.”



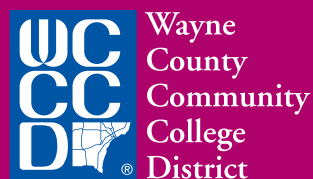
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Swimming, hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils beat ranked opposition

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys swimming and diving team won a quad meet before Christmas, beating three ranked teams, Midland Dow, Birmingham Groves and Warren De La Salle.

The Blue Devils earned 500 points, followed by Dow with 451, Groves with 435 and De La Salle with 386.

Head coach John Fodell watched his 200-yard medley relay set the tone by winning with a time of 1:40.98. The members were Matthew Melican, Jackson Jogan, Michael Currier and Julian Palace.

Melican also won the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 53.11, and Palace was the winner in the 100-yard backstroke, turning in a time of 54.53.

Ryan English was fourth in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:52.47, and Drew Vandeputte took second in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:09.23.

Palace was third in the 50-yard freestyle, posting a time of 22.73, and in the diving competition, Nicholas Rabaut finished fifth with 141.25

points.

The Blue Devils finished fifth through 10th in the 100-yard freestyle, with Tucker Briggs taking fifth with a time of 51.93.

The others were Ethan Rothenbuhler, sixth; Raef Akkary, seventh; Nate Stiyyer, eighth; Jogan, ninth; and Riley Francis, 10th.

English was second in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:03.19, and the 200-yard freestyle relay team of Akkary, Francis, Jogan and Briggs finished fourth with a time of 1:36.29.

Melican nearly won a third race after taking second to Palace in the 100-yard backstroke, posting a time of 58.23, and it was Sean Miller finishing second in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:05.01.

Vandeputte, Jogan, Peter Costello and Jared Pearson placed fourth, fifth, sixth and eighth in the breaststroke to help the Blue Devils put a little distance between themselves and Dow in the team standings.

In the 400-yard freestyle relay, Melican, Michael Currier, Palace and English finished fourth with a time of 3:30.21.



PHOTO BY TOM DAILEY

Grosse Pointe South's Matthew Melican was a two-time winner and took runner-up in another event to help the Blue Devils win a quad meet before the holiday break.

Hockey

The Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team took to the road last weekend to play a conference game against Trenton and lost 3-2.

"We battled back and tied it on a six-on-four after pulling the goaltender," head coach Bobby McKillop said. "We were in position to steal a point or maybe two if we win, but we didn't get it done. We had our chances."

After a hard-fought first two periods, the Blue Devils found themselves trailing 2-0.

They made it 2-1 after junior Keegan Spitz scored an unassisted goal just 69 seconds into the third period.

With an extra attacker

on the ice and time limited to less than two minutes remaining, the Blue Devils scored the tying goal as senior Conor McKenna tallied with senior Andrew Vyletel and junior Alec Stapleton drawing assists.

The elation turned to disbelief as the Blue Devils were whistled for a penalty shortly after tying the game.

The host Trojans scored the game-winning goal on the power play with only six seconds left.

Junior Will Strickler took the tough loss in net, stopping 27 of 30 shots he faced.

Grosse Pointe South fell to 1-3-1 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 4-4-1 overall.

Basketball, hockey, wrestling

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen feel the wins and losses

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It took a little perseverance, but in the end it paid off as the Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team edged Warren Woods-Tower 63-57 in the annual Crusader Classic tournament Dec. 27.

"We had the size advantage, so we took advantage of it," head coach Andy Ayrault said. "We stayed with our plan, even though we were behind for most of the game."

"The guys played a good fourth quarter and pulled out a nice win."

The Norsemen trailed 18-14 after the first quarter, and it was tied at 29 at the half.

The Titans grabbed a 43-40 lead heading into the fourth quarter, but the Norsemen came alive, hitting clutch shots and playing solid defense to pull off the victory.

Ayrault watched his team score the first seven points of the final quarter to take a 47-43 advantage. The game was tied at 47 and 49 before senior Troy Herd scored a basket and senior Steven Bly converted a three-point play to make it 54-49 with 90 seconds to play.

The Titans hit a couple of baskets to keep it close, but senior Joe Rheume hit a hoop and grabbed rebounds on missed shots to allow the Norsemen to pull away.

Senior Hunter Levick was clutch in the fourth quarter, scoring all five of his points.

Senior Owen Martinbianco played his best game of the season, scoring six points, while others who stepped up were senior Ryan Webb with eight points and seven rebounds, and junior Cameron Perrino with three points. Senior Joe Ayrault chipped in with five points and four rebounds.

Leading the way were Herd with 23 points and Rheume with a double-double, scoring 10 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

The only negative was losing Webb to an injured ankle in the fourth quarter. His status is up in the air until he is evaluated.

North faced Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the championship game the

following day and lost 81-49.

Playing without the injured Webb, the Norsemen were a step slow the entire game. They fell behind 28-11 after the first quarter and 46-19 at the half.

The Norsemen had only 18 rebounds and finished with 15 turnovers. St. Mary's had only five turnovers.

Herd led the Norsemen with 18 points and Rheume had 10.

Last week, North beat visiting St. Clair 62-43 to improve to 4-5 overall.

North hosts city rival Grosse Pointe South in the first of two division games at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11.

Wrestling

The Grosse Pointe North wrestling team finished in seventh place at Rochester Adams tournament last weekend.

Raymond Hamilton won his third straight Adams Tournament championship in the 152-pound division, while Logan Ladach took third place at 119 pounds.

North gets back to division competition this week, and hosts its annual Norsemen classic Saturday, Jan. 12.

City rival Grosse Pointe South is also competing in the Norsemen Classic.

Hockey

The Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team traveled to Mount Clemens Ice Arena last weekend to face Warren De La Salle and the result was an 8-1 loss.

The short-handed Norsemen played a strong first period and trailed only 1-0.

The Pilots turned on the heat in the next two periods, scoring three goals in the second period and four in the third.

For the Norsemen, junior Michael Burns scored on a power play at the 13:10 mark of the third period. Senior Chris Lorelli had the assist.

Head coach Joe Drouin and his Norsemen dropped to 0-6 in the MIHL and 1-10 overall.

North hosts MIHL foe Port Huron Northern at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at Eastside Hockey.

Hockey, basketball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Attitude stays positive

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys hockey team took its annual trek to Traverse City to compete in the Scott Miller Memorial Holiday Tournament Dec. 27 through 29 at Centre Ice Arena.

The Knights finished 0-3, losing 4-0 to Traverse City Central, 4-3 to Midland and 3-1 to Traverse City West.

Leading the way for the Knights were Doug Wood with two goals and two assists, Will Nicholson with one goal and three assists and Tristan Reilly with one

goal and two assists.

In the net, Jake Rosenberg lost to TC Central, making 33 saves, and TC West, making 30 saves. Grant Lindsay lost to Midland, making 36 saves.

"Although we lost all three games this weekend the players attitudes were positive and we were in every single game battling until the end," head coach Mike Maltese said. "I've been a part of some teams when your record isn't so great, and therefore could be a toxic environment to be a part of, but not with this group of players."

"They remain positive and are learning every

single game and practice, and are hungry and excited to come to the rink every day. And as a coach, that's all you can ask for, is the desire for the game of hockey. Our best hockey is still to come, and they believe that as a group."

ULS is 3-9 overall and looks to get back in the win column Saturday, Jan. 12, when they play at Allen Park Cabrini in a Catholic League contest.

Basketball

The University Liggett School eighth-grade basketball team finished in second place in the University of Detroit Jesuit Basketball

Tournament played during the holiday break at U-D Jesuit High School.

The Knights beat Holy Family in the semifinals and lost to U-D Jesuit in the championship game.

The Knights beat the Cubs the week before in regular season play.

The Knights' only loss this season is to U-D Jesuit.

The team is comprised of players Cliff Grabowski Jr., Ryan Jones, Gabe Lee, Torian Darty, Mussa Butler, Jack Jones, Nick Greene, and coaches George Ayrault and Cliff Grabowski.

Next is a game against Hillel Day School.

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Year in review

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

South enjoys a trio of state champs

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South had reason to celebrate during the winter of 2018, thanks to the girls hockey team earning a Division 1 state championship.

Led by Miss Hockey Lauren Kramer and a solid core of seniors, the Blue Devils edged rival Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 2-1 in the championship game.

It was the first year as the Blue Devils head coach for John

Weidenbach.

The boys swimming and diving team, under head coach Eric Gunderson, won another Macomb Area Conference Red Division regular season title with a perfect 4-0 mark and then went on to win the league meet.

The remaining athletic teams, boys and girls basketball, boys ice hockey and wrestling, finished below the .500 mark.

The boys golf, ranked No. 1 in Division 1 the entire season, crushed the competition to win a

state championship under head coach Rob McIntyre.

A week later, head coach Dan Griesbaum and his boys baseball team captured a Division 1 state championship, beating Brownstown Woodhaven 8-1 in the title game played at Michigan State University.

South finished the season with a school-record 33 victories.

The softball team used a late-inning comeback to beat Grosse Pointe North 8-7 in a district title game. The Blue

Devils finished the season under .500.

The girls tennis team behind head coach Mark Sobieralski took fourth in the Division 1 state finals.

The boys and girls track and field teams both finished above .500 in the MAC Red, and placed second in a Division 1 regional meet.

The boys lacrosse team finished a game above .500, and the girls lacrosse team fell short of the .500 mark.

South enjoyed a pretty successful fall season, led by the football team

under head coach Tim Brandon.

The Blue Devils won a third straight MAC White Division title with a 5-0 mark and made the state playoffs. They dropped a tough 24-17 road game to Dearborn Fordson in the pre-districts in Division 1.

The girls volleyball team won a district crown, beating city rival Grosse Pointe North in the process.

Head coach John Willard and his boys tennis team made the state finals.

The boys soccer team

had a successful season, and the field hockey squad was a semifinalist, falling to No. 1 ranked Wixom St. Catherine in the Final Four.

Head coach John Fodell took over the girls swimming and diving program, and won a dual meet and league title. A dozen ladies made the Division 2 state finals at Oakland University.

The girls golf team made the state finals, and the cross-country programs had two representatives in the state finals, Devon Krasner and Charlie Rulison.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen suffer roller-coaster 2018

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North started its year with solid play on the hard court.

Head coach Gary Bennett and the girls basketball team turned in a magical season, which included a spot in the Division 1 Final Four at Calvin College in mid March.

Head coach Ron Kochan and his boys basketball team finished with a winning record, going 12-10, and the girls hockey squad, under the tutelage of Casey Quick,

finished 15-6-1, earning a spot in the Division 1 playoffs.

The boys swimming and diving team was 4-3 overall, while the gymnastics unified team had a 7-4 season.

Wrestling was below .500, but had several season highlights, and the boys hockey was below the .500 mark for the season.

In the spring season, head coach Mark Seppala and his boys lacrosse team finished 6-0 to win the MAC Red Division for a second straight season, and

went on to win a Division 2 regional championship with a victory over city rival University Liggett School.

Head coach Olivia Dallaire and her girls soccer squad won a district title, beating city rival Grosse Pointe South in the championship game. The Norsemen finished 15-8-1 overall.

Baseball finished 21-12 overall, and both the boys and girls track and field teams won a Division 1 regional crown.

Squads which finished below the .500 mark

were softball, girls lacrosse, boys golf and girls tennis.

North had a less than ideal summer, thanks to the mess created when Hall of Fame football and baseball coach Frank Sumbera was fired or retired.

The turmoil boiled over to the school year and the football program, under new head coach Joe Drouin, struggled to a 1-8 record.

The few teams to enjoy success in the fall were the boys and girls cross-country programs under Diane Montgomery and

Scott Cooper, and the girls field hockey squad under new head coach Emma Huellmantel.

The boys XC team won a MAC Red Division league meet and regional title before finishing 12th in the state finals. The girls were runner-up to Romeo, and just missed out making the state finals.

Sara Michalak made the finals.

The field hockey squad finished 9-7 and made the playoff quarterfinals.

The girls soccer team was .500, while the volleyball squad, girls golf, girls

swimming and boys tennis each finished below the break even mark.

Boys tennis did make the state finals after taking second in its regional tournament, and senior Meghan Gallagher was a golf state finalist.

The year ended with another snafu as Athletic Director Michelle Davis announced the hiring of a new varsity baseball coach, replacing the retired or fired Sumbera.

However, after a dozen offensive social media posts were discovered, the coach was fired just days later.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Field hockey team, Cooksey top ULS

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was a mediocre start to 2018 for University Liggett School athletic teams.

The ice hockey teams led the way.

The boys, under first-year head coach Mike Maltese, led the Knights to a regional championship. They edged defending state champ Warren De La Salle 4-3 in overtime in the first game before beating city rival Grosse Pointe North 6-1 and Berkley 5-2 to claim the regional crown.

Their season ended with a 4-0 loss to Livonia Churchill in the quarterfinals. The Knights were 21-6-0-1 overall.

The girls played .500 hockey and just missed making the upper division for the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League playoffs. Instead, they had to settle for the Division 2 bracket, which they won with a 2-0 victory over Warren Regina.

Head coach John Bando returned to the sidelines and led the Knights girls basketball team to a 7-11 record, while the boys struggled to a 4-18 record.

In the spring, the girls soccer led the way with a fourth straight appearance in the Division 4 state semifinals.

Head coach David

Dwaihy and his Knights lost 3-0.

Head coach Dan Sullivan and his boys golf team finished fifth in the Division 4 state finals tournament.

The baseball team finished 24-6 and won a division title with a perfect 16-0 record. However, head coach Dan Cimini and his Knights fizzled in the district title game, losing 6-5 to city rival Grosse Pointe South.

The softball team, under head coach Pam Savich, won a district championship with a 6-4 win over Sterling Heights Parkway Christian. They lost a tough one-run game to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist in a regional semifinal game to finish 11-15 overall.

The boys lacrosse team had a great season at 16-3 under head coach Mike Costanzo.

The girls lacrosse team finished 4-8-1 under head coach Jennifer Larson.

The boys and girls track and field teams enjoyed success. Several members of the team made the Division 3 state title meet for head coach Lindsey Bachman.

Wrapping up the spring was the girls tennis team and first-year head coach Mark Miller. Sophomore Melanie Zampardo made the state finals at No. 1 singles and made the semifinals.

The crown jewel this fall was the girls field hockey team.

Head coach Jayant Trewn and his assistant coaches, Amanda Amine and Naomi Yoshida, watched the players grow with confidence. In the end it paid off with a Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division 2 state championship.

The Knights beat No. 1 ranked and undefeated Wixom St. Catherine 1-0 in the title game.

The girls volleyball team and boys soccer team, under head coaches Dan Sullivan and David Dwaihy, captured district titles.

Head coach Mark Sobieralski and his boys tennis team won a regional crown and played in the Division 4 state finals. Sophomore William Cooksey won the No. 1 singles title without dropping a set.

Lindsey Bachman, the boys and girls cross-country head coach, watched her runners put in another solid season.

The football team finished 4-5 after winning only one game the previous season.

The school also fielded a girls swim team in the fall. They were small in numbers, but those who competed enjoyed a successful season and made it to the Division 3 state finals.



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