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Urban Forestry Commission wins statewide award

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Along with eight other entities including Park Place Market, Detroit Hives Inc. and Keep Growing Detroit, the City of Grosse Pointe Urban Forestry Commission won the Keep Michigan Beautiful President's Award — the organization's highest honor — Friday, Oct. 18.

The statewide organization promotes the

beautification of Michigan and gives the award "to an exceptional program large-scale project that exemplifies the goals of KMB."

"I'm grateful," City Forester Brian Colter said of winning the award. "It validates the need for a professional in a position like mine. I think a lot of times urban forestry is overlooked. ... To do it professionally and do it correct, you really should have somebody in there that has a

little experience in it, so when they brought me on, it showed me that the City of Grosse Pointe was serious about managing their urban forest and thought it was important to have a professional do that who knew what they were doing."

City council voted to create the Urban Forestry Commission in December 2016 with the goal of restoring the tree canopy that was destroyed by Dutch elm disease beginning in 1951, although

the most devastating years were in the '80s, Colter reported.

"This area was dominated by American elms," he said. "American elms have the nice straight trunk that go up 35 feet, then the sprawling gothic-like crown. You had a line right down the streets of these large canopy trees that would meet over the middle of the road, so it would shade everything."

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JEREMY PITTMAN/GROSSE POINTE PARK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

From left are Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Robert Denner, Detective Ryan Wilmer, Sgt. Stephen Thiel, Lt. Brent Merlington and Director Stephen Poloni.

Three public safety officers promoted

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Three Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety officers were promoted in a ceremony at the municipal building Thursday, Oct. 31.

Sgt. Brent Merlington advanced to the rank of lieutenant, PSO Ryan Wilmer advanced to the rank of detective and PSO Stephen Thiel advanced to the rank of patrolman.

"I always take this occasion to remind you all that I hear great things about our public safety department," said Mayor Robert Denner, who swore in the officers in front of guests

including their families, friends and fellow public safety colleagues.

Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni also commended the men for devoting themselves to studying and passing the exams required to achieve their new ranks within the department.

Thiel acknowledged his family for accepting the daily hours of preparation for testing that prevented him from attending special events and gatherings.

"This is a grueling process, as those of you who've taken the test know," Thiel said.

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Poll position

Heidi and Earl Black cast their votes in the local election at Grosse Pointe Park city hall. At the table sits Mary McKenna, an election inspector. Find up-to-date election results online at grossepointenews.com.

Councilman honored for years of service

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Amid building a house in Grosse Pointe Park, Councilman Andrew Turnbull decided not to run for re-election and was honored for his service on city council with a resolution from Mayor Chris Boettcher during the council meeting Monday, Oct. 21.

"Council member Turnbull will now retire from council in October 2019, but he will always be known for his health-care and insurance expertise, sound advice, logical thinking and commitment to Grosse Pointe," Boettcher read. "Now therefore be it

resolved that the mayor, city council and the citizens of the City of Grosse Pointe do hereby extend their most grateful appreciation to Andrew Turnbull for his outstanding community service and extend their best wishes to Andrew, Alicia and their family for much success and continued happiness."

Turnbull was elected to council in 2011 and has served more than eight years.

"It's been a pleasure," he said. "We've done a tremendous amount of good through some turbulent times and really tried to keep the focus being what's best for the

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Shores to honor veterans Nov. 11

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Tuesday, Nov. 11, will mark not only Veterans Day, but the first time Grosse Pointe Shores has hosted a Veterans Day ceremony, as well. The ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. in the municipal

building lobby, 795 Lakeshore.

"It's to honor our veterans in our community because they mean so much to both the mayor, myself and many others and we don't want them to be forgotten," Shores Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts, who is helping organize the event, said.

She estimated there are at least a couple dozen veterans living in the Shores.

The ceremony is open to the public and free. Veterans who live outside the Shores are welcome as well and registration is not required.

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Becky Scholtes
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Residents take sides on councilman controversy

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Extra seats were brought into the Shores council meeting space Tuesday evening, Oct. 15, and attendees still spilled over the entranceway as residents from nearly all the Pointes came to give their perspective on the ongoing controversy surrounding Councilman Matthew Seely.

Most recently, Sept. 11, Seely allegedly — he has not confirmed or denied being the one to make the post on his account and, in the past, has stated his account has been hacked — posted a meme on his private

Facebook page which held the words “We said ‘never forget’” over a photo of the Twin Towers, followed by the words “They are the proof we have forgotten” over a photo of four women of color in U.S. Congress: Reps. Rashida Tlaib, of Michigan; Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, of New York; Ayanna Pressley, of Massachusetts; and Ilhan Omar, of Minnesota.

“We’ve already heard some comments about Matt Seely and I want to be very clear Grosse Pointe Shores is a very open, very welcoming,

diverse community,” Mayor Ted Kedzierski said.

After two women

character and First Amendment rights.

“I’ve known Matt since grade school,” City resi-

dent Anne Vanker said. “I’ve known his family. We grew up together. ... I would be honored if Grosse Pointe City could find someone like Matt Seely to serve on our board. The idea that (it’s) his private Facebook, if

you don’t like it, don’t try to break into it and don’t read it. It’s as simple as that.”

Public comment grew heated as citizens holding various opinions voiced their concerns and were supported with clapping and congratulating from those who agreed with their statements.

“What I understand to be a First Amendment right to free speech, is a right that comes with responsibility,” Shores resident John Clark said. “... As an elected representative, there has to be a measure of thought that

goes into comments. You cannot speak and expect that people are not going to associate the city you represent with the words that you say.”

Cynthia Douglas, president of the Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods NAACP branch and Woods resident, also spoke. “I have been in the political arena for over 30 years,” she said. “I’ve worked with a number of politicians, elected officials, and elected officials are held to a higher standard than just your regular Joe Blow resident. ... I implore you to pass some kind of resolution to say that you

‘... As an elected representative, there has to be a measure of thought that goes into comments. You cannot speak and expect that people are not going to associate the city you represent with the words you say.’

JOHN CLARK
Grosse Pointe Shores

spoke out against Seely at the Sept. 17, Shores council meeting, Tuesday night’s meeting was flooded with both supporters of the two women who found the comments offensive and supporters of Seely who cited his

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Of the 5,007 trees in Grosse Pointe Park at the time — the Park did a street tree inventory in 1951, while the City did not — more than 4,000 were American elm. Today, there are only 201

city-owned elms left. “Grosse Pointe was similar, it’s safe to say, as far as having 80 percent of the trees were all American elm,” Colter said.

The emerald ash borer epidemic then hit Michigan in 2002.

“That’s a beetle that was inadvertently

brought over from Asia and that killed all the ash trees,” Colter explained. “What’s so devastating about that is ash was the No. 1 tree planted to replace the elm. My predecessors unfortunately didn’t learn their lesson. The key word is diversity, because epidemics are almost always very species-specific.”

Since the City’s Urban Forestry Commission was formed, Colter has planted 43 trees of various species and plans to plant many more throughout the fall.

He also has conducted a citywide tree inventory, concluding there are 2,803 city-owned trees and 2,797 privately owned trees.

Of these, Colter deemed 97 percent to be considered in good con-

dition.

“This is something very unusual,” he said. “I’ve done hundreds of tree inventories for various communities and cemeteries and so forth. This is the highest percentage of trees that are considered in good condition. That’s one kudo I have to give to the City of Grosse Pointe. They have a very ambitious maintenance program where we trim every tree every five years and because of that, we’re able to inspect every tree every five years.”

Additionally, there are more than 59 different types of trees in the City and maple is the most dominant genus, making up 38 percent.

“Our diversity is better than it used to be,” Colter said.



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City Forester Brian Colter with the Keep Michigan Beautiful President’s Award in Lansing, Friday, Oct. 18.

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Council members honored at last meeting

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Tuesday, Oct. 15, marked the last council meeting for two Shores council mem-

bers who decided not to run for re-election.

Tina Ellis and Robert Gesell were honored at the beginning of the meeting through proclamations by Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

“We are all volunteers here and it gives me a lot of pride and joy to thank people who have served so selflessly on the council,” he said.

Ellis has served on council since 2015 in positions including public relations council liaison, chairman of the Parks Blue Ribbon Committee, Finance Committee member and

Improvement Foundation member.

She also worked as a pharmaceutical executive at Wyeth Laboratories for 25 years and is a parishioner at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

“Thank you for the opportunity to serve and good luck to our new council,” she said after detailing adjust-

ments and upgrades she feels the city should continue working toward.

Gesell was elected to council in 2011 and has served as a member of the Finance Committee, Planning Commission and Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation.

He also is a shareholder with Blake, Kirchner, Symonds,

Larson, Kennedy & Smith P.C., concentrating in business and corporation law, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, finance and estate planning.

Additionally, Gesell is a member of the American Bar Association and State Bar of Michigan and is a parishioner, once serv-

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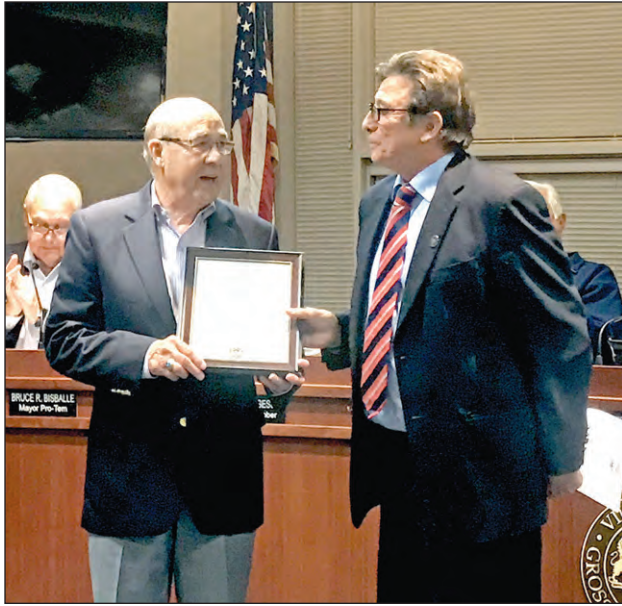


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Mayor Ted Kedzierski, right, presents Councilman Robert Gesell with a proclamation.

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Wilmer and Merlington also acknowledged their relatives and spouses for supporting them in the effort to earn rank.

Merlington credited his wife for both encouraging him to take the lieutenant's examination and accepting additional household obligations while he studied.

“I figured, ‘She’ll really appreciate me when it’s over, with all the things I do around here.’ But what she figured out is she can do it without me,” Merlington said, drawing laughter.

An 18-year Park public safety veteran, Thiel has spent 16 years with the

Youth Service Unit and won three life-saving awards.

Wilmer, who has worked in the Park since he began at age 18 as a night gate guard in Windmill Pointe Park, has been a public safety officer since 2001. He served as the department's first inventory supply officer and with the Youth Service Unit.

Merlington was appointed as a public safety officer in 1996 and has served in bike patrol, the Youth Service Unit and as a field training officer.

David Hiller, retired director of public safety, attended the ceremony, commending the officers and their relatives.

“Families,” Hiller said, “they earned it.”

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city. ... There's so much that is at risk and so much that we deal with that is important to all of us, from not only a taxpayer and a resident standpoint, but just from the perpetuation of one of the best cities around.”

Turnbull has served as a member of the zoning board of appeals and planning commission, and as the city council representative on the board of trustees for the City of Grosse Pointe Employee Retirement System.

“Turnbull worked diligently with fellow council members to address legacy costs and his expertise in the fields of healthcare and insurance provided valuable insight and guidance to the City through a difficult fiscal crisis created by the Great Recession,” Boettcher read. “This work, as well as many other important council decisions, resulted in lasting achievements for



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

Councilman Andrew Turnbull accepts the resolution from Mayor Chris Boettcher at the council meeting Monday, Oct. 21.

the City of Grosse Pointe and its citizens.”

During council comment at the end of the meeting, council members offered well wishes and appreciation of Turnbull's service.

“Andrew, we're really going to miss you,” Councilman John Stempfle said. “... You've provided so much insight into health mat-

ters and insurance matters and your questions are all so reasoned and thoughtful and (you have) just such a pleasant demeanor. We're really going to miss you and (we) wish you and Alicia and the children the best. Thank you for your eight years.”

Turnbull noted appreciation, as well.

“We are building a

new house in Grosse Pointe Park and in hindsight, I probably could have run for two more terms as slow as that project's going,” he joked. “But eventually that'll get done. So we will be here in the City for a little bit longer, but thank (you), everybody, for the support and it's been a wonderful little over eight years.”

The Week Ahead

VETERANS DAY, MONDAY, NOV. 11

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods and Park municipal offices closed
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 90 Kerby.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Veterans Day ceremony, 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 12

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

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Scholtes brings expertise to Liggett

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointer Becky Scholtes returned to the sport she loves — volleyball.

Scholtes grew up in the Chicago area, playing for a local high school in the Northshore area of the city.

The 5-foot, 10-inch hitter shined on the volleyball court, earning an athletic scholarship to play in the Big Ten at Purdue University.

She helped the Boilermakers dominate the Big Ten during her four years as a middle/outside hitter. “That was a fun time in my life,” Scholtes, 60, said. “We had some excellent teams and I worked hard to be a solid hitter.”

Through several twists and turns that took her to England, Taiwan, China, South Africa and Brazil, Scholtes and her husband, John, returned to Grosse Pointe.

University Liggett School volleyball head coach Dan Sullivan coached with Scholtes



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Becky Scholtes talks to several players after a recent practice.

years ago and heard she returned to Grosse Pointe Farms. One thing led to another and she was the Knights’ assistant coach.

“It’s been a lot of fun, but the girls have learned a lot since practice began in August,” Scholtes said. “I expect a lot from the girls. I see some good things from this group and now they have to increase the intensity as we try to win a district

championship. Now is the time for them to play their best volleyball of the season.”

“Having Becky Scholtes come back to Liggett to help with the volleyball program has been phenomenal,” Sullivan said. “Becky hired me at Liggett 19 years ago and for her to return again after her world travels has been great for the program. She has played

the game at the highest levels and understands what it takes to develop a winning program. I look forward to working with Becky in the coming years and, hopefully, creating a winning tradition at Liggett.”

Several of the Knights recently found out they earned post-season honors. Rosie Bracken and Bella Cubba made All-Catholic, while Ava

Cipriano and Melanie Zampardo made All-League. Memphis Griffin earned All-Academic.

Scholtes has been especially helpful coaching the Knights’ hitters, teaching them the finer aspects of the position. “There is a lot that goes into being a middle or outside hitter, like reading the defense,” Scholtes said. “Hitters also have to read the set coming their way and not overhit it if the set isn’t where they want it. Sometimes you have to take a little off a spike attempt and then other times you have to let it rip.”

Scholtes played volleyball after graduating from Purdue with a degree in accounting. She and her husband moved to England where she played for a couple of years.

After that, they started a family and volleyball took a hiatus. After raising one son and three daughters, and watching them marry and start their own families, Scholtes felt it was time to give back to her favor-

ite sport. “I’ve had a lot of fun and I think Dan (Sullivan) and I have worked well with the players,” she said.

The Knights’ leading hitter, senior Cubba, has learned a thing or two from Scholtes and it’s the extra coaching that has helped her earn a chance to play at the collegiate level.

The goal is for the Knights to play for a Division 3 district championship at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, on their home court.

“We’ve been working hard toward that goal,” Scholtes said. “I think the girls are ready.”

After missing three weeks with an ankle injury, Cubba is back, which puts the Knights in better position to battle for the district crown.

If that happens, Scholtes and Sullivan can smile and get ready for a few more days of practice as their players prepare for the regional round of the state playoffs Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

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“The mayor today asked me to make sure that we get the word out to other Grosse Pointes that we are especially looking for all World War II veterans from the surrounding communities, since that was part of the greatest generation,” Ricketts said, “and that generation is dwindling, so we especially want to honor (them).”

Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski will speak, followed by guest speaker Brig. Gen. Rolf Mammen, commander of the 127th Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base and a Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

Members of the girls choir at Parcels Middle School also will sing “The Star Spangled

Banner.”

“Our veterans and our active members are dear, especially in my heart, but I know many of our residents feel the same too,” Ricketts said.

Additionally, light refreshments will be served including bottled water, coffee, cake and cookies.

“We are also planning on giving each veteran a little something from Grosse Pointe Shores, a memento of the event,” Ricketts said.

She reported the plan is for the Veterans Day ceremony to become an annual event in the Shores.

Ricketts said she is most excited “just to see the love and affection from our community and others to our veterans.”

For more information, call the municipal building at (313) 881-6565.

Great taste



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The Family Center hosted a wine-tasting event mid-September to help fund future speakers and programming, allowing it to provide such events to the public free of charge. Above, Will Arnold with Vintage Wine Shop pours a sample for event-goers. Inset, Family Center Executive Director Patty Sunisloe, left, and founder Diane Strickler. For more photos from the event, visit grossepointenews.com.

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ing as a parish council member and president, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

“I’d just like to say that it’s been an honor and a privilege for me to serve on the council for the past eight years,” Gesell said. “I very

much enjoyed working with the mayor and the other council members and especially our great administrative staff. We should be proud and happy that we have the support that these people give us on a daily basis. So I’d just like to thank all of our residents for giving me the opportunity to participate.”



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Mayor Ted Kedzierski reads the proclamation to Councilwoman Tina Ellis.

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City of Grosse Pointe

No new incident reports.

— Laurel Kraus

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Runaway driver

An officer on patrol on eastbound Mack at 4:32 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, ran a vehicle with a missing front bumper through LEIN/Secretary of State to find the plate was expired.

When the officer attempted to pull over the vehicle, it accelerated and was last seen turning westbound onto Chandler Park.

A photo of the 28-year-old Detroit registered owner — whose license has been suspended 27 times, has eight prior additional suspensions, several local traffic warrants and an officer safety caution — matched the driver.

An early Christmas

Two iPhone 11 Pro Maxes, followed by a bill for \$2,665.87, were delivered to a 32-year-old Farms man's Manor residence at 9:11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, despite him never ordering them.

Officers advised him to make a report with identitytheft.gov and Verizon instructed him to take the phones to its nearest store.

Resisting arrest

Officers pulled over a vehicle with a missing driver's side mirror and an out-of-service brake

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light on eastbound Mack at 8:17 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31.

A Secretary of State check showed the vehicle was unregistered and uninsured and the 27-year-old Detroit man claimed he has never had a driver's license or ID card.

When officers attempted to arrest him, the man pulled away and ran approximately six yards before being tackled by officers.

He was arrested for resisting officers, obstructing police, having no license/title/registration, driving while license suspended and felony arrest warrant.

Bike vandal

After a 55-year-old Farms man's bike was left at an area school Friday, Nov. 1, to Sunday, Nov. 3, an unknown person broke all the reflectors, tore off the tire, popped the inner tube and chipped the paint.

Unappreciative passenger

After the driver of a vehicle on Moross and Chalfonte was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:28 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, officers found the 22-year-old Hamtramck passenger passed out with dried blood under her nose.

While transporting her to a hospital via MedStar, she began screaming and kicking. She was informed she could be charged with assaulting an officer, but continued the

behavior all the way to a hospital room.

Child support warrant

After noticing a vehicle with tinted windows at Mack and Moross at 9:23 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, a LEIN/Secretary of State check led to the driver being arrested due to a child support warrant he had out of Oakland County.

Operating while intoxicated

A vehicle turning onto northbound Moross at 2:24 a.m. Monday, Nov. 4, was pulled over for oversteering the turn and not having a license plate in the designated spot.

The 29-year-old Saginaw woman's speech was slurred and she admitted she stopped drinking an hour prior.

Preliminary breath test results showed her blood alcohol content at .15 percent. She was arrested for operating under the influence and driving in violation of a restricted license.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Suspended license

After a vehicle was pulled over for traveling 35 mph in a 25 mph res-

idential zone on Woodland Shores at 9:14 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, a LEIN/Secretary of State check on the 35-year-old Woods woman showed her license was expired and she had several suspensions and multiple warrants for various violations.

She was arrested for driving while license suspended.

Flat tire aids officers

An officer requested a 30-year-old Hamtramck woman's information when her vehicle was stopped on northbound Lakeshore with a flat tire at 4:38 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3.

A LEIN/Secretary of State check showed she had multiple suspensions and a notice for license plate confiscation.

She was arrested for driving while license suspended.

Can't stand? Shouldn't drive

After a caller reported a vehicle driving erratically on Lakeshore at 8:43 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, an officer observed it cross the white lines several times and pulled over the 55-year-old Highland Park man.

The man said he had consumed several beers earlier and nearly fell to the ground when exiting the vehicle.

Preliminary breath test results showed his blood alcohol content at .176 percent and he was

arrested for operating under the influence and not having insurance.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Driving under the influence

A 27-year-old man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at the corner of Jefferson and Yorkshire around 4:40 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2. A public safety officer observed the man's vehicle strike a curb and weave into a traffic lane before he was detained.

Driving under the influence

A 47-year-old man was arrested for operating while intoxicated around 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at the corner of Mack and Three Mile. The driver had been detained for speeding before his arrest.

Driving under the influence

A 64-year-old man was arrested for operating while intoxicated around 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, at Mack and Notre Dame. The driver had been detained for speeding.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Hit and run

A vehicle was damaged by an unknown driver around 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, at Mack and Lancaster in a hit-and-run collision, police said.

The damaged vehicle was driven by a man attempting to enter the turnaround at Lancaster when a small, four-door sedan struck its rear.

The unknown driver then backed the car into the northbound lane of Mack and sped away in the same direction after the first driver got out to survey his vehicle's damage, which included scratches on the rear bumper and passenger side quarter panel.

Larceny from auto

A 29-year-old woman finished her workout at a fitness facility in the 20800 block of Mack around 6 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, to find her vehicle vandalized and several valuables stolen.

The rear passenger window of the woman's 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee had been broken into and her Cuyana bag was missing, along with credit cards and a silver Tiffany necklace. The front passenger window also had been cracked, which was parked in a rear lot.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

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

SIDES:

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denounce what this man has said. ... How do you say that this is a welcoming community when you allow this to happen? We need a change. It's a new day ... but this sets things back. This is representing you and this community and I don't think this community wants to be known as a community that disrespects women, disrespects people of color."

Seely's wife, Tina, took the podium as public comment began winding down.

"I think that even as a community, if we work with the positive and not the negative, I think that we can get so much more done than sitting here and fighting about things that everybody's going to have their own opinions (on) and I'm not going to change the way anybody feels about how they feel

about religion, about politics," Tina Seely said. "That's a personal preference. Yes, I think that we should all be respectful and I think that when we come to these rooms, we should especially be respectful of people."

Councilman Robert Barrette told the audience he felt Seely should make some kind of apology, while Councilmen Doug Kucyk and Bruce Bisballe clarified they do not stand behind the comments.

"While I support his absolute right to engage in political commentary

as a private citizen, I find that because Mr. Seely is a council member and the council and its members have heretofore remained silent on his postings, several residents, as well as other interested parties, feel that his viewpoint is shared by his fellow council members," Bisballe said. "I want to make it perfectly clear that I do not share Mr. Seely's viewpoint, nor do I share the viewpoint of his opponents. I find both sides' dialoguing and comments to be equally offensive and churlish. All parties should strive

(toward) having more balance and being respectful."

Also during council comment at the end of the meeting, Seely responded to those who came to speak.

"Thank you everyone for coming tonight and thank you for your comments," he said. "It's nice to see that people have conviction and they come out and that they are willing to speak

openly about their conviction. Bill Clinton once said, 'It's not our political ideology that identifies who we are. It's the vitality of our debate.' And I really believe that that's what we're about."

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Election blues

We took a lot of incoming for our policy of endorsing incumbents over challengers. We were accused of putting a “thumb on the scale” and “blindly” endorsing incumbents over newcomers.

The backlash surprised us in that our incumbent-first policy goes back decades. The only difference this time is we openly stated our preference.

Also different this year is we had a lot of contests and candidates. In years past when the newspaper footprint was larger, we could extol the virtues of all the candidates before coming down in favor of the incumbents more times than not. Our smaller page size makes lengthy analysis impossible.

We do not automatically endorse incumbents. We do envision circumstances in which we would not endorse an incumbent — malfeasance, excessive unexcused absences or conduct unbecoming an elected official. We found none of that among this year’s crop of incumbents.

The email flap in Grosse Pointe Woods did give us pause in our endorsement of incumbent Rich Shetler. But the fact of the matter is he did not obtain the email list illegally or through his influence as a councilmember. There is debate about whether he ceased using the list after he was told not to. Mr. Shetler maintains he did not use the email list after being told not to; instead he used a list he had compiled in August, he said.

Giving Mr. Shetler the benefit of the doubt, we did not withhold our endorsement. We note his colleagues on the council did not censure him either.

We also have been questioned about violating our own policy of not accepting Letters to the Editor from or about candidates.

Last week we ran a letter from John Steininger, a candidate for city council in Grosse Pointe Farms. We deviated from our policy in Mr. Steininger’s case because his letter was not about his candidacy but about the importance of the school millage proposals on the ballot, which he supports. Mr. Steininger has been an outspoken critic of this administration and school board. He opposed last fall’s \$111 million school bond proposal. For a prominent critic to come out in favor of the school millages, we felt, was an important message to get before voters.

We also ran last week two letters about candidacies, but no candidates were named. We felt the letters were generic enough to not violate our policy. Others will disagree.

That said, look for election results on our website, grossepointenews.com, and for full coverage in next week’s paper.

OUR VIEW

Civil unrest

If a recent Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting is an omen, civility is starting to erode even here. Mayor Robert Denner had to gavel the room back to order several times during a discussion of the city’s plans to proceed with a \$25 million arts center, a building that will be fully funded by private donations. The business before the council on Oct. 28 was a vote to purchase a parcel of land that will become part of the site for the center.

While opponents shouted and booed, including at one of the donors, supporters clapped. Since when did municipal meetings come to echo the stands at a football game or, worse, a political rally?

Grosse Pointe Park could alleviate some of the inappropriate venting by changing its public comment rules, which say dissenters must wait to address an agenda action item until after the vote on it is taken. That presumes residents follow the details of municipal government far more closely than is true in the everyday lives of most people. Some of the frustration welling up at the council meeting is understandable, inappropriate as the result may be.

The Pointes might like to shake off some of their fuddy-duddy reputation. But a reputation for good manners and civil behavior? Let’s work to keep that.

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When George and Wendy Jerome returned home from the Nov. 2 service for Briggs and Logan Connolly, the two boys who died in the Fisher Road fire, they were greeted by a view of a rainbow at the back of their house overlooking the Country Club of Detroit golf course. What is significant about the photo taken by Wendy Jerome is that the closing song for the boys’ service was “Over the Rainbow.” Also, the Connolly family — the boys’ parents, Walter and Azucena Connolly, as well as out-of-town relatives — were staying in the home of Sheila Connolly, the boys’ grandmother, which is within 500 feet from where the rainbow ends, according to George Jerome, who described the rainbow as “a message from the boys.”

OUR VIEW

Hearts are heavy in Pointes

The past month saw two tragedies that took children of the community away from their families and friends. The grieving rippled outward, with a sadness that settles far and wide when bright futures come to such an abrupt halt.

A house fire took the lives of two brothers, both students at Richard Elementary School, on Oct. 28. Barely two weeks earlier, a South High School student died three days after an Oct. 10 bike-car accident.

South students in the Class of 2022 almost immediately painted the school rock with Finn, the name of their fallen classmate. A hashtag, #Finnitforward, emerged to support the 15-year-old sophomore’s

family.

Hockey sticks on porches became a nearly instant memorial for Logan and Briggs, brothers ages 9 and 11, who both loved the game and left their teammates in mourning. A Saturday memorial to celebrate their lives was filled to overflowing.

All three students leave behind their families, their teachers and fellow students and coaches, friends and families of friends. Even young lives reach through broad social circles.

Both tragic events appear to be true accidents, painful as it is. The rest of the community can only pray that the mourners will be comforted. Their sorrow is deeply shared.

OUR VIEW

Lakes ebbing, but still high

The good news is that Lake St. Clair is ebbing this fall, leaving behind some of the worst effects of high water felt throughout the Pointes this summer. The bad news is that, even at this lower level, the lake remains higher than it was a year ago and is likely to enter 2020 at a higher mark than when 2019 began. This does not bode well for next summer.

Influenced mostly by the rates of rain and snow within the basin, the Great Lakes traditionally rise and fall. But this year was a corker: Lake St. Clair’s previous peak month, October 1986, was overtopped in July for a new record high; the lake tied its previous monthly records in both August and September.

Yet it seems only a few years ago that the water was so low it yielded a stunning growth of shoreline flora.

The lake’s autumn decline, 4 inches in October and another 4 inches expected this month, reflects its general seasonal pattern, with an early to mid-summer peak that then falls to a mid-winter low. Yet

a lot of water remains headed in this direction: Both Superior and Michigan-Huron rose an inch during October, when they generally decline; the St. Clair River may have reached a record high.

Forecasts from the Detroit District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a cautious lot, show a range from a worst-case scenario for 2020 — a summer peak a bit higher than this year’s — to a low-end possibility that is still above average for the lake.

Averages and projections exist only in the abstract, of course. In the real world, marina managers have to plan for multiple scenarios, including another record high. Various cities need to keep their pumps and sandbags at the ready.

Grosse Pointe Farms and Shores officials have to push Wayne County even harder to fix the seawall along Lakeshore Road. Ice can cause damage, too; winter may not offer a respite.

The Pointes and other lakeside residents have little to rely on at this point except for well-worn but wise advice: Prepare for the worst, hope for the best.

LETTERS

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

South pride

To the Editor:

As I left the South/Cass Tech football game two emotions were at the forefront — disappointment and a tremendous sense of pride.

I was disappointed because the team played their hearts out and

came up on the losing end of a battle that could have gone either way. But I was also very proud of this team and coaching staff for their ability to compete with a football powerhouse much larger than South, both in physical size as well as enrollment.

This team, under the

supervision of head coach Tim Brandon and defensive coordinator Chad Hepner, as well as their entire staff, has prepared these young men so very well.

They won their fourth straight MAC White championship this season and for their efforts will most likely be “rewarded” by moving up to the brutal Red Division next season, with many schools almost twice our size. (That’s another discussion!)

To the players on this team, you certainly “left it all out on the field” Friday night, and although you are disappointed in the outcome, you should be filled with great pride for what you have accomplished.

Your work ethic, competitiveness and the way you handled yourselves, not only last Friday night but all season long, will serve you well in your future endeavors. Your coaches have certainly taught you life skills that will benefit you long after you take off the pads.

As a fan, my only regret is that I can’t come and watch you play again next Friday night and to also witness such a great student section supporting their team. But I want to thank you so much for such an enjoyable season! The Grosse Pointe South community is very proud of you!

DAN GRIESBAUM
Grosse Pointe Woods

I SAY By Eddie B. Allen Jr.

Tubman embodies need for righteous outlaws



Oh, how I love outlaws. I don't mean gunslingers who ride horses or face off at high noon wearing big, wide hats. I mean actual law-breakers. No, not the kind who selfishly serve their own purposes by depriving others of life, property or general peace.

The outlaws I admire are those who boldly rebel against injustice, in the process of trans-

forming society for a greater good.

Rosa Parks, John Brown, Patrick Henry and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. should all sound like familiar names from American history.

Outlaws — every single one.

In fact, Dr. King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" was written for the expressed purpose of explaining why disobeying rules of segregation was not only virtuous, but necessary.

And, going back even farther than America's outlaw history, how about a spunky, young fellow by the name of Jesus Christ? Scripture tells us he was an abso-

lutely unapologetic religious rebel who fled from one Middle Eastern town to the next, avoiding arrest or attack by authorities until the appointed time of his self-sacrificing crucifixion.

Christ taught that, while the spirit gives life, the "letter" of the law — those numerous, challenging stipulations for obedience to the rituals of his day — actually kills. It was Jesus who saved a woman caught in the act of adultery from stoning by a mob, a consequence supported by the law, when he said, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone."

That's what I call a "gangsta" move, in the

most complimentary way.

Abolitionist Harriet Tubman, a former slave, embodies the reason outlaws to systems that oppress are so praiseworthy.

Portrayed by actress Cynthia Erivo in the new film "Harriet," co-written by "Remember the Titans" script master Gregory Allen Howard, Tubman represents the pinnacle of resistance.

Born in Maryland, she eventually criss-crossed multiple states and an international border into Canada while leading repeated journeys, often on foot, to free other humans from America's most ghastly institution. "Harriet" is a visually

captivating action drama that helps Tubman take her rightful place among real-life legends. Including a small, but significant, role by Detroit native Vondie Curtis-Hall as Reverend Green, the biopic gives a compelling overview of Tubman's fearless path to personal freedom.

But starting with that original path, a 90-mile escape to liberated territory in Pennsylvania, highlights perhaps the film's biggest drawback: Like other "based on" and "inspired by" works profiling historical figures, "Harriet" takes dramatic license.

At least, one historic account states it was John Tubman, the free black man she married, who triggered Tubman's run to freedom by threatening to sell her back into slavery himself. In contrast, the film portrays a heartbroken John, who Harriet leaves behind, fearing his love would be an obstacle to her escape.

At other times, the film's Hollywood heavy-handedness is more obvious. For example, who knew Tubman had the voice of an angel and invoked it to sing about her next move at times when she should have been too terrified to even speak? I doubt Tubman herself was aware she possessed such an extraordinary gift.

Suspending disbelief is needed, too, for multiple scenes when Tubman, with impecca-

ble timing, returns to Maryland to retrieve family members and has rather involved discussions with them at moments when no slave owner who'd recognize her is anywhere in sight. There's also a major scene involving a jump off a bridge that's not recorded in accepted research about her amazing life.

On the other hand, the character Walter, played by Henry Hunter Hall, appears to be completely fictionalized, yet provides a fascinating glimpse of the conflicted psychology and opportunism present among some blacks in the slavery era.

It was not uncommon for some, traumatized by their own lives in bondage, to betray women and men like Harriet by dropping dimes to curry favor with whites who wielded power.

The real Harriet Tubman managed to battle through opposition from every corner, displaying both the brilliance to sedate crying babies who might alert captors to an escaped group's location, and enough force to wield a gun.

While it shouldn't be substituted for credible books and research about Tubman's life, there's nothing significantly lacking in "Harriet" as a cinematic work.

If you love righteous outlaws like I do, hers is a legacy to honor.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1944

75 years ago this week

ANNIVERSARY: With this issue (Nov. 9, 1944), the Grosse Pointe News begins its fifth year of publication.

Obituaries: Cpl. Richard Livingston, Pvt. Alvin Taube

1969

50 years ago this week

FIRST SOUTH-NORTH GRID CLASSIC

SATURDAY: An inter-community gridiron classic will get underway Saturday, Nov. 8, marking the first meeting in history between two Pointe high school football teams.

Obituaries: Azilee Cherry, Ernest Chielens, Julian J. Crawford, Delia Ellis, Ann M. Gwinnette, S. Lyle Hudson, Phillip F. Koerner, Bernice P. Kreidler, Frieda Hantel Kuhn, Bernice G. Ladendorf, Edmond J. Lemieux, Lydia Lodewyk, Anna Luce, Marguerite Morgan, Anna J. Plepp, Carolyn Ramsay, Dr. John J. Reuter, Edward Rusinek, Aliane Secord,

Thomas Samuel Stephenson.

1994

25 years ago this week

EASTLAND PARADE TO BEGIN IN POINTES: It's been said that everyone loves a parade, and with that in mind, the Eastland Center is sponsoring a Thanksgiving parade that begins in Grosse Pointe Farms and will end at the mall.

Obituaries: Harold A. Beaupre, LaVerne K. Butz, Charlotte Gauss, Margaret A. Harants,

Elmo L. Joseph, Charlotte E. Letke, Helen Nielson Lindow, Mary Louise Matouk

2009

10 years ago this week

Obituaries: Peter William Dawson, Helen V. Duross, John Warren Fleck, William J. Hendricks, William Franklin Hoover Sr., Esther Margaret Huizinga, Thomas R. Latham, Timothy P. Overbey, Vincent Richard O'Shee M.D., Virginia Carolyn, Peherson, Hal Horace Smith III, Jerry Watson

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Trump 2020 flag sparks controversy

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A violation of free expression or enforcement of school board policy? An incident at the Grosse Pointe North vs. Grosse Pointe South high school football game Oct. 18, prompted a debate on social media about what rights students have on school property during school-sanctioned events and activities.

A Trump 2020 flag in the stands didn't present an issue until it was brought down to the field where members of the Devil's Den, the school's pep group, led cheers with fans in South's student section, according to Jon Dean, deputy superintendent of educational services.

"The law is very clear here," Dean said. "The students do not check their First Amendment rights at the door. Neither do teachers. They still have them. However, there are numerous board policies and there are numerous court cases that say we have to be neutral when it comes to political events — 'we' meaning the school district. If at a football game a kid in the stands wants to wear a shirt that says, 'I



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

At South's football game against Cass Technical High School Nov. 1, many students wore hockey jerseys to honor the Connolly brothers, who died in a house fire earlier in the week. While South Principal Moussa Hamka said he received several complaints about students waving Trump flags in the stands, it didn't violate district policy because the students weren't participating in a student recognized group and didn't hang the flags on school property.

support Bernie Sanders for President 2020' or 'I support Donald Trump for President 2020,' that's perfectly acceptable. They can do that all day long. They can actually wear it to school if they want to because that's their space.

"But here's the situation that happened at the South game," he continued. "On the track is

where the Devil's Den stands. The Devil's Den ... lead the cheers and lead the chants. Those students are a recognized student group under our recognized student group policy. And that policy says we'll support any recognized student group, but it has to be politically neutral while they're doing the school activity.

If 'Timmy' is in the Devil's Den and his job is to lead the chant YMCA, he's representing the school so he can't fly a Sanders flag while he's doing that."

Access to the track was restricted to students representing North and South in some official capacity, such as players and members of the Devil's Den, Dean said. When the flag

was brought down to the track, administrators, in accordance with board policy, asked for the flag to be put away and the student complied. Later it appeared on a fence and was removed. No students were subject to disciplinary action and the owner of the flag was able to retrieve it from the school office the following week.

"Trump is our president and the theme for the night for the student section was America," said South Principal Moussa Hamka. "If they had had President Trump 45 or any other flag waving, it would have fit the theme and been acceptable. If you put 2020, that's election material and the Devil's Den can't endorse a candidate, whether it's for mayor, city council or president."

According to Board of Education Policy 9700, "Relations with Special Interest Groups," students, staff members and district facilities may "not be used for advertising or promoting the interests of any non-school agency or organization, public or private, without the approval of the board or its delegated representatives; and any such approval, granted for whatever cause or

group, shall not be construed as an endorsement of said cause or group by this board."

This policy was violated twice: first when the flag was brought to a restricted part of the field during a school-sanctioned activity and second when it was placed on school property without prior approval.

Hamka said a student asked him if they would be allowed to fly an "Impeach Trump" flag. His response was the same as it was to students who carried the Trump 2020 flag: the administration didn't have an issue with it as long as they didn't fly the flag while participating in a student recognized group or hang it on school property.

"It's a tricky, delicate balance, but we want to make sure everyone's rights are maintained," Hamka said. "As I told our students, when it comes to freedom of speech, we value their journey and we want them to explore their civic rights. We value the First Amendment and we value their right to speak up. We just want to make sure they do it in appropriate ways on school property."

Academy students emcee CATCH signature event

For the 12th consecutive year, Grosse Pointe Academy middle school students served as emcees at the CATCH Night of Champions, held Oct. 17.

Eighth graders Naya Azoury, Ella Henness and

Jack Rolling helped present awards during the CATCH Hall of Fame Induction ceremony for community leaders at the annual gala held at The Henry hotel in Dearborn. The Academy's part-

nership with CATCH began in 2000, when a Fun Run was created to raise money for charity.

"We love partnering with the CATCH organization, because it's a great opportunity for our stu-



dents to help children who need some extra support due to illness," said Sasha Murphy, GPA dean of students for inter-

mediate and middle schools. "Students at GPA look forward to the annual CATCH Fun Run each year and are excited when we reveal the final donation amount."

COURTESY PHOTO

CATCH Executive Director Jim Hughes came up with the idea of having GPA students emcee at CATCH's signature event.

"The feedback we get from our patrons is always, 'Where did you find these students? They're amazing,'" he said. "And they really are."

CATCH Hall of Fame inductees included Martha Firestone Ford, Mary Anne and Gene Gargaro, Colby and Mark Mitchell and Rhonda Walker. The Dr. Clarence S. Livingood Humanitarian Award was presented to Marion Day, LMSW, infant mental health therapist in Flint.

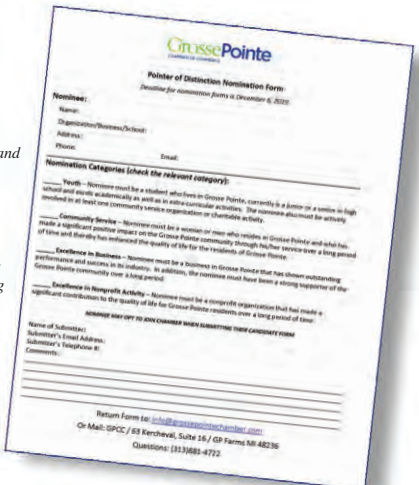
CATCH was founded by the late Detroit Tigers manager Sparky Anderson in 1987 to support pediatric patients and their families at Children's Hospital of Michigan and Henry Ford Hospital.

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A Community Connection

The Family Center and Grosse Pointe Public Library partner to help parents

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

When tragedy strikes a community, people seek ways to help. Meal trains and GoFundMe pages connect individuals seeking to offer resources and cover the immediate needs of families in mourning.

Patty Sunisloe, executive director of The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, and Jessica Keyser, executive director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, each wondered what their organization could do for the broader community. They decided to partner together to offer a session for parents on how to talk to their children about trauma and tragedy.

"When things like this happen — and thank goodness it's not very often — we know that as The Family Center, it's our role to support families and we immediately knew that we wanted to do something," said Sunisloe. "We just weren't sure initially what that would be. Then I got a call from Jessica Keyser from the library and she said, 'We're all reeling from this too and we'd like to do something to be helpful. Is there any way we could partner on something?'"

The two discussed what would be appropriate and decided speaking with children about tragedy was "a critical thing to do," Sunisloe added. "It's so different from saying, 'Grandpa was sick and he went to heaven.' We thought this was the thing most needed from us."

The program took place Oct. 30, two days after a fire in the City of Grosse Pointe claimed the lives of Briggs and Logan Connolly, students at Richard Elementary School. Parents gathered in the GPPL Ewald branch to share concerns and questions with Amanda Be, a licensed clinical social worker specializing in working with children and their families, and Maureen McKinley-Light, a retired clinical social worker currently serving as a consultant specializing in trauma.

"The program came about because obviously our staff were all very deeply affected when we

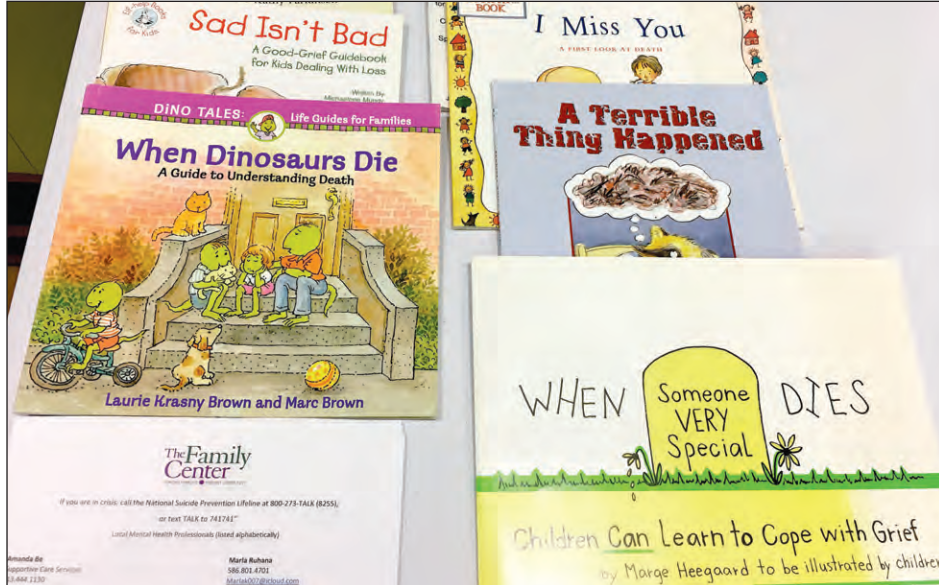


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A variety of books offering ways to discuss trauma and tragedy with children was available at the session along with a list of mental health professionals from The Family Center network. Books are always a way to guide or begin conversations about difficult topics, Jessica Keyser said, suggesting families visit their local library branch for recommendations.

heard the news about the Connolly boys — and also when we heard about the death of Finn Huston (who died in a cycling accident) just a few weeks before," Keyser said. "We really wanted to do something that would be helpful to the community in dealing with this loss. We reached out to The Family Center because they're a trusted partner with us."

Immediacy was one of their goals, Keyser added. "Patty and I both felt strongly it was important to act quickly," she said. "People needed help as quickly as possible."

A major question raised at the session was how to bring up a tragedy with a child without increasing anxiety, particularly with a more sensitive child or one prone to worry.

"Every child has a little different way," said McKinley-Light. "However, it's very important to be very direct and open with your child."

Be agreed the answer lies in open, honest communication, including sharing details of the tragedy as the parent deems appropriate.

"Because there is talk in the community even if your child isn't directly affected," she reminded parents. "Acknowledging it is important and even acknowledging any response they may have."

Reactions and specific concerns may not be what parents expect.

"Don't be afraid if they cry," said McKinley-Light. "Don't be concerned if they show some intense emotion because that will pass. Don't be afraid if they don't show any emotion for a while because that's normal."

According to Be, while children may not respond directly or immediately, parents may observe changes in behavior or mood later. They also may develop worries specific to the tragedy and

have questions about ways to keep their own family safe.

"I think the major take-away from tonight is to have that conversation with your kids and be good listeners," Be said. "Acknowledge their feelings even if it's feelings you didn't think they'd have and then give them the support for that reassurance."

Be and McKinley-Light advised if worries increase or continue for an extended period of time, it may be appropriate to seek the help of a professional.

A video recap of the presentation is available on The Family Center's Facebook page.

Moms demand action against gun threats

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Members of the Grosse Pointe-Eastside chapter of Moms Demand Action focused their Oct. 23 meeting on an issue that has become all too prevalent, according to Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy — threats to commit school violence.

"As periodic school shootings have become an unfortunate reality across the country, these incidents are naturally publicized in the news and social media," Worthy wrote in a letter sent to Wayne County superintendents for distribution to parents and guardians. "Experience has taught us that the publicity of these school shooting events often prompts a small subset of students to make similar type threats against their schools, teachers and/or fellow classmates. In many of these cases, the student who made the threat tells investigators that they were 'just joking' and seem genuinely shocked by how serious the consequences are for making the threat."

Under Michigan law, making a threat is a crime even if the person did not have the intent or ability to carry it out. All threats are taken seriously in the law enforcement community, according to Worthy, "not only because of the need to keep your child and the

community safe, but also because of the disruption of the school environment and the significant expenditure of resources by the school and by law enforcement that even a 'prank' threat causes."

Since the start of the school year, Grosse Pointe Public School System administrators and Grosse Pointe public safety officers have dealt with threats from Grosse Pointe South High, Brownell Middle and Parcels Middle school students. All were posted online and involved guns.

"We're not getting the desired outcome," said Annemarie Rogers, Moms Demand Action chapter lead. "Whatever we're doing is not working so we need to do something different. We shouldn't have a situation where students over and over are making these threats."

Rogers, looking for "a proactive approach," arranged a meeting with Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jon Dean Nov. 1, to discuss current practices and ideas for improving safety and communication.

For example, while emails are sent to parents at the school directly impacted by the threat, chapter member Erica Foondle would like to see parents notified across the district. Disciplinary

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Years: 19 in district; 4 in middle schools
Subject: Library media specialist
Nominated by: Brownell administration
Principal's quotes:
 "Mrs. Paddock has created a library environment that inspires young readers to pick up and try out a book. This is due to the variety of text found on the shelves as well as the inviting and welcoming environment of the library itself."

— Sara Dirkse, Pierce principal

"Darby is a creative educator and an outstanding resource for both staff and students. She designs and facilitates interactive lessons for students and is a wealth of knowledge, routinely sharing resources and information that staff can use to improve their practice."

— Dan Hartley, Parcels principal

"Caring, collaborative, empathetic, enthusiastic, interactive and dynamic are all adjectives used to describe Mrs. Darby Paddock. In addition to delivering her library science curriculum expertise to all three Grosse Pointe Middle Schools, she's also able to supplement student learning in all content areas. Darby leads 21st century professional development and lesson planning with staff; assists with technol-

ogy integration; and implements project-based learning platforms, such as hosting the annual Red Carpet Book Presentation. The GPPSS is absolutely blessed to have Mrs. Paddock."

— Rodger Hunwick, Brownell principal

What motivated you to become a teacher?

When I started my career, I taught sixth grade math at Our Lady Star of the Sea School. After I had my first daughter, a co-worker and I were able to share a job as a K-8 library media specialist. I loved all aspects of this position. I had always been an avid reader, so getting students excited about literature was second nature. At this time, the internet was just starting to become a useful tool in the classroom. Students were beginning to use it to research online and I enjoyed facilitating this type of independent learning. I truly found my niche in education, so I went back to school at night and got my master's degree in library and information science.

What are some of your inspirations?

My English teacher from Grosse Pointe South High School, Mrs. Law, was an inspiration to me because she shared the importance of learning something new every day. A current inspiration to me is my co-worker Amanda Pata, a library



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media specialist at Grosse Pointe North High School. She has been a mentor to me and has helped me stay enthusiastic about my job. When we are given new technology or curriculum, she is the first to say, "This is going to be so cool!"

What advice would you give a new teacher?

When I started in the profession, many school libraries were using card catalogs to check out books and relied more on text as reference sources. Now, of course, the majority of our information is found online so digital literacy and online research is a big part of what I teach. Technology is constantly changing, so I would encourage anyone going into this profession to always be open to learning new things.

Favorite quote:

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

— Joseph Addison



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The cast and crew of "The Game's Afoot," opening Thursday, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

South Pointe Players present murder caper

By Mary Anne Brush
 Staff Writer

What could possibly go wrong? The answer is everything in this murder within a murder "whodunit" presented by Grosse Pointe South High School's Pointe Players.

Plot twists abound in the murderously funny "The Game's Afoot," by Ken Ludwig. Following an attempt on his life, Broadway star William Gillette invites his cast mates to his home to celebrate Christmas with him as he recovers, then puts his Sherlock Holmes skills to the test to untangle the mystery.

Under the direction of English and drama teacher Meaghan Dunham, an eight-member ensemble cast brings this hilarious caper to life, with students behind the scene creating props, costumes and set design.

Set in December 1936, it's "a murder mystery in the vein of Sherlock Holmes," said student director Emilio Garcia. "It's a little bit satirical, a little bit ironic poking at the work of Arthur Conan Doyle, but also embracing the eccentricity of actors and William Gillette, who is a real person in history and sort of making an example of the art they created played out in their real life, in their reality."

The play combines funny with dark, according to Cate Christinidis, who plays Gillette's mother, Martha. Kerrigan Dunham said he enjoys the fluctuations in his character, Simon, as he adapts to "murder and lying and betrayal and so many serious tones."


Students play an active role behind the scenes as well. Samuel Herman is the stage manager, Maya

Markazami is in charge of props, Campbell Stencel is costume designer and Gigi Niforos is responsible for set dressing.


Whether seeking weaponry, period-appropriate costumes or set pieces in keeping with the Art Deco style of the time, the student design team agreed they enjoyed their backstage involvement with the show.

"Mrs. Dunham gives us a lot of freedom to express ourselves through this," Niforos said.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7 through Saturday, Nov. 9, in South's auditorium, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets, available at Duffey & Co., 15120 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park and at the door, are \$8 for students and senior citizens and \$12 for adults. All seats are general admission.



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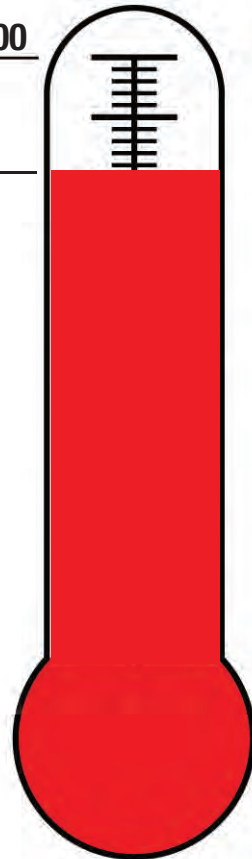
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Kerby teacher wins changemaker award

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

When Pam Cronovich accepted her SEEN Magazine changemaker award for education at an awards ceremony at the Cranbrook Art Institute Oct. 23, she didn't have to make a speech.

Given the opportunity however, she knew exactly what she would say: "I want to thank all the little people" — about 1,000 of them.

In her 33 years of teaching at Kerby Elementary School, Cronovich has touched the lives of that number of kindergartners.

She also would have thanked fellow teachers at Kerby and all the kindergarten teachers in the district.

The SEEN Changemaker awards, sponsored by Peter and Danialle Karmanos, "honor and celebrate metro Detroiters making a difference and changing the world, who

otherwise might go unnoticed," according to the website. In addition to education, categories include art and entertainment, business, civil service, medicine, nonprofit and philanthropy.

According to her award nominator — her daughter, Heather Steffan — Cronovich "has been a consistent example of a resourceful,

hard-working, creative, organized and well-loved teacher in her field for over 40 years. I have never met anyone so dedicated to their profession and so invigorated by the opportunity to teach young children (and now, the children of her former students!), creating a welcoming learning environ-



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Pam Cronovich, winner of SEEN Magazine's changemaker award for education, has spent 33 years teaching kindergarten at Kerby Elementary School.

ment for all of the kids who have sat on her rainbow rug for kindergarten 'circle time.'"

Cronovich began her career in 1974 as an elementary and junior high teacher, also working with students with learning disabilities and as a teaching consultant and learning resource specialist

before joining Kerby's staff as a kindergarten teacher in 1986. She has master's degrees in both education and special education for learning disabled children.

Nominations of metro Detroiters were accepted by colleagues, friends and relatives. The SEEN team narrowed nominations to

five in each category and the community voted on the winners in September.

Other finalists in the education category included the founder of a literacy center, an educational consultant and licensed professional counselor, special education social worker and psychotherapist and superintendent of Rochester Community Schools. Winners in each category were announced at the awards ceremony and will be featured in SEEN's December issue.

The votes supporting her win, Cronovich said, were as much for Grosse Pointe, her fellow teachers and kindergarten teachers across the district as they were for her.

"I feel blessed I'm at a school system where people value education," she said.

"It's not just yourself. It's always the people you work with," she added. "I'm lucky to work with a fabulous group."

Week Ahead

THURS.-SAT., NOV. 7-9

◆ University Liggett School Players' production of "12 Angry Jurors" opens Thursday at 7:30 p.m. with additional performances Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Sunday's 2 p.m. matinee performance has been canceled. Tickets are \$5 for general admission or \$8 for reserved seating and are available at the door or online at uls.seatyourself.biz. ULS is located at 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

◆ Our Lady Star of the Sea School and St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School host their annual rivalry 8th grade flag football game 1 p.m. on the University Liggett School football field, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. Gates open at 12:30 p.m. The cost for the cash-only event is \$5 per person and \$20 per family. The concession stand will be open.

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actions, too, should be consistent district-wide.

"I'm excited about working with our administration and board to create a more transparent process that communicates with us without violating FERPA (the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)," Foondle said. "Obviously we know these things happen. We hear rumors. We don't know if they're true."

Dean agreed a culture "where some kids feel it's OK to say threatening things" — prevalent in society in general as well as Grosse Pointe — is concerning and acknowledged parents' desire to know facts beyond what they're able to glean from social media.

On the other hand, he worries about something he called "the fatigue factor."

"When we have a building specific thing, like a threat at Parcels or any school, we tend to share that information there," Dean said. "We feel that's our responsibility. ... If we share every single thing at every single school every single time," not only might it cause confusion and unnecessary worry, but "no one would pay attention any longer," he said.

He encouraged parents to contact their building principal, Superintendent Gary Niehaus, Community

'Please talk with your children. Help them understand that their words can have lifelong consequences.'

KYM WORTHY
Wayne County Prosecutor

Relations Specialist Rebecca Fannon or him with questions rather than rely on social media for facts.

Once a threat is reported to the police, the normal course of action is for the student to be removed from school until the police have completed an investigation, Dean said. Disciplinary action ranges from suspension to expulsion, according to the student code of conduct.

"We refer every threat to the police every time and we follow their lead," Dean said. "If they tell us this is safe and there are no guns in the house and this kid is safe to come back to school, we follow that lead. We as a community have to trust our police officers to tell us that."

Whatever discipline is imposed is protected under FERPA; by law, the district can't share this information with anyone other than the child's parent or guardian.

Regarding concerns about consistent disciplinary practices, Dean said, "Just as we treat every learner as an individual, we really have to treat learners and kids when there's a discipline infraction as an individual. We do have a code of

conduct that specifies consequences, but most of those consequences have a range.

"We have great building administrators," he added. "We need to trust them based on the facts that they know to make the best decision."

Other ideas from parents include learning best practices from peer districts, educating students and parents about the risks and consequences of making threats and ensuring the safety of students takes

into account long-term consequences, such as anxiety and fear among the student body.

"We think about that one student who made the threat," Foondle said. "We think about how that threat affects (them). We don't think about how that threat impacts the other students," some of whom, she added, are "walking around in a constant state of fear."

For example, while active shooter drills are practiced routinely at schools, Foondle asked what measures are taken to address the emotional impact of this safety measure.

Education, she said, should take part during the school day.

"All these things that go on in the world that

repeatedly cost our kids their lives — we need to educate them between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.," she said. "We need to make it part of their day."

"If we don't educate, if we don't talk about it, nothing is going to change," she added.

Parents, too, need to be educated about the impact on their children of making threats, according to Worthy. Students can be charged with crimes such as false threat or threat of terrorism. A new law enacted last year makes it a crime to threaten to commit violence against students or employees on school property. High school students age 17 or older are legally adults in Michigan, subjecting them to sentences up to

10 or 20 years in prison if convicted.

"Please talk with your children," Worthy urged parents. "Help them understand that their words can have lifelong consequences."

She also encouraged parents to tell their children to report any threats they hear about or see posted on social media or in texts or emails.

"We know that in past school shootings, the individuals involved usually shared their plans with one or more of their peers, before they acted on those plans," Worthy wrote.

"Stress to your children that reporting could be life-saving and that it is 'always better to be safe than sorry,'" she added.

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One Voice

New community choir debuts with Nov. 17 concert

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Since September, a sizable group of girls has been meeting once a week to learn new music, make new friends and sing to their hearts' content.

One Voice — a community choir for young women ages 13 to 18 — will make its debut during "Uncharted: a choir's beginning," at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17,

at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack. The 32-member choir includes students from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South, Chippewa Valley and Eastpointe high schools.

"It's really a safe place for girls to come and be together, to meet girls from other communities

and sing challenging music," said founder Carolyn Gross, who directs the choir with assistant director Tammy Palazzolo and accompanist Melody Van Arragon.

Gross described the girls' repertoire as "artful choral music." They'll perform original pieces written by up-and-coming composers.

"There's a whole genre of music most people don't know about," Gross



said. "This opens up that world of really beautiful music. A lot of it is currently composed, newer. It's classical music composed now."

The challenge of teaching new music to a collec-

tion of teens is one Gross has long strived for. She finds it is a place to express herself, while giving the girls somewhere to find themselves.

"My own daughter, she's 15, and her friends love singing," Gross said. "Melody Van Arragon ... has girls the same age at home. I see this generation of girls needing a good, safe place to come together, to be together."

While Gross understands there are plenty of clubs for school-age girls to join, this choir offers a cross-section of teens with varying beliefs and interests.

"There's a real niche to fill for girls who love to sing," Gross said. "If you're not on a sports team, it's hard to find your place."

Gross, who's taught choir and drama at



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CAROLYN GROSS

Members of One Voice posed for a photo during their first rehearsal — and showed their unity by holding hands.

Brownell Middle School for 24 years, got the idea to form a community choir in February. She assembled a board, became a nonprofit and incorporated the group, then held auditions for interested members. The process was a bit overwhelming, she said, but worth it.

"I'm not trained in starting a nonprofit," she said. "But it's really been a joy, a lot of fun. It's been a challenging experience, but it's fun to get to know ... other girls around the area."

Weekly rehearsals

began in September.

"These are busy kids," Gross said. "They're leaders in their own schools, they take voice lessons, are on the cross country team. They're busy people. I designed the schedule to honor all their commitments and honor who they are."

"Everybody loves it," she added. "The girls are so happy."

Not only do members have fun with theme days and birthday celebrations, but rehearsals also feature a "happy box." Girls write down what they're happy about, put

it in the box and, at rehearsal's end, the notes are read "and we celebrate each other and our accomplishments," Gross said.

Conversely, members are encouraged to express what they're feeling on not-so-good days. Gross noted some singers wept while they sang following recent community tragedies.

"Great music affects us," she said. "This is a place to release. We're a family. We count on each other."

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Pup procession

Couple revitalizing golden retriever parade participation



By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan has long participated in the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's annual Santa Parade. For nearly 20 years, Rick and Marie McManama's precious pooches have strutted down Kercheval with other goldens — 40 to 50 of them at one point — and reveled in the beauty of the moment.

Until last year. "We went to sign up and there were no goldens walking," Rick McManama said.

A quick phone call to the chamber taught them the woman who continuously organized the effort — Rosalba "Ro" Arabia — had died.

In Arabia's memory — and to raise awareness for the Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan — the McManamas have launched an effort to revitalize participation in this year's parade,

which kicks off at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29. "We thought, what's it going to take to get it

going again?" Rick McManama said. "(Chamber President) Jenny Boettcher gave us



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Maggie May and her "parents," Rick and Marie McManama, invite all golden retrievers to walk in this year's Santa Parade.

the name of someone who might have the banner, so we got the banner. We contacted the Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan president (Gail Rellox). Now we're registered ... and on track to get golds back in the parade this year."

The McManamas have posted flyers in area businesses and carry a stack in their car; they're not too shy to stop driving and hand a flyer to a stranger walking a golden.

"Ro started this effort. We're trying to get it revitalized and get awareness," Rick McManama said. "The big thing is bringing awareness back."

During the parade, the McManamas will hand out cards for the Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan that include a phone number for people interested in adopting or fostering a golden.

"We've just joined and

signed up to foster dogs," Rick McManama said. "For two weeks to two months, we'll get a dog until they find a home."

The McManamas already are "parents" to Maggie May, 7, who'll participate in this year's parade. The McManamas' five grandchildren also will walk with the group, wearing custom-made caps with floppy dog ears while carrying the banner.

All participating pups will receive a red Santa scarf to wear during the parade.

"When the goldens come down, it's just beautiful," Marie McManama said. "They're just strutting their stuff. ... They're beautiful animals, so easily trained."

Maggie May walks the neighborhood every day, Marie McManama said, greeting and making pals with other dogs.

"She's a good ambas-

sador for dog walkers and an advocate for goldens," she said.

Those interested in having their golden participate in the parade may call the chamber at (313) 881-4722 or the McManamas at (313) 469-9921 or email mariemcmanama@hotmail.com — or just show up the morning of the event.

The lineup will be featured in the Grosse Pointe News.

"The parade starts at 10 a.m., so we'll meet at 9:30 a.m.," Rick McManama said, noting section coordinators in the area can assist getting people to the proper start point.

"To me the parade adds excitement to the community," he added. "This was one of the good pieces that faded away. If it takes a little work to get it going again, it's worth it. Once people know it's back, we'll get it moving along again."

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Jenni Carmichael Clark as Chris and Jeffrey James Smyk as Ken.



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Neil Simon's 'Rumors!' returns to G.P. Theatre

Did you hear? Neil Simon's "Rumors!" returns to Grosse Pointe Theatre this November. The hilarious farcical comedy will hold performances Nov. 15 to 24 at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$21 and may be purchased through the Grosse Pointe Theatre ticket office by calling (313) 881-4004 or visiting gpt.org/rumors.

At a large, tastefully appointed Sneden's Landing townhouse, the deputy mayor of New York has just shot himself. Though only a flesh wound, four couples are about to experience a severe attack of farce. Gathering for their 10th wedding anniversary, the host lies bleeding in

another room and his wife is nowhere in sight. His lawyer, Ken, and wife, Chris, must get "the story" straight before other guests arrive. As the confusions and miscommunications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity.

The cast includes Jenni Carmichael Clark of Royal Oak as Chris Gorman, Jeffrey James Smyk of St. Clair Shores as Ken Gorman, Ashley Trefney of Detroit as Claire Ganz, Nick Marinello of St. Clair Shores as Lenny Ganz, Rebekah Tiefenbach Sellers of Harrison Township as Cookie Cusak, Noah Hanahan of Royal Oak as Ernie Cusak, Madeline Lorio of Clinton Township as Cassie Cooper, Jon Kent

Ethridge of Detroit as Glenn Cooper, Justin Bradley of Grosse Pointe Woods as Officer Welch and George Farrell of St. Clair Shores as Officer Pudney.

The crew includes director Jerry Nehr, producer Cynthia Kempto, stage manager Arlene Schoenherr, set designer Dave Wojtan, technical director Gordon Richardson, set dressing by Annie Kordas, costumes designed by Stephanie Butler, properties by Lyndsey Briggs, lighting design by Tom Archinal and sound design by Jeff Verbeek.

Neil Simon's "Rumors!" is produced through special arrangement with Samuel French Inc. Visit gpt.org for more information.

Veterans Day Breakfast planned

Hundreds of veterans and active duty service members will gather at The War Memorial for the annual Veterans Day Breakfast and celebration of military service Monday, Nov. 11. Doors open at 7 a.m., with the program beginning at 7:45 a.m. and breakfast served at 8 a.m.

The War Memorial hosts this annual event to honor and recognize the numerous servicewomen and servicemen in the community. This year's event is part of The Patriot Leadership Series

at The War Memorial, presented through the generosity of the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

The keynote speaker is U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, a former lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Additional remarks will be made by Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence, as well as War Memorial board director Mary Lamparter, who will speak on behalf of Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, a previous

recipient of The War Memorial's Patriot Initiative grant. The program includes the presentation of thank-you cards handmade by local Grosse Pointe school students, a service song medley from Motor City Brass Band and a breakfast prepared by The War Memorial's culinary team. The Veterans Day Breakfast offers a space for local service members to experience camaraderie through shared stories and hospitality.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Questers

Questers Grosse Pointe Pettipointe Chapter No. 243 meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology. Philip C. Hessburg M.D. presents, "Ocular Popycock." Questers is an international organization founded in 1944, whose major objectives are to stimulate the appreciation and collecting of antiques and encourage the preservation of historical landmarks. For more information, email Liberta.Licata@pettipointequesters@gmail.com.

BNI

The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

The Business Network International East Side-Launchpad Chapter

meets at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

Libraries

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following programs at its branches:

Central — 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, (313) 343-2074

- ◆ Veterans Day celebration, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10.
- Ewald — 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, (313) 821-8830**
- ◆ Jazz in the D, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7.
- ◆ Reader Dog Drop-in, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9.
- ◆ Wimpy Kid Party, 2:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9.

Woods — 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 343-2072

- ◆ Friends Book Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9.
- ◆ Family Friday Nights with Donnie from Lou's Pet Shop, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8.
- ◆ Signing Storytime with Momcat Kelly, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club hosts its scholarship fundraiser benefit Wednesday, Nov. 20, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Social hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a buffet lunch at 12:30 p.m. and a fashion show presented by Full Circle Foundation. Cost is \$20 for this prepaid luncheon. Checks, made out to Grosse Pointe Woman's Club, should be mailed to Marilyn Doyal, 900 Cook Road, #323, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. The deadline to register is Sunday, Nov. 10. Call Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

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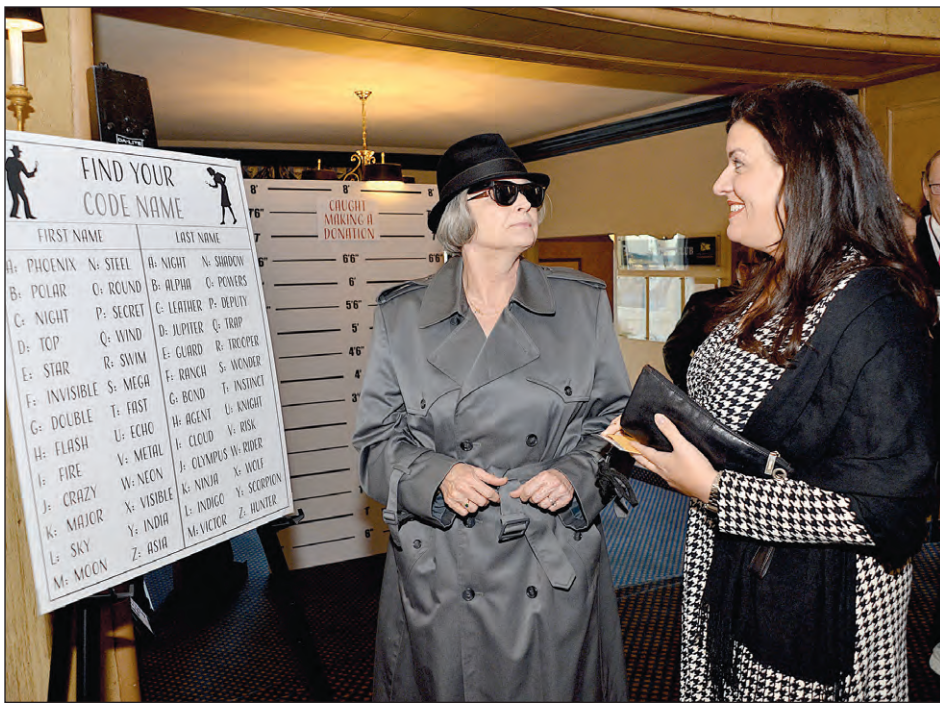


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On a Mission

The Helm hosted its annual gala fundraiser Oct. 10, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Following the “Mission Impossible” theme, the event included secret agents, code names, passcodes and other playful puzzle pieces, all while raising funds for The Helm operations. Acting the part of a secret agent, Stella Witulewicz, left, gives Danielle Caralis her code name for the evening. For more photos from this event, visit grossepointenews.com.

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Grosse Pointe meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Isaiah “Ike” McKinnon, former Detroit police chief and university professor, speaks.

The Helm

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

- ◆ Special Avon Bingo, 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12.

- ◆ Throwback Wednesday Classic Movies, “The Wizard of Oz,” 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13. Cost for members is \$5 for lunch and the movie, \$2 for snacks and the movie. Cost for non-members is \$7 and \$3, respectively.

- ◆ Mobile Heart and Health Screening, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, provided by Ascension St. John Providence.

- ◆ Aging Your Way, co-presented by The Family Center, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 13.

- ◆ New to Medicare, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13.

- ◆ Win a two-year lease on a Jeep Compass. Tickets are \$20 each, \$50 for three or \$100 for six and available at The Helm. The drawing is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Ray Laethem Motor Village, 18001 Mack. In lieu of the lease, the winner can opt for \$5,000.

- ◆ November birthday celebration, 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14. Those with November birthdays receive a free lunch and birthday cake.

- ◆ AARP Smart Driver Tek: High-Tech Car Safety Workshop, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14.

- ◆ On the Gogh Studio Evening Style, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14. Participants will make a painted pumpkin tote. Cost is \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members.

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

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788

Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Scott Matthews gives a vocational talk. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Boutique benefit

Boutique on the Lake, benefiting St. Paul Catholic School, takes place Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Coffee service is offered 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a cash bar is available 5 to 9 p.m. Sixty vendors are featured. Admission is \$5.

Parkinson’s Action Group

The Parkinson’s Action Group hosts the workshop “Demystifying Medicare,” led by independent Medicare advisor Charles Wickens, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Deb Champion at (313) 520-9082 for more information.

The March show features guest artists from Michigan Opera Theatre.

“Every year, we’ll have a guest concert and invite special guests or a special group, so we can learn from the pros,” Gross said.

The May concert also will feature guest singers.

“The girls will reach out to special women in their lives — influential women — and invite them to come sing with the group,” Gross said. “It’s about music and singing, but really, it’s about hearts.”

Moving forward, Gross said she hopes to continue to “broaden the horizons of what we consider community,” expanding the group to

include singers from other areas. She also hopes to add a training choir of younger voices in coming years, as well as take the choir abroad to music festivals where they can share their talents.

More pressing, she said, is securing funding, donations and grants to keep One Voice running.

“It really is a special group,” she said. “There’s not anything else like it in the area. There are school choirs, but not a community choir. This is a unique opportunity for young women.”

One Voice’s “Uncharted” concert is free to the public. For more information, visit choironevoice.org.

Nov. 20 Bicknell lecture about ‘Wicked Detroit’

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society presents the next installment in its Dr. Frank Bicknell Lecture Series at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Cook Schoolhouse, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Author Mickey Lyons will discuss his book, “Wicked Detroit.”

The Motor City boasts a long and despicable history of scoundrels, cheats and ne’er-do-wells. They include founding father Antoine Cadillac, Augustus Woodward and Daniel Campau. The

latter’s involvement with the horse racing track in Grosse Pointe Township is intriguing.

Lyons is a historian who specializes in the history of drinking in Detroit, from frontier saloons to Prohibition-era speakeasies to modern-day cocktail bars. Her current project — prohibitiondetroit.com — chronicles Detroit’s turbulent and exciting history during Prohibition.

For more information, call (313) 884-7010.

Clinical psychologist to speak at November PFLAG meeting

The Grosse Pointe chapter of PFLAG, a national organization supporting LGBTQ people, their families and allies, welcomes clinical psychologist Dr. Antonia Caretto to its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.



Dr. Antonia Caretto

Caretto’s talk, “Navigating the Holidays for LGBTQ Families,” will highlight some of the ways in which holidays may have been historically traumatizing to LGBTQ loved ones and ways to be more aware of how one’s own struggles with acceptance may also make the holidays difficult for oneself. She’ll offer suggestions for how to handle some typical stressful holiday scenarios.

Caretto has been volunteering or working with children, teens and adults within the LGBTQ community since 1981. She is affiliated with the University of Michigan

Comprehensive Gender Services Program and a member of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health. In addition to treating gender-diverse adults, teens and children, she provides training on transgender identities to a variety of organizations including PFLAG groups, as well as medical profession-

als at Henry Ford Health System, University of Michigan, University of Toledo and Oakland University medical schools.

Caretto earned an undergraduate degree from U-M and a doctorate degree from the Alliant International University California School of Professional Psychology in Berkeley.

The Grosse Pointe PFLAG meeting is free; the public is welcome. The talk is followed by a discussion and support group session, where attendees are welcome to share or listen as they are comfortable.

VOICE:

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Members are counting on each other to put on a stellar performance Nov. 17. Gross said she’s excited to introduce One Voice to the community.

“This is hard music,” Gross said, “but I know these girls are very committed and will rise to the occasion. It will be an impressive evening of the beginning of the choir. We’ll see how it unfolds from there.”

Following its debut concert, One Voice will travel outside Grosse Pointe to perform a holiday show or two, then host concerts March 15 and May 31.



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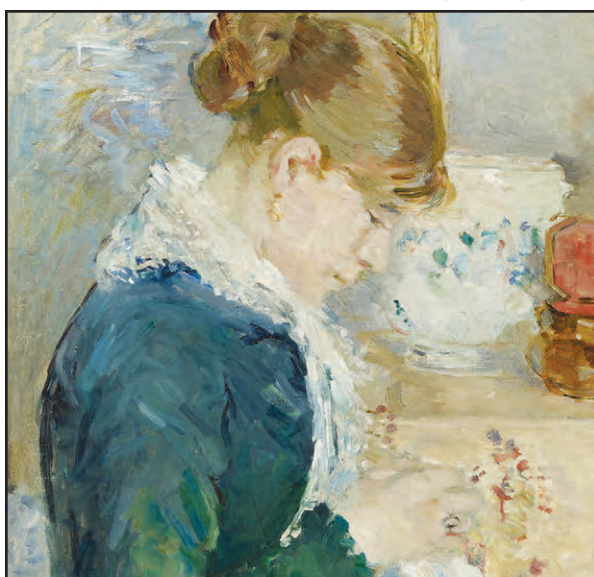


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This exhibition is a part of the Bonnie Ann Larson Modern European Masters Series.

Woman Sewing, ca. 1879, Berthe Morisot, French, oil on canvas. Collection Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, New York; Fellows for Life Fund, 1926 (1926:1).



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.

William David Gilbert Balance

William David Gilbert "Bill" Balance died unexpectedly and peacefully at his home in Grosse Pointe Park, Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019. He was 83.

Bill is survived by his wife, Gwen (Martin, Genter) Balance and stepchildren, Robert Genter, Kathy (Genter) Holley, Paul Genter and Lauren (Genter) Keith. He was predeceased by his parents, Thomas Wannamaker Balance Sr. and Bessie Lee (Gallop, Balance) Ponder and brothers, Thomas Jr. and Lucian, of Alabama.

Bill was born Aug. 14, 1936, in Birmingham, Ala. He earned a doctorate degree in psychology from The University of Alabama in 1967 and then worked as a resident staff member at the Georgia Mental Health Institute, Emory University, Atlanta.

From 1969 to 2001, he was on the faculty in the University of Windsor Psychology Department, Ontario, Canada. He married Gwen (Martin) Genter, an English teacher at Murray Wright High School, Dec. 16, 1971, and then moved from Windsor to Grosse Pointe Park.

His stepchildren remember him as a warm, caring and highly perceptive father who encouraged them to pursue their goals and brought laughter to the room with his quick wit.

Bill was an accomplished gardener and active member of the Men's Garden Club and the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission. He was an inspired individual who loved cooking, travel and single-malt scotch, and was passionate about keeping up with the news and world events.

Donations may be made to St. Jude's Hospital for Children at stjude.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Donald Fires

Donald "Don" Fires, 91, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019, at home with his family. He was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Born June 7, 1928, in Detroit, to Harold Jerome Fires and Florence Catherine Smith, Don attended Southeastern High School in Detroit, graduating with the class of 1947.

Don served two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Upon completion of his military service, he worked at Detroit Edison as a rigger. Upon leaving Edison, he joined Thomas Hardware Co., where he was co-owner for 35 years. The store specializes in marine hardware and still is in business today. Don completed his working years at Nels Jorgenson & Co., repairing and calibrating industrial-quality control instruments.

While at Edison, Don met his future wife, Catherine, at a company-sponsored ski trip to Montreal, where they also met their future business partners, the Joneses. The Fires and the Joneses purchased Thomas Hardware in 1959.

Don was a 45-year senior emeritus member of Bayview Yacht Club and 56-year lifetime active member of the Detroit Yacht Club. He owned Thor, one of the few lobster boats in the Great Lakes. Don, Catherine and many volunteers spent countless hours on Thor every year as members of the race committee at Bayview. His work as a race committee member was integral to the success of many international regattas.

He was a talented wood and metal craftsman, creating items such as custom sailboat hardware, custom parts for antique cars, wooden sea chests, nautical woven rope

rugs, wire rope railings for commercial buildings and anything for a friend, to name a few. He also had a tremendous fondness for music, specifically jazz, and history.

In addition to his parents, Don was predeceased by his brother, Keith Fires and son-in-law, Tom Phillips.

Don is survived by his wife of 64 years, Catherine; daughter, Sandy Phillips (the late Tom Phillips) of Kirkland, Wash. and Mackinac Island; son, Barrie Fires (Deann) of Minneapolis, Minn.; granddaughters, Carolyn Phillips of Chicago, and Morgan Phillips of Kirkland, Wash., and numerous relatives and friends.

Donations may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at lls.org.

Donna Terri Moore Grzanka

Donna Terri Moore Grzanka, 71, passed away peacefully Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019, at her home in St. Clair Shores, with her family by her side.

Donna spent her life caring for others and family was always her No. 1 priority. Her short, three-week battle with pancreatic cancer was her family's time to finally, and completely, take care of her. She was her family's chief, the glue that held them all together.

Donna will be greatly missed by her husband, Frank; children, Heather Clute and Frank; siblings, Michael Moore and Patricia Stickney; grandchild, Shylah; nieces and nephew, Gina, John (Cindy), Jennine (Mark) and Alyssa and extended family and friends from every walk of life.

She was predeceased by her mother, E. Jane Moore and father, Donald Moore.

In lieu of a service, a celebration of life will be held with family.



William Gilbert Balance



Donald Fires



Donna Moore Grzanka

Alexandra E. Hughes

Alexandra "Ale" E. Hughes passed away unexpectedly Monday, Oct. 28, 2019, at Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage.

Ale was born June 2, 1992, in Grosse Pointe Farms, to Tracy Ann Turner and Eric A. Hughes. She attended Grosse Pointe schools and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2010. Ale was a gifted musician, trombonist and avid horse lover. She was creative and artistic. She had great respect for first responders and was studying to become an EMS technician.

Ale is survived by her loving parents, John and Tracy McAllister; brother, Daner Hughes; stepbrothers, Andrew, Brian and Nicholas McAllister; grandfather, Robert E. Turner "Ampy"; grandparents, Jack and Janie McAllister; dearest friend, Vivian; beloved pet, "Kitty" and many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends, whom she loved dearly.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2326 Woodward, Detroit.

Because Ale loved horses and younger children so much, her family has partnered with Detroit Horse Power for donations in Ale's name. This nonprofit charity runs camps and after-



Alexandra E. Hughes

school programs using horses to teach at-risk youth critical life skills. Donations may be made in Ale's name at detroithorsepower.org or mailed to Detroit Horse Power, 2470 Collingwood St., Detroit MI 48206, Attn: David Silver.



Music at Memorial presents 'Haydn, Mozart and Schubert'

Music at Memorial's 2019-20 season continues Sunday, Nov. 17, with "Haydn, Mozart and Schubert," a concert featuring music of the Classical era. Music of that time — 1730 to 1820 — is tuneful and elegant. Memorial Minister of

Music James Biery performs an organ concerto by Haydn and the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church choir sings some of Mozart's most beautiful choral pieces, as well as Schubert's Mass in G, which he composed when he was 18 years old.

Soloists include Sheena Killinger-Law and Carol Ambrogio Wood.

The Nov. 17 concert begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and available at the church reception desk or online at eventgroove.com.

Timothy G. Riley

Timothy G. Riley, age 65, from Detroit, Michigan, formerly of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, sadly passed away on Friday, October 25, 2019, while doing what he loved most — exploring the open sea in Mexico.

Tim will always be remembered as a larger than life character; loved by all and stranger to none.

Tim, known to most as "Riley", was a dedicated and loving son, father, brother, family man and friend. Riley always put a smile on anyone's face who had the fortune of being in his presence, mostly by sharing the stories of his adventures in the outdoors that he experienced across his lifetime. He lived truly a blessed life.

Tim was widely known in the Detroit area as an accomplished angler and outdoor enthusiast who spent most of his free time jigging for walleyes on the Detroit River, trolling for muskie on Lake St. Clair and duck hunting in Walpole Island, Ontario.



Tim is survived by his daughter Dani Riley, son Jake Riley, siblings Patty Riley, Mikie Lepczyk (Jim) and Jay Riley and many cousins, nieces and nephews who will all greatly miss his bright and warm presence in their lives.

Services include a wake from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8, at Verheyden Funeral Home (16300 Mack Avenue) and a viewing from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. with a mass following at 11:00 a.m. at St. Bonaventure Monastery (1740 Mt. Elliott St. in Detroit.)

"The Sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonder forever."

— Jacques-Yves Cousteau

DEAR JEFF AND DEBRA

The challenge of getting everyone on the same team

Q: My 28-year-old daughter is an alcoholic and there's no doubt about it. The whole family is ready to do an intervention and get her into treatment. The problem is her stepmother, who lives in another state. She thinks my daughter just needs a new environment and that a geographical move will somehow fix everything. How can I get her on the team? She is sabotaging everything.

A: Sometimes we need to do a mini intervention on the reluctant team member before getting to the real intervention. Typically, the person proposing the geographical cure, or

some other half-measure, has a number of issues holding them back. Let's take a look at some common issues that keep a potential team member from joining the intervention.

First, they may not realize the extent of the problem. In our practice, we like to use conference calls with the entire team, so all the facts of the case come out in the open. We let the people with the most information share their experience and observations first, so more distant folks can get a good, firsthand account of the addiction — and its consequences on the addict and those around him or her. This often will be enough to get a reluctant team member onboard. The nice thing about having an organized process (among other benefits) is that it allows a team member to revise their opinion

and still save face.

Another reason for reluctance or half-measures may be an insufficient understanding of the intervention process. How many times have we heard people say, "We've done an intervention before," only to find out that their only preparation was watching a TV show or that their method was an angry confrontation. These attempts were destined to fail before they began.

A well-planned intervention uses the power of love and concern in a specific and organized way to break through an addict's denial and defenses. A loving intervention will bring the person to a moment of clarity where they will accept the help being offered. It should not be confrontational or accu-

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - 2019 SEWER OPEN CUT REPAIR PROGRAM, AEW PROJECT NUMBER 0160-0413. Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI until 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Plans and specifications must be obtained through Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn> after 1:00PM on Tuesday, November 6, 2019. A public viewing copy is available at the City Clerk's office. Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

Lisa Kay Hathaway, MMC
City Clerk

Monthlong 'Mascarathon' raises funds for cancer research

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It's been an extra special year for Grosse Pointe Farms resident Karen Liederbach.

This summer, she celebrated 10 years of being cancer free.

In honor of the milestone, Liederbach put to use her skills as a Mary Kay independent beauty consultant and hosted "Mascarathon for a Cure." During the month of October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, \$5 from the sale of every Mary Kay mascara product — including mascara, lash primer, oil-free eye makeup remover and lash- and brow-building serum — was donated to the Mary Kay Foundation, "a nonprofit that supports innovative research for cancers affecting women," Liederbach said.

Liederbach got the idea to host a "Mascarathon" from social media. This is her third year doing so and by far the most successful.

"Since this is the celebration of 10 years of being breast cancer free, I thought this year I'm going for it," she said. "I set a goal of 100. I thought, I gotta do it. It's a big year for me."

As of midnight Oct. 31, Liederbach sold 140 mas-



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Karen Liederbach hosted a fundraiser last month in support of cancer research.

cara products, bringing her donation total to \$700 for the Mary Kay Foundation.

But the charity doesn't stop there.

"When I hit 70 mascara sales, I thought it might be slowing down, so I decided that people who don't wear mascara — the men in my life — should be able to donate a mascara product," she said.

Through those additional donations,

Liederbach assembled 25 "chemo care packages," including a skin care product and makeup sample donated by Liederbach, as well as the donated mascara.

"I put together chemo care packages to give to cancer patients at Ascension St. John Hospital, where I did my chemo," she explained. "Ten years ago when I was there, if someone had come around with a basket of makeup for free, I would have been thrilled. This is going to help chemo patients feel better about themselves and brighten their day."

Additionally, \$5 from each of the 25 donated mascaras will go to the Mary Kay Foundation.

"I have not made any money off this; that was not my intention," Liederbach said. "This is my way of giving back to benefit the Mary Kay Foundation by helping

them. It's a foundation I trust and feel that's where I wanted it to go.

"And I had a really good experience at St. John Hospital when I went through breast cancer treatment, from the first day I went in to meet my team to the end of my treatment," she added. "It was such a good experience that a couple of years ago I took a class — Reach to Recovery — so I can counsel newly diagnosed patients."

Liederbach provides support to such patients via telephone and personal visits.

"In the summer, I go to Van Elslander's Liggett Breast Center and volunteer with the team of doctors that was my team," she said. "We go around individually to the recently diagnosed patients.

"I feel like I know from experience that they're really scared," she continued. "Everything is so uncertain for them. I was lucky enough to have a positive experience. I want to set their minds at ease that this is not a death sentence."

After her bilateral mastectomy, Liederbach underwent chemo and radiation treatments. She was uncertain at the time about having new limitations.

"I thought I wouldn't be able to do the things I enjoy," she said, "but I don't have restrictions today, which they're always happy to hear. ... It's important for them to know they're going to be the same as they were before and probably a lot stronger in a lot of ways."

Liederbach, a part-time teacher at Grosse Pointe Pre-Kindergarten, said mascara donations for chemo care packages still are welcome. She'll also continue to contribute \$5 from the sale of mascara products to the Mary Kay Foundation. Visit marykay.com/karenliederbach to participate.



Donations ready for delivery.

Memorial welcomes interim minister

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church recently announced Mark E. Diehl will serve as its interim minister. Diehl has been an ordained minister more than 39 years. A native Texan, he is an alumnus of Texas Tech University, Columbia Theological Seminary and Loyola University.

Diehl has been serving as an interim minister for congregations since 2012, most recently at Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill, S.C., coincidentally, not far from Davidson College Presbyterian Church in



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Mark E. Diehl

Davidson, N.C., where Memorial's former minister, Peter Henry, now serves as senior pastor.

Diehl will preach his first sermon at Memorial on Sunday, Nov. 17.

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It should be calm and compassionate. After all, we are trying to help someone who has a medical problem, not a moral or will-power problem.

A third reason a person may be reluctant could be their own use of alcohol or other substances. Often, people who are heavy drinkers are reluctant to participate. But if they aren't alcoholic, they may be very good team members. Assume the team is trying to address a medical issue that is causing serious consequences for the subject and you won't be addressing outside issues. This will help them differentiate their own drinking from the alcoholic's and alleviate their fears. Of course, they may have a budding problem of their own, but we can only intervene on one person at a time.

If the team is not working with a professional interventionist who can provide expert guidance, they should at least follow an authoritative guidebook or information source. Here are two

free resources. "The Intervention Workshop" podcasts are available free on Apple Podcasts, among other places. These podcasts provide more than four hours of instruction and can be shared among all team members. Next, the book "Love First" (Hazelden) is available at any library. This is the book used by most professionals.

Don't be discouraged if all your family members don't get onboard with the idea of an intervention right away. There are many legitimate concerns that need to be answered before the team can move forward with confidence. The guiding principle should be the love and concern we feel for the person we are trying to help. When combined with an air-tight plan and good preparation, love is the most powerful persuasion.

Jeff and Debra Jay have been helping families overcome addiction more than 30 years. Their best-selling book, "Love First," is a standard in the recovery field. The Jays live in Grosse Pointe Farms and their website is lovefirst.net.



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Liederbach included thank-you notes for those who purchased mascara during the fundraiser.

Worship Services

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Park couple completes 50th state capitol visit

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Tom and Judy Rauch have long loved traveling. In their 52 years of marriage, the Grosse Pointe Park residents have been to Europe more than 30 times, as well as Australia, New Zealand and other foreign soil.

But their most recent adventure earlier this month occurred in the continental United States — in Little Rock, Ark., to be exact — the site of their 50th state capitol visit.

They didn't initially set out to see all of the state capitols.

"Tom's from New Jersey, so we used to take



PHOTO COURTESY OF STACY PETERSON

Tom and Judy Rauch of Grosse Pointe Park recently visited the Arkansas state capitol — their 50th state capitol tour — where they stopped by the state vault and held \$500,000 as Arkansas Treasurer of State Dennis Milligan stood by.

the kids on trips to the Northeast and visit state capitols," Judy Rauch

said. Added Tom Rauch, "It wasn't intended for any

purpose; it was just someplace to stop."

After visiting state capitols in Alaska and Hawaii in 2004, the couple amped up their efforts.

"We really started seeing them then," Judy Rauch said. "We had done 30 or 35, so we took short trips to see state capitols around here we hadn't been to."

The Rauches found that some of the buildings were remote and difficult to get to, while a few others happened to be closed when they arrived, "but we consider that a visit," Judy Rauch said.

Most of the state capitols have been nicely

restored, Tom Rauch noted, and every one of them has volunteers who are beaming with pride.

"The people who man them often are retirees," Judy Rauch said. "They're so proud of their states."

Memorable stops included the dusty state capitol building in Cheyenne, Wyo., where stuffed bison were mounted on the walls, as well as the striking pink and white awnings that adorned the state capitol in Tallahassee, Fla.

"Santa Fe, New Mexico was a standout," Judy Rauch said. "Three floors were filled with art from New Mexico."

The last couple of

years, the Rauches have taken three trips to knock off the last of the state capitols. In Indianapolis, Ind., and Springfield, Ill., it rained buckets, making the travel challenging, but it was worth it, they said.

"We did three trips the last couple of years where we purposely went to the capitols," Tom Rauch said.

"Just to get this done," added Judy Rauch, who said she felt relief accomplishing the goal. "It's a nice patriotic feeling when you walk into a state capitol building."

Their final stop in Little Rock came with a bit of a

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The Encore Years: Arthur Bryant

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Many in Grosse Pointe may recognize Art Bryant's face or name. The 12-year Grosse Pointe Woods councilman and 49-year Grosse Pointe resident has been a regular around town a

long time.

But there's more to Bryant, 75, than council meetings and related appearances.

For starters, he's been delivering Meals on Wheels with The Helm around six years. A fellow councilman, Pete Waldmeir, turned him on

to the service.

"I'd not known about it," Bryant said. "He did it once a week. At some point ... just after Pete left council, I thought it would be a pretty good thing to be involved in. I really enjoy it. I've met a lot of nice people."

"Every time I go out and do this, I'm making a visit to people," he added. "It may be the only time that person sees someone during the day."

Volunteering is nothing new to Bryant, who has hosted neighborhood block parties the past 29 summers. When he's not spending time with his wife, two children, two stepchildren, four grandchildren and one great-

grandchild, he devotes time to his two other loves — the U.S. Naval Academy and Wayne State University.

The Southeastern High School graduate attended Wayne State for six months after high school while waiting to get into the Naval Academy. After passing a competitive exam to get into the academy, he stayed two years before leaving to start a family.

Though he left in 1964, his love of the Navy never left him.

"It's an aspect of education that's important to the entire country," he said. "For more than 40 years now, I've been running the alumni association for the Naval Academy here in the Detroit area. I also got involved in the Annapolis area with its alumni association. ... I'd go down, do a lot with CAG — Committee on Annual Giving — and some other committees. I enjoy it; it's not work."

Bryant also has contributed a considerable amount of time to Wayne State, from which he earned a liberal arts degree in 1971. He served as president of the alumni association and member of the Wayne State University Foundation board, among other roles. He currently is a member emeritus.

Additionally, he's involved with Hilberry Theatre, a program for students pursuing master of fine arts degrees in acting, directing, theater management, costuming or design management. Created in 1963, Hilberry Theatre is the oldest graduate repertory company in the U.S.

"My wife and I are co-presidents of The Understudies, which sup-



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Art Bryant

ports Hilberry Theatre," Bryant said, noting its mission is to build audiences and provide financial support for the company. "And 20 years ago, we started The Stage Parents, where you take on people in Hilberry company as your own child for a year or three years. ... If they didn't have anyplace to go for Thanksgiving, they'd come over for Thanksgiving dinner. Or you take them shopping at Christmas or to Greenfield Village or the Detroit Zoo, so they better appreciate their time at Wayne while they're here."

"We're still co-presidents of The Understudies and we always have run The Stage Parents program," he added. "It's an important school and does a lot for kids in the Detroit area and elsewhere. The school has really blossomed."

Bryant also continues to contribute to Ford Motor Co., where he was employed more than 30 years. However, he started his automotive career at Chrysler — a job that happened as a fluke.

"I walked in the wrong door," he said. "I was looking for general technicians, but I found central engineering. One

and a half years, I was there."

After catching wind his position might be eliminated, a coworker told him Ford was hiring in its tech services department. Bryant interviewed and got the job.

"I stayed at Ford 30 and a half years," he said. "I retired in 1997 at age 52."

It was after a luncheon celebrating his 30th work anniversary

Bryant told his wife, "I've got so much going on on the outside and with work, I'm either going to quit these activities or quit work. Three months later, I got the offer to retire. I loved the career, the time I had there."

While Bryant was at Ford, he became active in the American Society of Body Engineers, the offerings of which ranged from a bowling league to educational conferences. But what most interested him was the group's drafting contest; he was on the committee. Winners received cash prizes, he said.

The group also gave out scholarships to students at local colleges.

"I served as president for a while," he said. "The group mostly dissolved — it turned into a foundation — but it still has the drafting contest. And there's a golf outing every year in September."

Bryant's reason for continuing to get involved in various volunteer efforts and activities is simple.

"It keeps me alive," he said. "I think everybody who has the ability to do it should do it for the benefit of the community, of the country and of mankind. Find what you like and keep working."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council and the Zoning Board of Appeals, under the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 as amended, and Grosse Pointe Woods City Code of 2017 Chapter 50 - Zoning, will hold a Public Hearing on November 25, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council/Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 concerning the application to transfer ownership and location of an SDD license to the Kroger Co. of Michigan ("Kroger") located at 20422 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, from T&S Liquor Store, Inc., 3300 Joy Rd, Detroit, MI 48206. The application requires special land use approval from the City Council pursuant to Secs. 50-32 and 50-371(5) of the Grosse Pointe Woods Code. The application also requires a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals pursuant to Secs. 50-37(5) and 50-32(7). Agenda documents are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting.

Lisa Kay Hathaway
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bonus. State Treasurer Dennis Milligan spent quite a bit of time with them, including posing for a photo with the couple holding \$500,000 — a perk for visitors to the treasurer's office.

"The state treasurer in Little Rock was fabu-

lous," Judy Rauch said. "That was a nice way to end the whole journey."

Now that their quest is through, the Rauches are planning their next adventure, which may include visiting all the provinces in Canada, they said. In the meantime, they intend to revisit the capitol building in Lansing.

"We haven't been back

there for a while, so we're going to make a return trip," Judy Rauch said.

Added Tom Rauch, "We enjoy traveling and seeing different things. We've probably been influenced by our travels more than we realize. It's nice when we watch a documentary on TV and see a place we've been to and say, 'I remember that.'"

VETERANS:

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"Each year, The War Memorial seeks to build community through honoring and recognizing our local veterans with this very special breakfast," said Charles Burke, War Memorial president and CEO. "Our very foundation is

built on the shoulders of these brave men and women. Hosting this breakfast pales in comparison to the sacrifices that these individuals have made, but every veteran who walks through our doors or visits our campus reaffirms our commitment to patriotism and giving back to our military community."

As a special tribute, a table is reserved specifically for World War II veterans.

The event is free for veterans; veterans may bring one guest each at a cost of \$10. The event sells out nearly every year. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit warmemorial.org/veterans or call (313) 881-7511.

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Soccer

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights fall in state title game

 By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Looking for its first state title since 1999, the University Liggett School boys soccer team traveled to Novi High School to battle the squad it beat 20 years ago, Muskegon Western Michigan Christian.

This time around, head coach David Dwaihy knew his Knights would be in for a tight battle.

Neither team could score in regulation, and after the two 10-minute overtimes, the game remained scoreless.

In the shootout, senior Matthew Summers scored for the Knights,

but MWMC countered with goals from Brandon Fles and Isaac VanHoeven, which was the game winner as ULS lost 1-0.

The Knights' offense couldn't get on track as their prolific scorers, juniors Sheikh Manneh and Stewart Smith, were kept off the board.

ULS finished its season 18-3-1.

Dwaihy loses seniors Nolan Ondersma, Harry Durno, Daniel Barta, Sam Combs and Summers.

In the semifinal at Troy Athens High School, the Knights blanked Clarkston Everest Collegiate 5-0 on a cold,

windy, rainy night.

"It certainly wasn't as one-sided as the scoreline suggests," Dwaihy said. "Halftime helped the boys regroup and settle down, and we came out firing."

Manneh scored on a breakaway about 10 minutes into the half after a perfect through ball from Smith to get the Knights a 1-0 lead.

Minutes later, Manneh scored a nearly identical goal, this time put in by Ondersma and it was 2-0.

Summers made it 3-0 on a well-taken, curling free kick from just outside the box, and Ondersma scored a free

kick of his own from about 40 yards out, catching the Everest goalkeeper out of position by playing it in early.

Sophomore Alex George added the Knights' fifth goal off a pass from sophomore Stephen Fozo.

South honors

The Grosse Pointe South soccer team had 11 All-District honorees and two players, Connor Stencil and Rene' Robert, earned All-State.

In addition, Francesco Cilano was the District Coach of the Year after leading the Blue Devils to a Division 1 district championship.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

University Liggett School's Sheikh Manneh battles for the ball during the Knights' state title game.

Football

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Tough call beats South

 By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South used a last-second trick play to score what appeared to be the tying touchdown in last weekend's Division 1 district first-round playoff game against visiting Cass Tech.

Here is the play: Senior quarterback Alex Shaheen pitched the ball to sophomore wide receiver Will Johnson, who throws the touchdown pass to senior wide receiver A.J. Benson in the end zone on the last play of the game.

With the home fans celebrating and head coach Tim Brandon deciding to either kick the extra point to send the game to overtime or go for a game-winning two-point conversion, Cass Tech coaches complained the play was the result of an illegal forward pass.

After officials conferred, they threw the flag on the Blue Devils for an illegal forward pass.

They said Shaheen

didn't pitch the ball to Johnson, but threw it forward, and Johnson's forward pass was illegal.

So the touchdown didn't count and South lost 24-17 to end its season 7-3 overall.

"The kids played their hearts out for four quarters. They literally left it all on the field," Brandon said. "I couldn't be more proud of a group of young men. They made two dramatic comebacks, the second of which was taken away by a controversial, at best, call.

"This senior class will leave quite a legacy. Possibly the most successful class in the history of South football.

"They are also outstanding individuals in the community. They are truly what South football is all about."

Cass Tech scored the go-ahead touchdown with 44 seconds left in the game to take a 24-17 lead.

The Technicians used a power running game to lead 10-3 at the half.

Senior Ben Gabriion kicked a 28-yard field goal in the second quar-



Grosse Pointe South's A.J. Benson catches this alleged touchdown pass with no time left on the clock. The catch would not count, according to the officials after a lengthy discussion.

ter to account for the Blue Devils' scoring.

The Blue Devils defense was getting dominated at the line of scrimmage in the first half, but that changed after coordinator Chad Hepner made some adjustments led by senior linebacker James Doerer and senior end Nick Fannon.

The defense forced a punt on the first series of the third quarter, and the offense went to work.

Shaheen and Benson connected for a 57-yard touchdown pass, and Gabriion kicked the extra point to tie it 10-10 with 9:09 left in the third quarter.

Cass Tech fumbled on the ensuing possession and senior Sam Tucker recovered at the Blue Devils' 46-yard line.

Two Shaheen to Benson pass plays and a senior Owen Bollaert run offset three illegal motion penalties on the Blue Devils to put the ball inside Cass Tech's 10-yard line.

Sophomore Jonathan Drake was tackled and fumbled as he was about to reach the end zone. Cass Tech recovered to get possession at its 20-yard line, but once again the Blue Devils defense forced a three-

and-out.

The Blue Devils took advantage of a poor punt, and on third down Shaheen hit Benson for a 24-yard TD pass. Gabriion's PAT gave the home team a 17-10 lead late in the third quarter.

The Technicians used a 35-yard touchdown pass on a third-and-long to tie the game at 17 at the 9:53 mark of the fourth quarter.

Offensively, Shaheen completed 10 of 21 passes for 182 yards with two touchdowns and one interception.

Benson led the way with eight catches for 178 yards and the two TDs.

Bollaert had 10 carries for 36 yards and Drake carried the ball seven times for 30 yards.

Tucker recovered two fumbles and junior Max Gavagan recovered one as the Blue Devils forced three turnovers.

Brandon loses seniors Kevin McCarron, Shaheen, Bollaert, Gabriion, Devyn Griffin, Benson, Grant Hart, Makih Green, Liam Quick, Doerer, Michael Carrier, Charles Ulbrich, Fannon, Owen Chen, Noah Stahl, Caden McQueen, Noah Segletes, Aidan Walsh, Jon Clark and Tucker.

Cross country

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Navarre earns All-State

 By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Several area runners competed in last weekend's cross-country state championship meet at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Grosse Pointe North had two individuals, junior Preston Navarre and senior Jackie Albo, while Grosse Pointe South's runner was sophomore Jack Hurst. They competed in the Division 1 meet.

University Liggett School senior Ashton Pongratz in the boys meet, while the six-runner team ran in the girls meet. They competed in the Division 3 meet.

Navarre had the best results of all the runners, finishing 23rd with a time of 15:59.2 to earn All-State. In the boys meet, Plymouth senior Carter Solomon won with a time of 15:01.2.

"The weather was cold, windy and rainy," North boys head coach Diane Montgomery said. "Actually, right before the start of the boys Division 1 race, it was actually snowing. As this race was the last race of the day, the course was very torn-up and muddy. It was difficult racing conditions to say the least.

"This is the fastest time posted by a North runner at the state finals since 2006. Preston was dissatisfied with his performance because he was looking for a top 10 finish, but coach (Joe) Ciaravino and I were very proud of the way he gutted it out and perse-



COURTESY PHOTO

Preston Navarre

vered when he started to struggle late in the race. He learned a lot about himself out there on Saturday."

Also in the boys race, Hurst placed 203rd with a time of 17:30.7.

Albo was 214th with a time of 21:01.5, and Ann Arbor Pioneer senior Zofia Dudek easily won the girls meet with a time of 17:00.4, which almost 53 seconds ahead of the runner-up.

In the D3 boys meet, Pongratz was 189th with a time of 18:43.6, while Benzie Central freshman Hunter Jones was the champ with a time of 15:45.0.

The girls finished in the lower third of the 27 teams in the D3 girls race with sophomore Grace Govier-LaParl was the Knights' leading runner, taking 180th with a time of 22:31.6.

The Knights' other finishers were freshman Penelope Griffioen, 201st with a time of 23:07.5; senior Maggie Dunn,

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PHOTOS BY PAUL KANIA

Grosse Pointe South quarterback Alex Shaheen drops back to pass during the Blue Devils' playoff game against Cass Tech.

Volleyball

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA



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Champions

Our Lady Star of the Sea fifth- and sixth-grade girls volleyball team won the CYO C Division title this season with a 9-1 record. They started the season 4-0 before losing to Mount Clemens St. Mary's. They finished with a five-game winning streak, including winning the rematch with St. Mary's. Pictured above are, from left, back row, Meredith Dodenhoff, Coach John Cilluffo, Addie Peabody and Coach Sarah Wholihan; middle row, Ella Richardson, Sarah Dragich, Allie Deveroux, Bella McKeown, Kathryn Schaden, Alivia Bierkle and Emma Barr; and front row, Victoria Mangol, Katie McLeod and Lily Shanley.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils split final home meet

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls swimming and diving team closed out its home schedule last week, splitting a tri-meet.

The Blue Devils beat Detroit Country Day 137-48 and lost 107-78 to Bloomfield Hills Marian.

Head coach John Fodell watched his swimmers win a couple of events, including Olivia Yoo in the 200-yard freestyle as she posted a time of 1:57.71.

Yoo was also a close second in the 100-yard backstroke, turning in a time of 1:00.49. Marian's Lauren Sielicki won with a time of 1:00.34.

Sophie Schuetze won the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 59.92, and Caroline Rogers was first in diving with 180.45 points.

The Blue Devils took second in each of the three relays.

Marian earned the first-place finishes in each of the races.

Brooke Lezotte, Phoebe Handwork, Schuetze and Yoo had a time of 1:55.46 in the 200-yard medley relay, and the group of Phoebe Bedsworth, Jilliana Pilutti, Hannah Blanz and Hayden Barry posted a time of 1:45.56 in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

In the 400-yard freestyle relay, Yoo, Barry, Pilutti and Schuetze had a time of 3:48.31.

Taking third in the 200-yard medley relay (1:58.22) was the Blue Devils' team of Sienna Clark, Elizabeth Klepp, Genevieve Boutrous and Blanz. Schuetze was runner-up in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:15.00.

The Blue Devils took second through fifth place in the 50-yard freestyle with Blanz at 25.48, Bedsworth at 26.08, Ella Pazuchowski at 26.28 and Pilutti at

26.37. Barry was runner-up in the 500-yard freestyle, posting a time of 5:29.37, and Lezotte, Klepp, Clark and Pazuchowski placed third, fourth, fifth and sixth in the 100-yard backstroke with times of 1:01.02, 1:02.37, 1:03.60 and 1:04.49.

Grosse Pointe South finished the regular season 10-4 overall.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is the Macomb Area Conference Red Division Championship Meet Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 through Nov. 9, at Chippewa Valley.

The Blue Devils head into the division meet as the favorite to take the top spot.

Joining them at the meet are host Chippewa Valley, Grosse Pointe North, St. Clair and Utica Eisenhower.

The Division 2 state meet is Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22 and 23, at Oakland University.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils cruise

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls volleyball team kicked off its 2019 state playoff run with a 25-12, 25-6, 25-8 win over Eastpointe East Detroit in the first round of a Division 1 district tournament at Grosse Pointe North.

The Shamrocks put up a better battle than in year's past, but the Blue Devils had too much firepower.

In the opening game, seniors Cody Conlan, Caroline Zrimec and Elizabeth Hall, plus sophomore Jada Divita, recorded kills.

Junior Mary Fannon chipped in with three aces, and collecting a couple of blocks was Zrimec.

Senior Madeline Sullivan stepped up and was solid in serve receive.

The Blue Devils used 11 straight service points from sophomore Ellen Martin to put the game in the win column. The Blue Devils led 14-6 when she stepped up to serve.

When she was finished, the 11 straight ended the game. She had three aces, while senior Cailin Gallagher and Zrimec had four kills. Fannon added a couple

of aces, while Zrimec had one.

Divita had a couple of kills to run her total to six in the two games, and in game three she collected four kills and two blocks for points.

Senior Catherine Llope had back-to-back aces in the later stages of game three, and junior Kaitlyn Stafford added a couple of kills.

The Blue Devils used another long run of service points to put an end to the Shamrocks' season. This time, Zrimec had 14 straight.

Head coach Krysta Kreyger and her Blue Devils improved to 7-15-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen progress

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls volleyball team had a tune-up with four matches at Sterling Heights Stevenson before hosting a Division 1 district tournament.

"We had a decent night at Stevenson. We held our own," head coach Chelsea Brozo said. "Our serving, defense and blocking excelled tonight."

The Norsemen beat

Port Huron Northern 25-15, 21-25, 18-16, and lost 25-14, 25-21 to Stevenson; 25-21, 24-26, 15-9 to Romeo; and 25-16, 25-14 to Walled Lake Northern.

Senior Hannah Davis had 13 digs, five Aces and 25 serve receptions to be among the team leaders on defense, and junior Emma Sanderson nine digs.

Senior Caitlyn Watts had 40 assists to go with five aces, while junior Lindsey Brewer had 35

assists.

Offensively, senior Christina Braker finished with nine aces, 62 spike attempts, 20 kills and 16 blocks.

Freshmen Mary Schaden had 19 spike attempts, nine kills and five blocks, and freshman Annabelle Julien finished with 18 spike attempts, nine kills and eight blocks.

Grosse Pointe North takes a 3-29-2 record into the state district tournament.

Basketball

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He has trained five NBA draft picks, including Oakland University's Kay Felder.

"A.W. Canada is a basketball whisperer," said Academy Athletic Director and Grosse Pointe South girls basketball head coach Kevin Richards said. "He has trained some of my top players in both high school and

throughout college. Anyone looking for additional work during the season should take advantage.

I am looking forward to having the opportunity for boys and girls in Grosse Pointe."

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216th at 23:33.1; senior Ava Henness, 232nd at 24:49.1; junior Sophia Ma, 233rd at 24:59.5; and sophomore Emilia Bronk, 236th at 28:14.2. Stockbridge sophomore Rylee Tolson won the race with a time of 18:31.4.

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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