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## Bisballe resigns, cites lack of city leadership

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Ironically, while three council members were sworn into office during the Grosse Pointe Shores council meeting Tuesday, Nov. 19, Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Bisballe handed in a letter of resignation after the meeting adjourned.



COURTESY PHOTO

**Bruce Bisballe**

“Bruce is probably the sharpest city council person I ever worked with in 45 years,” former city manager Mark Wollenweber said. “(He) gets it really quickly. He understood administrative and legislative separation very well, where some of the other council people don’t seem to have that understanding. I’m

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Lighting up the night

City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Officer Chris Cotzias and sons, Christopher and Sawyer, helped light the tree with newly elected City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak and her grandson, Caleb Young. The City of Grosse Pointe’s annual tree-lighting ceremony Nov. 22 included Grosse Pointe South’s Pointe Singers singing carols, hot chocolate provided by the Grosse Pointe Boat Club and warming fires with s’mores sponsored by the City’s Parks and Recreation Department. Children wrote letters to Santa and reindeer Dancer and Vixen made an appearance. For more photos from the event, visit [grossepointenews.com](http://grossepointenews.com).

## Council supports Main Street Program

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — As the final item of new business at the City of Grosse Pointe council meeting Monday, Nov. 18, council unanimously voted to pass a resolution indicating the City’s support for meeting the commitments and principles of the Michigan Main Street Program.

council authorized an effort with the DDA and members of the community to begin and then we investigated and all agreed that we should move forward and notify the state of our intent to apply for the Main Street Grosse Pointe initiative,” City Manager Pete Dame said. “... The final step of council action is to pass a resolution that the state of Michigan requires, indicating our council’s formal support for the principles of Main Street and carrying out the requirements of the Main Street Program.”

If the City is selected for participation, the program would focus on revitalizing The Village through design, economic vitality, promotion and organization.

This follows the unanimous vote of the council. See SUPPORT, page 4A

## ‘Bells & whistles’ to be added to school intersections

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Student safety is getting a boost from technology at two busy intersections. City officials and administrators at Defer Elementary and Pierce Middle schools are working with Detroit’s Next Energy company to provide a new form of traffic regulation in the neighborhoods.

transporting them to the areas, creating some congestion and related concerns.

Next Energy, which specializes in community improvements including mobility and infrastructure, is providing Smart Cone technology, scheduled for installation at Kercheval and Nottingham, and St. Paul and Somerset in December, at no cost to the Park for a year. Using traffic sensors that alert both pedestrians and drivers, and features that include audio and signage, the technology is a welcome solution, says

City Manager Nick Sizeland.

“It’s going to bring awareness to the crossing pedestrians and reduce the speed of traffic,” Sizeland said.

Describing Smart Cone’s “bells and whistles” as beneficial, Sizeland said a Next Energy grant that supports installation and operation was recommended by Park resident Melissa Smith. Smith, a Next Energy media relations employee, said Wayne State University was the original intended recipient of Smart Cone, but various factors left the

grant unused and available to the Park.

“Obviously, for selfish reasons, I was happy to go to them” to suggest the grant, Smith said.

She’d learned about issues that had been mentioned at St. Paul and Somerset.

“I knew from some friends of mine and from seeing it mostly in Facebook groups that the intersection was a concern for residents,” she said.

Using real-time automation, not only does Smart Cone alert drivers and

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## City addresses vacant council seat; officials take oath of office

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The first item of business at the City of Grosse Pointe council meeting Monday, Nov. 18, was addressing the council seat vacancy left by Sheila Tomkowiak when she was elected mayor Nov. 5.

The city charter reports that

vacancies on council should be filled via appointment by the majority of council members.

It also states there is no specific timeframe in which an appointment must take place.

“My first duty as mayor will be to work with the council to identify a consensus candidate who will be the best person to help us lead the City of Grosse Pointe forward,” Tomkowiak

said. “I suspect that that’ll take a little time and since I’ve been mayor for eight, nine minutes now, I think we need a little more time to figure out how we’re going to do that and make sure we get the best possible candidate.”

Additionally, Tomkowiak, Municipal Judge Russell F. Ethridge and councilmen Donald Parthum, John

Stempfle and Terence Thomas took the oath of office before the meeting began.

“Throughout our campaign, my husband kept saying that this is a team sport and he’s right,” Tomkowiak said. “I never played sports and I have to say it felt like being on a championship team ... when

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**Mike Dodge**  
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Tinkerer turned hobby into family tradition



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# El's Boutique closing storefront at year's end

## Owner's trunk shows will offer ladies' fashions

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

After 31 years of retail in The Village, Ellen Durand is ready to take her show on the road.

Durand, owner of El's Boutique, is closing the doors to her storefront at year's end. In its place, she'll continue to sell ladies' fashions and accessories at trunk shows, bringing her wares to homes and other locations, locally and elsewhere.

"I'm semi-retiring," she said. "I need a change. But I still like the ladies' retail. That's why I want to do trunk shows. I like being one-on-one with people; I still want to have a shopping experience for people."

"Enhance Your Look Trunk Shows by El's Boutique" are available by appointment; parties must be booked with 10 or more ladies, she said. The client provides something to sip and something to nibble on,

while Durand brings a selection of the same top-quality ladies' items that have enticed customers to El's the last six years.

"I'll have a lot with me, so there's no ordering," she said. "I'll have a lot of one-size-fits-all items that look great on any body type — things that will enhance your wardrobe. And jewelry, purses, scarves, gloves, all at good price points. It'll be a fashion fun party."

Durand, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, is no stranger to retail. Prior to El's Boutique, she and her mother, Nancy Renick, ran Village Toy Company for 25 years. She said she's grateful to everyone who supported her retail efforts the last 31 years.

"I'm so grateful to The Village and everybody — and to Bev Leinweber, Mike Kramer, my mom," she said. "They're my mentors. Those three taught me everything,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Ellen Durand will close El's Boutique, after six years in The Village, at the end of the year.

not only in retail, but how to volunteer in a business setting.

"It's an amazing place to have a business," she

added. "Over the years, people have been very supportive and personal — they're my friends now. ... And I'm going to

miss the young girls coming in — the 'oohs' and 'aahs,' touching everything and smelling everything."

Until Dec. 31, literally everything at El's Boutique is on sale, currently marked at 20 percent off. Durand is not going to bring in new inventory, so when it goes, it's gone.

However, she plans to continue to sell one of her most popular kids' items — personalized piggy banks.

"They're hand-painted," she said. "It's a great first birthday gift."

Through the end of the year, El's Boutique is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. The week of Christmas, the shop will extend its hours until 8 p.m.

To reach El's Boutique, call (313) 571-3044.

To book a trunk show, call Durand at (313) 889-8132 or email elsboutique@yahoo.com.

## VACANCY:

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you work really hard and people are all pulling together and caring about the same vision, the same goals, the same direction. I would like to see that attitude spread to our time together on council and with city staff, so that we can set goals, decide what our strategy is going to be and work together to get there and I'm really looking forward to that."

Following his oath, Ethridge announced this next four-year term as

municipal judge will be his last.

"I've been the judge since 1998 and the council's changed, the big chair's changed occasionally, but one thing that hasn't changed is my love for this community and for the great support I've had over the 21 years and particularly from this council," he said.

"No matter how this council was composed, they have always cared for the court, have been interested in justice and for making our court usable, accessible and for that I thank all of

you for all of your support over these many years."

Newly-elected Thomas thanked friends and family, particularly his wife, LaShanda, for their support immediately following his oath.

He is the first black person to be elected to council in the Grosse Pointes.

"When we started the campaign, I just want to let you know that history was not the pursuit," he said. "It was just rather some neighbors and others said, 'You know, I think you ought to run and you have something

to offer,' and that was the sole objective. I'm just really grateful and humbled by so many people giving their faith and trust in a newcomer in politics, but I give my word that I will do my very best to serve all of you well."

Before entering into council business, Tomkowiak took a moment to thank former mayor Chris Boettcher for his 10 years of service to the council.

"He served honorably and we wish the best for him, his wife Jenny and the rest of his family," she said.

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# Santa Claus Parade lineup In order of appearance

The following is the order of participants in the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, which begins at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29. The parade is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

## Group A

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Honor Guard Mounted Police POW/MIA Grosse Pointe Fire & Police Trucks War Memorial Military Vehicles Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods Mayors Grosse Pointe City Councils and Managers Woody Wagon Grosse Pointe Historical Society EyesOn Design American House ARC Louisa St. Clair Daughters of the American Revolution

## Group B

Detroit Firemen Clown Corps Wayne County Community College District Firetruck Racing for Kids Firetruck Grosse Pointe Community Chorus Grosse Pointe South High School Dance Team Kercheval Dance Red Barons Cheerleaders Grosse Pointe South Marching Band St. Paul Catholic School Sine & Monaghan Realtors Ghostbusters Detroit The Family Center Grosse Pointe News/Magazine

## Group C

Richard Girl Scouts No. 76501 DTE Float The Hill Association Beaumont Kerby Cub Scouts Pack 481 PFLAG Village Palm Chandler Park High School Marching Band Michigan Fast Pitch Softball Team Edward Jones — Lorrena Black University Liggett School Mason Cub Scouts Pack 290 SideStreet Diner

## Group D

Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe Float Capricious Morning Glory Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan No. 70399 De La Salle Marching Band Aitken & Ormond Insurance Belding Cleaners Maire Cub Scout Pack 19 Lions Club Float Distinguished Young Women Grosse Pointe Girls Diamond Softball League Grosse Pointe South High School Varsity Club Clown Corps

## Group E

Faircourt Dental Float Hampton, Fox & Associates Casali Dance Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Gearheads Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage Ecorse High School Marching Band Northern Trust Small Favors Bulldogs Hockey Club Batman & Robin Grosse Pointe Theatre Stilt-Man

## Group F

Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods NAACP Ascension Shrine Lancers Harper Woods High School Marching Band Dickie, McCamey, Chicolte P.C. Merrill Lynch — A Bank of America Company Trombly Cub Scout Pack 86 Redford Unicycle Club Savvy Chic Boutique Focus 313 Eyecare Girl Scout Troop 76684 TCBY Mascot

## Group G

Fitzgerald High School Marching Band Grosse Pointe Geek Wakefield, Sutherland & Lubera, PLC Monteith Pack 85 Big Heads Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation I “heart” GP Kerby No. 76240 Charlie the Butterfly Kerby No. 75698 Bolton-Johnston Realtors LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologists Golden Retriever Group Grosse Pointe Academy Dog House Float

## Group H

Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors Skillman Float — The Boys Of Summer (live performance) American Boating Detroit Boat Club Adam Steiner & his pink boat Grosse Pointe Public Library Jumps Restaurant Grosse Pointe City Foundation Defer Elementary School Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Eastside Tennis & Fitness

## Group I

City of Grosse Pointe Woods Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan No. 71293 Grosse Pointe North High School Marching Band Wellness Train Christmas Carole Santa Claus

# Village parking structure to undergo second phase of improvements

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Following the recent concrete repairs on The Village Municipal Parking Structure, the City is preparing to continue improvements with a lighting replacement project.

Council unanimously voted to contract the project to Eco Green Energy LLC — the company was the lowest bidder and has worked with Grosse Pointe Farms and Ford Field, among others — for \$44,528.75 during the



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Lighting replacement in The Village Municipal Parking Structure will take place later this winter.**

meeting Monday, Nov. 18, with the cost of the project coming out of the parking

fund.

According to Public Services Director Pete Randazzo, the LED lights

will be more energy efficient and “are whiter and brighter than the existing lights, which will enhance the feeling of security and provide better clarity for our security cameras in the parking structure.”

The lighting replacement is expected to take place later this winter, City Manager Pete Dame reported.

First, the City plans to test different kilowatt levels. Then it will take four to six weeks to get the lights, followed by approximately three weeks to

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## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, DEC. 2

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

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m. at the Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr. A holiday party follows the regular meeting.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 5 TO SATURDAY, DEC. 7

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Polar Express, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Advanced registration is required. The heated bus departs from city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza. Cost is \$8.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 6

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Holiday Social, 1 to 4 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 7

◆ Lunch with Santa, 10:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr., Grosse Pointe Park. Cost is \$10 per child, \$5 per adult.



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## 4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

## Park man turns tinkering into family tradition

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

It's been 25 years since Mike and Sally Dodge first said "I do."

In honor of their first Christmas as husband and wife, Mike Dodge chopped off the stump of their Christmas tree and stored it in the basement. The following Thanksgiving weekend, it caught his eye and he decided to fashion it into a miniature tree as a gift to his wife.

He did the same thing the next year, using the stump from the prior year to create a new piece of art.

"Then my wife said, 'Why don't you do it again?'" he said. "So I did it again and the next year and the next year. Then it got out of hand."

Now, 25 years later, the Dodge mantel is rife with wooden works of art he's created throughout their marriage.

Dodge has self-imposed rules he follows for this tradition. He waits until Thanksgiving weekend to start, he has to finish by Christmas and he can only use glue along with the stump's wood and bark.

Inspired by events from each year, Dodge's creations vary. The year they moved to Grosse Pointe, he recreated the clock that stretches over Kercheval in The Village and paid homage to Bayview Yacht

Club with an anchor. When his children — Jessica, a freshman at Eastern Michigan University, and Ryan, a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South High School — started getting good at piano and cello, respectively, he painstakingly made the instruments out of wood. On their 20th anniversary, he made a replica fireplace, complete with a mantel upon which sat miniatures of every piece he'd made so far.

"I try to stay away from reindeer or Santa Claus," he said. "I can't make that stuff."

But what he can make are a grandfather clock with a swinging pendulum, a three-car train with wheels that roll around a track and an ice rink with his skating family on it, created the year Campus Martius opened.

Dodge always has been a tinkerer. While at Michigan State University — where he earned a degree in physics — he worked as a carpenter's assistant.

"I was interested in it before that and after, I kept it as a hobby," he said.

Dodge also enjoys working on cars, skiing and sailing. Two years ago, he became an "Old Goat," racing in his 25th Bayview to Mackinac Race. He's completed 27 to date, even winning a



Mike Dodge stands in front of his mantel, which bears 25 years worth of his woodworking.

few, he said.

Dodge volunteers his time at Bayview with its Adult Learn to Sail program. He's also in charge of the club's fireworks and Halloween displays.

"Christmas I'm pretty good at, but Halloween is my specialty," he said. "My first year, I built a 22-foot-tall and 15-foot-long pirate ship. Every year since then, we've had a massive Halloween party here. We blow out Halloween, so I was volunteered to be the official Halloween guy for Bayview."

"And I'm in charge of

fireworks, not just for Bayview, but other places," he added. "I'm kind of a firebug."

Dodge, a longtime subscriber to the Michigan Opera Theatre and Detroit Symphony Orchestra, works in information technology with Allied Financial. Prior to his banking gig, he worked at the Detroit Medical Center in the radiation oncology department, where he helped design a piece of machinery used in the field.

"I can build things more than just out of wood," he



Above, a replica mantel, complete with miniature carvings, was made on Dodge's 20th anniversary. Left, Dodge carved a piano and cello in honor of his daughter's and son's hobbies.

PHOTOS BY JODY MCVEIGH

said. "I can build robots, too."

"I got involved in electronics and robotics because, well, it's fascinating, but I've always fixed things," he said. "I used to check out books from the library and fix TVs and stereos. I taught myself how."

"I'm really lucky to have a cool family and group of friends who nurtured and helped me with the things I liked to do," he added. "All the things I liked to play with, somehow I got aligned with these people. And they're all sailors too. The people you get

hooked up with are what guides you along."

Though Dodge has no idea what he'll craft out of last year's Christmas tree stump, he'll soon be hard at work in his basement workshop where he'll cut the stump into slices, fine-tune them using refining tools and partake in "lots of sanding, lots of sawdust."

"Part of me likes to say this is just a piece of wood; millions of them get thrown away every year," he said. "But look what you can do with it with a little bit of time."

## BELLS:

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pedestrians, including the visually impaired, to speed and other factors, it can be customized to collect numbers about the den-

sity of traffic.

"The real benefit to the city is delivering safety to the residents, but also data-crunching," added Smith.

DTE Energy will have to complete work at both intersections in order for

Smart Cone to be installed, but the two sites should be operative before the end of the year, Sizeland said. The Park may continue Smart Cone's use after the first year at a cost of \$1,000.

The product came to

Next Energy's attention as a result of the "Next Challenge," a technology competition held by the company, Smith said. The Park might become just the second city to incorporate Smart Cone, which is being used in Hampstead,

Ontario, Canada.

Sizeland said additional measures to improve school-area safety include a survey by the Traffic Improvement Association to examine crosswalks, signage and safe student drop-off and pick-up loca-

tions.

With Next Energy's support, the city and schools expect to reduce potential hazards, Sizeland added. "All three of us are working really hard at improving our school safety."

## SUPPORT:

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mous decision of council at the Sept. 16 meeting to

pledge up to \$50,000 toward the program if selected and if matched by private funds.

The resolution commits the city to minimum

participation requirements such as having a full-time program director, active board of directors and committees, adequate funding and participation at required trainings and services.

The resolution also expresses intent to meet the Ten Standards of Performance set by the Nation Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center. These include having broad-based community support, a developed mission and vision statements, a comprehensive Main Street work plan and a historic preservation ethic.

"These resolutions will then go into the application and hopefully all of our hard work of the DDA and all of the people that have been helping the DDA with this initiative will result in the designation of our downtown as a Main Street community in the spring of 2020," Dame said.

The DDA will vote on a slightly different but still standard Main Street resolution during its Monday, Dec. 2 meeting, which starts at 6:30 p.m. The location was not set by press time.

It is anticipated that the DDA should approve the resolution without a

hitch, according to Dame.

The official application for the Michigan Main Street Program is due Dec. 6, and currently still being worked on by the City due to its extent.

"What we need the most, still, is expressions of support from the community, from residents, from businesses, from property owners and you can do that by sending an email to mainstreetgrossepointe@gmail.com or by filling out the pledge form that's on The Village website," Dame said. "That pledge form asks if you'd be willing to volunteer or up for a Main Street committee or

be on the Main Street board, or if you just want to say, 'Yes, we think it's a great idea to help The Village.' We're looking for including in the application expressions of community support for the effort."

Once the application is submitted, the City will have an opportunity to address any potential issues with it before City officials present it to the Main Street Advisory Board, which ultimately makes the decision, in January.

"We should know sometime in the spring whether or not we're selected," Dame said.

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## City of Grosse Pointe

No new incident reports.

— Laurel Kraus

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## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Fleeing after theft

When officers were dispatched to a gas station in the 19000 block of Mack at 2:11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, for a retail fraud in progress, they arrived to find a silver Ford Explorer leaving the location at a high rate of speed.

Attempts to pull the vehicle over were unsuccessful, but the license plate number was obtained and the suspects were described to be men in their 40s, with one wearing a gray hoodie and the other a black jacket.

Alcohol and anti-freeze were among the stolen items totaling \$145.93.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## Tabs aren't bumper stickers

A 29-year-old Roseville man was pulled over at Moross and Chandler Park at 4:52 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, after multiple license plate tabs on his vehicle made it unclear whether the registration was up to date, which led to a Secretary of State check showing there was no verified insurance on file.

He was issued a citation and the vehicle was impounded.

## Not a great poker face

Officers arrested two men after the driver of a vehicle was visibly startled when he realized a police vehicle was behind him in a turnaround on Mack at McKinley at 4:46 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20.

The 34-year-old Detroit driver admitted he was

unlicensed and had unpaid tickets. LEIN also showed a felony child neglect warrant and traffic offense warrant for the man. He was arrested for having no insurance, driving while license suspended, a traffic complaint and a felony arrest warrant.

The 30-year-old Detroit passenger provided two false names to officers before a LEIN check on his real name revealed two outstanding warrants, for which he was arrested.

— Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

No new incident reports.

— Laurel Kraus

Report information

about crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Hunger games

A \$9 chicken meal was taken from a 29-year-old woman in a strong-arm robbery at a restaurant in the 19700 block of Mack around 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21.

The woman identified her ex-boyfriend, who was in the store when she arrived, as the suspect.

She entered the restaurant while chatting on her cell phone. While she was distracted by her phone call, she said her ex snatched the order from her hands and fled the store in a Chevrolet Equinox. Chicken bites, potatoes and a small-sized beverage were taken in the incident.

## Knife attack

A 40-year-old woman was arrested for felonious assault after she allegedly attacked her daughter in the 1900 block of Vernier around 3 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 20.

The woman and her daughter began arguing and the conflict escalated when the daughter told her mother's boyfriend to leave the home.

Following a tussle, the suspect threatened her daughter and attacked her with a knife, causing a cut to the victim's abdomen. The daughter and her sister wrestled the knife away from the suspect before public safety officers arrived.

The victim declined treatment for her injury.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Carjacking

A woman's vehicle and purse were taken at gunpoint in the 14000 block of Charlevoix at 7:43 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.

The woman was approached by two men, one of them carrying a pistol, when she parked.

The vehicle was later recovered by Detroit Police and the suspects were arrested.

## Flag-snatching

A maroon and gold-colored Boston College flag was stolen from the front of a home in the 1400 block of Harvard between 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, and 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

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## RESIGN:

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really sorry because I think it's a loss for the city and certainly for the staff people, because his (work) as the finance chair was just outstanding."

Bisballe is credited with creating the finance committee when he was elected eight years ago.

"I said I want three people and I want the department heads in the meeting," Bisballe said. "That had never been done before in the village. The budget was prepared by the city manager exclusively. The finance director did not participate in that. I said that's not the way it's going to be."

Bringing his background as a CPA and attorney to the position, Bisballe helped the city earn its AAA rating; updated the infrastructure of the community, including replacing street lights that were 100 years old with LED lights; and upgraded the heating, cooling, air conditioning and other utilities, which saves the city approximately \$100,000 annually.

"In that same period of time, we've had clean audit reports, no financial irregularities, no discrepancies and have provided labor contract stability," Bisballe said. "When I came into office, we were about to go into 302 arbitration with the public safety officers. We quickly got that resolved and have had good labor relations since that point and have provided wage increases to all our staff year over year, which heretofore hadn't happened."

Bisballe came to the decision to resign "simply because I do not feel that the council's current composition nor the leadership of the mayor is compatible with what I see going forward."

Many of the issues began when Bisballe proposed addressing the city's retiree healthcare costs with a half-mill tax increase and got no support from the rest of council.

"Everyone was quite proud of the fact we didn't increase taxes," he said. "Well, a nickel now saves you a dollar in the future."

The recent construction of the Osius Park gatehouse also is a point of contention.

According to Bisballe, a \$200,000 project to resurface the parking lot and tennis court grew into a \$700,000 new entranceway and gatehouse with little discussion of operational costs.

"The Shores had a reputation, at least for the last eight years I would think, of being very fiscally prudent, really tightly run, no waste," he said, "and (now) people have agendas and they're promoting those agendas with their projects and other stuff and the mayor hasn't chosen to define the boundaries, keep the controls in place. He acquiesces to that and it's costing the community more money than it would necessarily cost."

The former councilman especially noted the tone set at council meetings by Mayor Ted Kedzierski, claiming a lack of leadership during disagreements between council members.

"I look to the mayor to say, 'OK, you two knock it off,' or 'Let's get to the bottom of it and settle it once and for all,' and I get head (looking) down at the table," Bisballe said.

Regarding disagreements between council members, Kedzierski said, "I'm not sure I'm the arbiter of that. I think all discussion should be civil. Certainly nothing should be threatening. It should be done in a very thoughtful, civil manner. We don't always have to agree. We can respectfully disagree, and I think that's one of the hallmarks of my administration that when

we disagree, we can get together and we can have a coffee together or we can be civil to one another together."

Kedzierski did cite support of creating an ethics policy for council in the near future. He brought up the same idea around 2014, he said, and was told by the city attorney that it was not necessary because it was already part of the Michigan statutes.

As it stands, the city charter is limited in terms of disciplining council members, he added.

"I think that void is causing issues in the city, certainly from members of the public and people coming to the council meetings recently," Kedzierski said. "I think we've been criticized for not having some guidelines in place."

The recent retirement of Wollenweber also played a part.

"I would say the most disruptive or disturbing thing that occurred, to me, was the departure of Mark (Wollenweber) and the way it was handled," Bisballe said.

Wollenweber was voted out of his position in August without a succession plan in place, leaving the Shores with no city manager for nearly two months.

"Mark was the same person the day we hired him as the day he left," Bisballe said. "He didn't do anything any differently. He didn't violate any rules. He didn't do anything like that. He continued to perform his job in the best manner that he was capable of and to me, it was more than satisfactory."

Kedzierski said he encouraged Wollenweber prior to his departure to bring in some junior people who might be viewed as potential future candidates for the position, but that never took place.

"We're going to greatly miss Bruce (is) the bottom line," Kedzierski said. "He was just a tremendous talent and I always thought he was the smartest one on the council and I've said that, and he provided very good guidance and very good leadership."

Bisballe's current plans moving forward revolve around going to Florida for the winter like he has done the past eight years, only now, he will no longer fly back to attend council meetings on his own dime.

"I wish the city the very best in its endeavors," Bisballe said. "I've told the department heads that if I can help them in any form or fashion, I would do that. I would be more than glad to serve in a citizen's role in any capacity to do that."

"I have no hard feelings toward the community or anybody on the council for that matter. I don't have time for that stuff in my life. I don't carry those kind of things. I'm just not going to be part of this lack of leadership."

"Somebody's got to stand up and say something and I guess it's me. I think I can be more effective by doing this than just continuing to bump my head against the wall."

It has not yet been

determined who will fill the council seat vacated by Bisballe.

"The city charter says the council picks someone to fill the vacant seat for the balance of Bisballe's term," Shores City Clerk Bruce R. Nichols said via email. "It needs to be voted on in an open meeting of council."

So, unless the council notices up a 'special' meeting, the earliest would be the December meeting."

The selected person will serve until the November 2020 election when residents will vote on a candidate to fill the final year of Bisballe's term.

## LIGHTS:

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install.

"The disruption for the light installation will not be as extensive as with the concrete repairs," Dame added via email.

The lights should last 20 years and will pay for themselves in about three and a half to four years, according to Randazzo.

"Annual savings from this project are estimated to be at least \$7,106," he said.

Approximately \$6,000 in rebates from DTE Energy for installing energy efficient lighting is expected, as well.

"Anything that's going

to pay for itself over time and take less energy sounds good to me," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said.

The parking structure improvements were put in motion after an audit of the structure earlier this year by Rich and Associates, the parking structure's design and engineering firm, who determined concrete repairs, lighting replacements with LED and revenue control replacement were needed.

"We are planning to meet with a Village stakeholder group in December to get input on the revenue control equipment before taking anything to council," Dame said via email.



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OUR VIEW

A Thanksgiving proclamation

Notwithstanding dinner table discourse, Thanksgiving is considered our most unifying secular national holiday. As Ted Widmer, editor of the two-volume set "American Speeches" for the Library of America and author of "Lincoln on the Verge: Thirteen Days to Washington," coming out in the spring, wrote in the New York Times, "There are no blue-state versions and red-state versions" of how we celebrate Thanksgiving.

President Abraham Lincoln issued the Thanksgiving proclamation during a time of great political division while the Civil War was raging. Written by then Secretary of State William H. Seward, with edits by the president, the proclamation, Mr. Widmer suggests, "might do good service again in a nation that could use words of healing."

We agree and republish it here for your edification and wish all our readers a happy Thanksgiving.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

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Pure Grosse Pointe

What would the holidays be without the K-Line trolley? Not as fun, for sure! Equally traditional are the annual tree lightings throughout the Pointes. This year's festivities in The Village included reindeer, much to the delight of children, including the little girl, below. Happy Thanksgiving!



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Kitchen Memorial Foundation

To the Editor: The Gloria and Thomas Kitchen Memorial Foundation would like to extend many thanks to every individual and business who supported our recent fundraiser Oct. 19 at Assumption Cultural Center.

Only through the generosity of so many was this foundation able to raise approximately \$20,000 to benefit those suffering from cystic fibrosis, at the annual fundraiser started 22 years ago by my late sister, Gloria Kitchen, in memory of our brother, Thomas.

Recent therapies made possible only by continued research are dramatically improving the lives of those afflicted by this disease. It is this foundation's hope to continue to extend the life of those suffering from cystic fibrosis.

We would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their generous sponsorships: Platinum: Backer

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In addition, I extend many thanks to a fantastic committee of dedicated family and friends who generously donated their time in planning and executing this event. God bless you!

STEPHANIE KITCHEN LISTMAN  
Event Chairperson

Fire gawkers

To the Editor: The Grosse Pointes have suffered tragic fires over the last several weeks. Beautiful lives were lost that can never ever be replaced. The tragedy was horrific and will always linger on the minds of the beautiful family destroyed.

Although lives can never be replaced, homes can and most likely will

be rebuilt. Beautiful historic homes have been taken, homes with many memories and happy times that will never be again.

I live across the street from a beautiful historic home that succumbed to fire early Saturday morning (Nov. 16). It is not a pretty sight, nothing to gawk at; the family lost everything in that fire that ripped apart their lives.

"Stuff" can be replaced, pictures and sentimental articles cannot ever be replaced.

The saddest part of the tragedy for me has been witnessing the steady stream of cars up and down Roslyn stopping to stare at the burned out shell of a home, physically getting out of their cars to take pictures of another family's nightmare and tragedy, some bold enough to try to go under the police barricades and one thoughtless enough to fly a drone over and inside the burned home.

What has happened to mankind, don't they have anything better to do than gawk at other people's tragedy?

When there is a tragedy that you read or hear of, please don't stop and stare at the horrific destruction. Show some respect for the family and the surrounding neighbors and try to understand the horrific emptiness and sadness they are feeling and will continue to feel for a very long time.

KAREN PFEIFFER  
Grosse Pointe Shores



I SAY By John Minnis

# A sweet idea during Thanksgiving



**G**rosse Pointe Rotary has come up with a “sweet” idea — and just in time for the holidays.

As readers may recall, the Grosse Pointe News has been working in partnership with Rotary to redo its Tot Lot at St. Clair and Waterloo to make it ADA compliant and ADHD friendly.

In 1973, Grosse Pointe Rotary designed and installed the initial Tot Lot play park for children 2 to 5 years of age. Then, in 1997-98, the club performed a true makeover of the original park and invested significantly in park improvements.

This year, Rotary launched a financial campaign to “reimagine” the Tot Lot with new play equipment and safety surfaces. The cost: \$250,000.

The campaign began Aug. 1. Readers of the Grosse Pointe News have been watching the thermometer inch up

throughout the summer and fall. To date, we have raised \$240,564 — less than \$10,000 from our goal! That’s worth giving thanks for, Grosse Pointe!

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This is the perfect opportunity for those who want to participate in our wonderful Tot Lot program. So buy one box. Buy 10. Buy 100 boxes!

Lastly, I cannot let Thanksgiving go by without mentioning that, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation’s 34th annual survey of classic items

found on the Thanksgiving Day dinner table, the average cost of this year’s feast for 10 is \$48.91, or less than \$5 per person. This is a one cent increase from last year’s average of \$48.90.

The centerpiece on most Thanksgiving tables — the turkey — costs slightly less than last year, at \$20.80 for a 16-pound bird. That’s roughly \$1.30 per pound, down 4 percent from last year. The survey results show that retail turkey prices are the lowest since 2010.

So happy Turkey Day and sweet dreams!

## YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

### 1944

75 years ago this week

**WOODS WILL HOLD SPECIAL ELECTION ON LAND PURCHASE:** A special election will be held in the village of Grosse Pointe Woods in December to decide whether or not the village will purchase a 44-acre tract of land for the purpose of building a new municipal building and creating new recreational facilities.

The proposed site is on the west side of Mack Avenue between the south tier of lots on Kenmore Avenue and north tier of lots on Huntington Road.

**PARK BUILDING CODES WILL BE OVERHAULED:** Manager Lane of the Park wants the village building ordinance, the plumbing code and the zoning ordinance all overhauled. All of these instruments are of such longstanding that they have grown obsolete in many details.

Mr. Lane urged that this work, which is formidable, should be undertaken as soon as possible, not only to modernize the village’s procedure, but particularly with respect to the extensive building program which is expected to be underway in the whole Pointe region soon after the end of the war.

### 1969

50 years ago this week

**NEW SCHOOL ELECTION DATE SET:** Members of the Grosse

Pointe Board of Education at a special meeting voted to hold another special school millage election Monday, Jan. 26.

At that time, Pointe voters will have the opportunity to once again vote on Proposition I, which is an operating millage proposition of 25.45 mills, monies from which will maintain the current public school educational program.

Of this, 18.5 mills are renewal and 6.95 additional.

Proposition I was defeated at a special schools election Nov. 11. Two other school millage propositions also failed in November.

**PETITIONS BEING CIRCULATED TO OBTAIN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS:** Hold everything, “fast time” advocates! The issue of Daylight Saving Time (DST) in Michigan might not be a dead one after all.

Although “fast time” got shot out of the saddle in the Nov. 5, 1968, election by just 488 votes, following the closest recount in Michigan’s history, a special opinion by State Attorney General Frank Kelley has cleared the way for an initiatory petition drive to try another vote to put the state on Daylight Saving Time.

Presently, Michigan and Arizona are the only two states out of the total 50, which do not observe DST.

**Obituaries:** Florence Roney Beery, Charles A. Berry, Edmond M. Boullard, Gabriel Chopp, Mabel Engel, Ida Goodsmith, Charles Hartman, Louise Jackson, Isabell Kantner, Merritt Lamb, Hildagard McCarthy, Christine Musgrove, Henry Thomas Platz, Charles S. Porritt, Jane M. Simpson

### 1994

25 years ago this week

**WOODS WORKERS AGREE TO CONTRACT:** More than year after the last contract expired, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council and the members of AFSCME Local 1121 have finally agreed on a new contract.

Under the new contract, city employees will receive three separate pay raises. While employees will receive a raise, they also will have to pay more of their health care costs.

**SECOND ‘SURPRISE SUSPECT’ CHARGED IN BUS STOP MURDER:** Although Grosse Pointe Park police said they were looking for

two male suspects in the 1992 fatal bus stop robbery at Wayburn and Jefferson, the second suspect they have in custody is a woman.

**Obituaries:** Mary C. Berendsohn, Doris J. Brownell, Mary E. Charbonneau, Lisa Lorraine Dankis, Mary Lou Deane Luedders, Marjorie O. Nyman, Gladys Gabel Randolph, Charles Lewis Taylor, Theodore John Wilner

### 2009

10 years ago this week

**NO PUBLIC PARKING ON ST. CLAIR BELOW VILLAGE:** Residents of a block of St. Clair south of the Village commercial dis-

trict have won their war with shoppers who hog on-street parking.

Interlopers on St. Clair between Kercheval and St. Paul will be forbidden and on-street parking spots reserved for residents.

**TAVERN OWNER THREATENED:** The new owner of a tavern on The Hill told police last week that he and his

family were threatened by a representative of a liquor supplier.

The tavern’s previous owner allegedly owed the supplier money for alcohol purchased with bounced checks.

**Obituaries:** Panagiota “Pauline” Elanges, Barbara Patricia Schriever, Norman L. Stocking

— Karen Fontanive

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# Giving thanks

## District leaders recognize staff who go above and beyond

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Among many blessings Grosse Pointe Public School System principals count this Thanksgiving holiday, employees who conduct important work outside the classroom are among them. These range from administrative staff on the front lines who answer phones and greet visitors to behind-the-scenes engineers who keep the buildings in running order.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Defer Principal Lisa Rheume is thankful for Cortney Foka, above, and her dedication to students.**

### Valuable assistance

One of the largest groups of employees in the district after teachers is paraprofessionals, according to Maureen Bur, director of secondary education. Formerly known as classroom assistants, 105 of a total of 137 paraprofessionals in the district assist with supporting students with special needs in the least restrictive environment, whether it's part of a categorical program, a resource room or within the general education setting, Bur said. The remainder assist in computer labs and library/media centers.

Trombly Elementary School Principal Walt Fitzpatrick commended computer paraprofessional Stephanie Niesch, who assumes responsibility for the morning news announcements, classroom paraprofessionals

Erin Paradise, Gail Emmons and Kim Gollehur, "who provide the love and support for so many of our kids," and library paraprofessional Eva Orlowski, who supports the libraries at Trombly and Defer Elementary School.

Defer Principal Lisa Rheume agreed paraprofessionals play an important role. She said Defer is particularly "thankful for Cortney Foka for her dedication to students. Every day she shares her smile and will help students as needed. She takes time to connect with all of the first graders at Defer."

At Maire Elementary School, Carol Brozo "steps up to support our entire building," according to Principal Ryan Francis. "She mentors new paraprofessionals, helps with students or classes in her spare time and even does cross duty. Carol is selfless and we are

extremely lucky to have her here at Maire."

Principal Shelleyann Keelean sang the praises of Beth Proenca, a paraprofessional in one of Monteith Elementary School's autism classrooms.

"She has an amazing way of working with students and helping them find their voice," Keelean said.

"She helps our students to see how valued they are and how they are an amazing part of our learning community. Ms. Beth is always willing to help out in other areas of our school — in the lunchroom, at recess and in the hallways. She goes above and beyond to help all students at Monteith. She is also one of the funniest people I know; she can always bring a little sunshine to any situation. Monteith is so lucky to have Ms. Beth."



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

**Paraprofessional Beth Proenca "has an amazing way of working with students and helping them find their voice," said Monteith Principal Shelleyann Keelean.**



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

**Poupard building engineer Kyle Murphy juggles multiple projects "with ease and a smile on his face," according to Principal Hussain Ali.**

### Secretary shoutout

While Fitzpatrick, the longest standing principal in the district at 26 years — and 17 at Trombly — said all non-teaching staff are critical to day-to-day operations and deserve recognition, a particular standout, in his view, is school secretary Dineen Krotche.

"She has been Wonder Woman," Fitzpatrick said. "Our office assistant left us in August and Dineen was left getting ready for the school year all by herself. She was absolutely amazing. I'd say she performed miracles. Most of August was spent working long hours in order to have everything ready for opening day. She is so dedicated and committed to our school family."

Rheume gave a shoutout to Defer secretary Quiane Bates, who "goes above and beyond each day to help and support students, staff and families. We are lucky to have such a caring and kind staff member in the building."

Poupard Elementary School Principal Hussain Ali is thankful for administrative assistant Cindy LaRue, who "keeps our office an inviting and happy place for all our students, families and staff. Cindy is always up for a challenge and willing to learn new things. Lastly, Cindy anticipates our needs far in advance



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Quiane Bates, secretary at Defer Elementary School, goes above and beyond to help and support students, staff and families," Principal Lisa Rheume said.**

and always lends a helping hand."

### Smooth operations

Making a difference at Ferry Elementary School is computer lab assistant Pedro Guitierrez, who helps out at lunch and Kids' Club as well as in the computer lab, according to Principal Jodie Randazzo.

"He is positive, kind and always helpful to everyone at Ferry," Randazzo said. "It's a pleasure to know him and I'm so glad he is a part of the Ferry family."

Helping to keep things running smoothly — in particular during lunchtime — at Kerby Elementary School is Sherwen Keys.

"We are so happy to have her as part of our

lunchtime crew," said Principal Julie Bourke. "She is one of the most dependable lunchroom aids we have and our cafeteria runs smoothly because of her."

Also essential to keeping things in good working order are building engineers. Ali said he is thankful for Kyle Murphy "because he takes pride in how Poupard looks, inside and out. Kyle has taken ownership in helping our students grow as leaders by assisting them to complete school-wide jobs and modeling behavior expectations. Kyle is constantly juggling multiple projects with ease and a smile on his face."

George Flora, building engineer at Maire, "puts his heart and soul into helping Maire," Francis said. "He comes in early, stays late and takes true pride in creating a safe environment for the kids."

James Fattore, according to Grosse Pointe North High School Principal Kate Murray, "is a dedicated custodian at North who takes care of all Norsemen. He is always ready and willing to fix whatever problems arise and he does it with kind-

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Secretary Dineen Krotche is Wonder Woman in Trombly Principal Walt Fitzpatrick's view.



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**THANKS:**  
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ness and grace. He cares deeply about taking care of the building to ensure that all students can learn. As we say at North, Jimmy protects this house."

**Thanks in return**

As thankful as their building principals are for them, the employees are grateful for what they receive in return.

Foka, who has been with the district two years, said her favorite thing about her job is building relationships with the students and watching them learn and grow. She is most thankful for her family, friends and dogs.

Bates is relatively new to the district, having worked in her position only nine months.

Her favorite part of the job is a sense of community.

"The teachers, staff and parents do an amazing job at making sure we all get the best out of our experience," she said.

She is most grateful for kindness.

"I understand that it

isn't a given and when I receive it, I am most thankful."

Keys is in her second year with the district. She enjoys witnessing firsthand the children's learning process "and the way that they light up."

"The teachers are amazing," she added. "I'm thankful for the opportunity to work with the educators and our children."

Proenca said she has enjoyed 15 years with the district and has been at Monteith not only as an employee, but as a student, parent and PTO president.

"As a second career, my first being in law, I have found my true calling as a special needs aid," she said. "Making connections with my students and interacting in the classroom setting with all students has been an extremely rewarding task. While challenging every day, I enjoy the fast pace and constant need to stay even, positive and upbeat."

"I am so very thankful every day for the challenge to stay positive and helpful during my work day," she added. "This demand has made me a

better person, a more



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Kerby's cafeteria runs smoothly because of Sherwen Keys, according to Principal Julie Bourke.

aware person and a more sensitive person. I am thankful for the wonderful staff at Monteith, my husband, Americo, and my children, Michael and David."

Gutierrez started working at Ferry in September 2017. He has a hard time pinpointing one favorite aspect of his job.

"I've never worked in a school before and not even in the United States,"

he said. "My family and I came from Spain four years ago through a cultural exchange program between the Embassy of the United States and Spain. In Spain, my work is completely different from a computer lab assistant. Here I learn and enjoy each day of the relationship with the children. I love how they try to pronounce my last name in a thousand different ways and how they get excited when they manage to solve their small problems. For many cultural differences that may exist between countries, children are the same anywhere in the world. It is just a problem of opportunities."

Gutierrez added he is most thankful for the trust and kind treatment he receives from all the school staff and being

able to continue learning and improving day by day personally and professionally.

For Murphy, the answer is simple. His favorite part of the job "without question (is) working around kids, especially the kindergarteners. They're so cartoonishly adorable they add levity and can cancel out a lot of normal work-a-day stress."

He is most thankful this year for a combination of having the opportunity to go to stationary engineering school to further his career and "working in a place where I have not only a supportive supervisor structure, but also coworkers who look out for each other and help when needed. In a phrase, I guess you could say it's like working in an environment of support and synergy that in my experience is both rare and relieving."

For veterans like Krotche, who has been at Trombly 10 years, and LaRue, who has worked for the district 22 years, students are at the heart of why they love what they do.

"The favorite thing

about my job is working with children every day and watching them grow," Krotche said. "Sometimes it's humbling to see the world through their eyes, experiencing things for the first time."

She is most thankful for the Trombly staff.

"Each and every one of them brings something unique to Trombly that makes us a cohesive group," she said.

LaRue's favorite part of her job "is interacting with our students and helping our families with a variety of their needs."

Professionally she is thankful for the kindness and support she's received from Poupard families.

"Telling someone how much they are appreciated really lifts you up," she said. "There is an old saying that you don't know what you've got till it's gone. Change is not

always easy, but staying positive will move our Poupard families toward a great future and a great education. I am grateful for each and every day here at Poupard and I look forward to my future in the district."

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# Teacher of THE WEEK

## John Monaghan

**School:** Grosse Pointe South High School  
**Years at South:** 28  
**Grade/Subject:** Freshman English, film literature (grades 11-12), AP English literature (grade 12)  
**Nominated by:** Moussa Hamka, principal  
**Principal's quote:**

"John has a wealth of experience both in and outside of the classroom. His love of literature and passion for English instruction is coupled with a niche expertise in reviewing films/plays. He has spearheaded the teaching of our film literature course. His knowledge, humor and genuine care for students has made his class a premier destination at South. Above all else, John is a wonderful human being who serves as a great role model for our students. We are blessed to have him serving our community."

**What motivated you to become a teacher?**

I have spent my adult life juggling professions as a teacher and a writer, with decade-long stints at the Detroit Free Press as a film critic, theatre critic and feature writer. I have enjoyed sharing with students the same skills I practice as a writer — namely drafting a written piece over and over again until it is worthy of submission. I love opening students' eyes to what is written between the lines of literature, both printed and on film.

I teach next to the tower on the third floor of South.

This many years later I still marvel at the beauty and history of this building and the role I continue to play in it (even when we probably should have had a snow day). I especially love introducing students to the great works of cinema.

**What are some of your inspirations?**

I have learned from every teacher I have ever had — the good ones and the bad. One of the best was Norm Shurmur, who taught English when I was a student at Grosse Pointe North. I often think of his empathetic approach to working with students — especially the non-traditional and underachieving ones. I think empathy is the most important thing you can try to impart to students.

I am also inspired by all of the great artists I teach each semester: Shakespeare (of course), Harper Lee, Bram Stoker, Ralph Ellison, Sophocles, Alfred Hitchcock, Maya Deren, Wes Anderson, Buster Keaton, Hal Ashby, Orson Welles. I am also inspired by my students. I have a bell in class for times when they come up with a unique observation that I hadn't considered before. The bell goes off a lot, though not so much in fourth hour.

**What advice would you give a new teacher?**

Avoid sarcasm with the freshmen. It is easy to misinterpret. They need straightforward instruction and interaction. The



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seniors I work with are a different animal entirely. They get the full brunt of my personality, which I can assure you is completely hilarious.

The other important thing is to find a support group among your colleagues. I am fortunate to be part of an incredibly supportive, intelligent and fun English department at South. Collaboration is key. I team teach the AP English Lit class with Harry Champion (we give up our prep periods in order to do so), and it makes the class richer for the students and for us as adults. I would not have survived this many years without him.

**Favorite quote:**

I know it sounds corny, but the much-quoted lines from "To Kill a Mockingbird" are constantly referenced in the freshman class. Atticus' invitation for Scout to "climb into someone's skin and walk around in it" remains an important lesson in empathy. Then with the seniors I can talk about how it applies to "The Silence of the Lambs."

# ULS recognizes leading vaccine researcher

Pediatric infectious disease physician and leading vaccine researcher Kristen A. Feemster, M.D., MPH, MSHP, has received University Liggett School's 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award.

"I am extremely honored to be the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient," Feemster said. "It's an unexpected and wonderful surprise."

Dr. Feemster, a 1991 ULS graduate, is medical director of the immunization program and acute communicable diseases at the Philadelphia Department of Public Health and director of research for the vaccine education center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Her current research includes vaccine acceptance among parents and immunization providers in the U.S. and internationally; community-based interventions to improve vaccine rates; neighborhood factors associated with the incidence of pertussis and influenza, and health-care-associated respiratory infection in the pediatric ambulatory setting.

"It's exciting to be recognized by my alma mater for my work and research in infectious diseases and public health. I would not be where I am today without the strong foundation in academics and community involvement provided by Liggett. It's also humbling to be in the company of such amazing and highly regarded ULS alumni," she said.

Dr. Feemster serves on the boards of the



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Kristen A. Feemster, M.D., MPH, MSHP

Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Immunization Coalitions and the UNITY Consortium that promotes adolescent vaccination. She also is a technical advisor for the American Academy of Pediatrics Global Immunization Advocacy Initiative that works with pediatric societies to support immunization programs in GAVI-eligible countries.

"We are certainly delighted to honor Dr. Feemster with the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award at Alumni Weekend," said University Liggett School Director of Alumni Relations Katie Durno. "She has an amazing body of work, of course. But what's really fantastic about Kristen, is her passion for and commitment to educating the public about disease prevention and the importance of vaccinations."

She's written numerous peer-reviewed manuscripts, the book, "Vaccines: What Everyone Needs to Know," and regularly

provides vaccine education to a wide range of audiences.

Dr. Feemster received her doctorate and master's degree in public health from Columbia University in New York City. She completed her pediatric residency at Children's Hospital then pursued a dual fellowship training program in health services research and pediatric infectious diseases. She was a fellow in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program at the University of Pennsylvania, completing a Master of Science degree in health policy research, then returned to Children's Hospital for pediatric infectious diseases training. She lives in Philadelphia with her husband and two children.

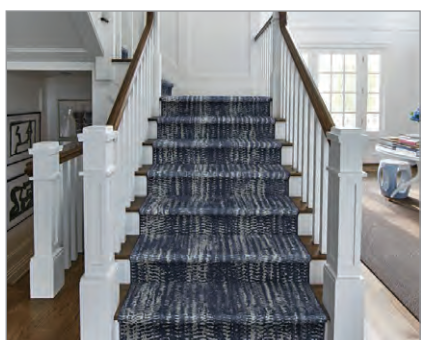
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Feemster and her career will be celebrated during the school's Alumni Weekend May 15 and 16, 2020.

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## GROSSE POINTE ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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

## Long-time diver and explorer discovers Civil War era shipwreck

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Bernie Hellstrom describes himself as “the odd kid in school,” the only one in a sea of cars in Grosse Pointe North High School’s parking lot who drove a Jeep 4x4 pickup and was scuba diving before he had a driver’s license.

“I was diving before driving, basically,” he said.

His favorite class was auto shop with his favorite teacher, Frank Sumbera. His favorite activity was diving. An uncle gave him a scuba tank when he was in his early teens and he got certified in St. Clair Shores in 1973. While other students participated on sports teams, Hellstrom would take his scuba tank into the deep end of the pool to practice his dives during the winter.

A big fan of French undersea explorer Jacques-Yves Cousteau, Hellstrom recalled walking along Lake Shore Drive and looking down in the water when the ice cleared to “see all the fun stuff at the bottom.”

Hellstrom cleaned boats at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, occasionally diving to collect whatever he could find on the bottom. He even was called in once to search for a diamond ring, but while he used up a tank, he was unsuccessful in locating it.

Among Hellstrom’s finds — “There’s everything but the kitchen sink at the bottom,” he said — were guns the police used to throw into the lake to get rid of them in the 1930s and 1940s.

“When you drop something in the lake, usually



it’s gone; it’s history,” he said. “Then scuba came along and they started finding this stuff.”

“Muck diving” in Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River and the St. Clair River, Hellstrom unearthed old bottles, including a Vernor’s ginger ale bottle with its original red wax seal, a sewing machine and — one of his strangest finds — a sailboat propeller from the 1930s or ‘40s.

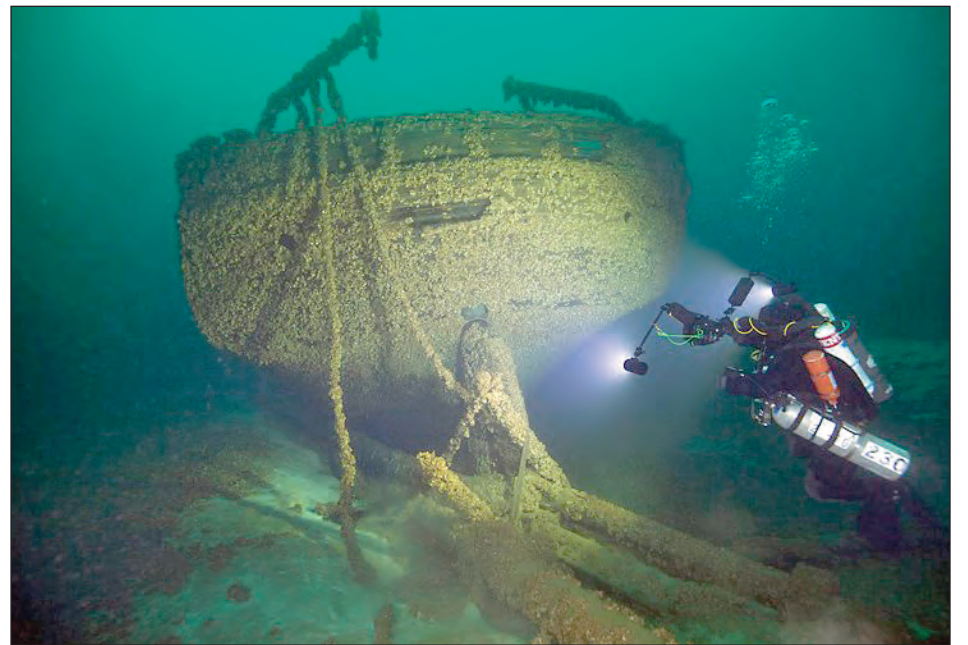
Hellstrom was born in Harper Woods and moved to Grosse Pointe as a child, attending Barnes Elementary and Brownell Middle schools before graduating from North in 1975. Opting for the trade rather than college route, he became a master electrician and opened his own business.

After leaving Grosse Pointe, he moved to Charlevoix and then Horton Bay, 10 miles out-

side of Charlevoix, where he has lived since 1982. He and his wife, DeAnna, have three children in their 30s — Diana, Andrew and Nicole. Now retired, Hellstrom has more time to pursue his passion for diving.

This summer, he took part in a major shipwreck discovery, solving a 141-year-old mystery. Two Great Lakes sailing ships from the Civil War era, Peshtigo and St. Andrews, were lost in 1878 in northern Lake Michigan. While their discovery was announced in September of this year, Hellstrom located the site in 2010 during one of his many trips to explore the Beaver Island archipelago.

It was too deep to dive, so he kept going over the target, he said, making marks on his chart. There were no missing ships designated for the spot, so he



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Above, a high definition recording of the St. Andrews/Peshtigo shipwreck site. Left, Bernie Hellstrom on his boat.

wrote it off as a fishing net.

He returned to the spot again this past spring and “came right down on the stern of a sailing ship. Then it got real exciting after that.”

He found a bow and two sterns that didn’t match.

“That’s when we knew we had two schooners, not one. That’s why the target was so big,” he said. The fact they were less than 10 feet apart was evidence they had collided.

According to Shipwreck World, what Hellstrom observed using a custom-made camera system was “a literal ship graveyard in the depths beneath his boat. The massive remains of two Civil War era tall ships lay on the bottom, only 10 feet apart in an amazing state of preservation, their masts laying over each other and a cargo of coal strewn across the lake bottom. A huge gash in one of the hulls clearly showed that the vessels had collided

and sank quickly.”

Hellstrom arranged for experienced technical divers John Janzen and John Scoles to descend to the site, which lay beyond normal sport diving depths. Janzen and Scoles recorded high definition video of the site, revealing evidence of a dramatic and violent disaster in the distant past.

Subsequent investigation and dives confirmed the tall ships were in fact the 143-foot St. Andrews and 161-foot Peshtigo. They collided at 1 a.m. June 25, 1878, in dark, hazy conditions. The St. Andrews was bound from Chicago to Buffalo with a cargo of corn, while the Peshtigo was bound from Erie, Pa., to Chicago with a coal cargo.

The collision was originally thought to have occurred more than 50 miles away on Lake Huron, according to Shipwreck World. Despite accounts the St. Andrews and Peshtigo sank immediately, the wreck of the

Peshtigo was never found in the area of the alleged St. Andrews wreck, despite searches. Re-examination of historical news accounts revealed many accounts placed the collision near the location of Hellstrom’s discovery.

The schooners were “untouched, unseen for 141 years,” Hellstrom said. Now protected by Michigan law from salvage and souvenir hunters as an important historical and archaeological resource, the shipwreck site is in the hands of the historians, not only to correct the historical record of what occurred, but to “get first dibs at something from the Civil War that’s untouched to see it the way it was.”

“It’s changing a lot of history,” Hellstrom said, adding the discovery “turned into a huge media frenzy.

“I’ve been doing this for years and it’s fun to be recognized finally,” he said.

### Week Ahead

#### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

◆ The Grosse Pointe North and South High School choirs present the 2019 Holiday Concert and Tea 1 p.m. at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. Cookies and tea will be served at the end and holiday cookies sold for \$5 per box after the event.

#### SATURDAY, DEC. 7

◆ Parcels Middle School’s holiday arts and crafts bazaar is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 20500 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The 44th annual event highlights local artists and features more than 170 vendors. Admission is \$2 from 9 to 10 a.m. and \$3 after 10 a.m. Admission is free for children 12 and under and for all Grosse Pointe Public School System staff with an employee badge. The event is stroller friendly and parking is available behind the school on Sunningdale Park. Proceeds support Parcels’ academic and social activities.

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# ULS inducts alumni into athletic hall of fame

University Liggett School inducted three new members into its Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame. Heidi Henkel McGarry '82, Jeffrey Parks '83, Christopher Ford '96, Leython Williams '03 and Jim Schmidt, faculty/coach emeritus, were honored at a ceremony held Sept. 27.

McGarry was a standout on Liggett's field hockey, lacrosse and track and field teams. Park was a four-year varsity player in football, baseball and basketball. Ford was a three-year varsity athlete in soccer and a four-year varsity athlete in hockey and basketball, playing on championship teams in all three sports. Williams was a three-season varsity athlete for all four years of high school, participating in football, basketball and track and field.

Schmidt, recognized posthumously, taught and coached at ULS for 37 years. During his three decades at ULS, he coached middle school



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ULS 2019 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, from left, Leyton Williams, Christopher Ford, Heidi Henkel McGarry and Jeffrey Parks.

cheerleading and girls' basketball and softball at the middle school and high school junior varsity and varsity levels.

Schmidt, who passed away unexpectedly last winter, also was honored by having the home softball field dugout named in his honor at a ceremony during the school's homecoming celebration. Schmidt started ULS's outdoor education program in the 1970s, taking groups of middle and upper school stu-

dents on geology trips out west each summer. In addition to his many years as a softball coach, he was known as the voice of ULS athletics, serving as the football and hockey game announcer for many years.

The 2019 inductees were reviewed and selected by a committee comprised of hall of fame members, past and current coaches, the athletic department staff and alumni relations director.



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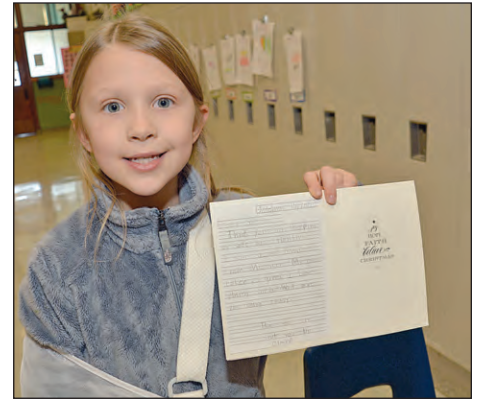
Lila Wachler glues her letter inside a Christmas card handmade by Deb Brady.

## Notes of appreciation

Everyone likes receiving cards and Debbie Brady likes making them. This year she combined her hobby of creating festive layered cards with doing something nice for active duty soldiers or soldiers in the hospital. Brady handmade Christmas cards for children in her grandson's second grade class at Defer Elementary School to use to write personalized letters.

The classroom teacher, Courtney Dykstra, worked with the students to draft the letters before students glued them inside the cards.

Brady will send the cards to A Million Thanks, a nonprofit supporting the military and their families, to be delivered to the soldiers. One reason Brady selected this organization is because they allow a return address, while other agencies don't, she said. Students included their names and the school address in case any of the recipients choose to respond.



Clare Bishop writes: "Thank you for keeping us safe and fighting. I am a second grader from Michigan. My favorite color is green. I love plaining softball. Wut are you doing thary. Thank you for wut you do."



Brady shows Keaton Angelocci how to glue his letter into the card.



Deb Brady handmade Christmas cards for Defer students to send to soldiers. From left are William Kerwin, Brady and Palmer Dobbins.

## PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Alex Johnson of Grosse Pointe Park earned the spring 2019 Dean's Award for academic excellence at Colgate University. He is a graduate of University Liggett School.

Cameron Zak of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean's List at Centre College for the winter/spring term. She is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and the daughter of Anthony and

Caroline Zak. Isabella Gallant of Grosse Pointe Shores was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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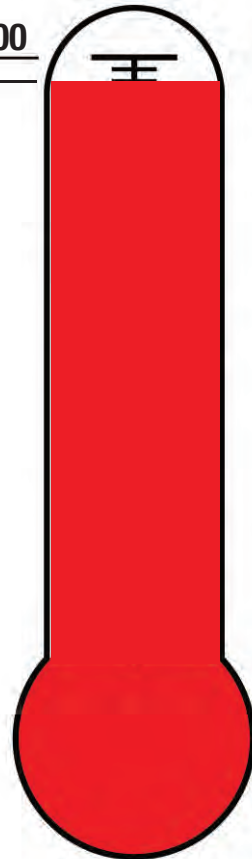
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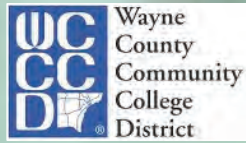
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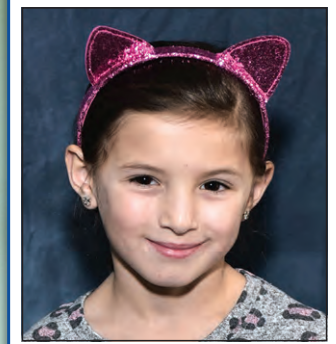
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*Maire*



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**Brianna  
Crecy**  
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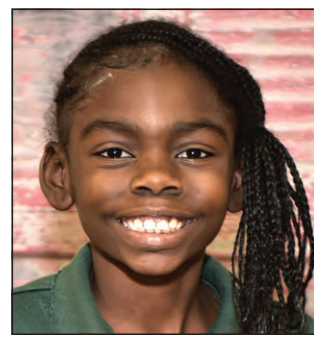
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Cueter**  
*Ferry*



**Rainah  
Gardener**  
*Beacon*



**Sarah "Sally"  
Hecker**  
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**Ziya  
Henderson**  
*Tyrone*



**Charlotte  
Martin**  
*Ferry*



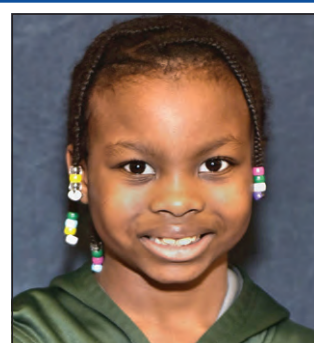
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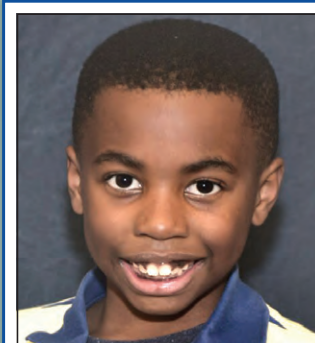
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*Kerby*



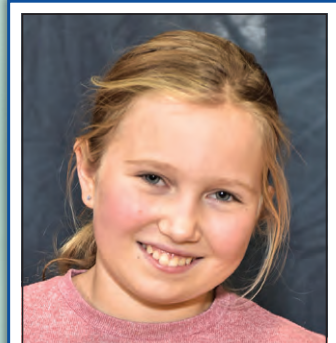
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*Monteith*



**Eleanor  
Rennpage**  
*Mason*



**Henry  
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Robinson**  
*Richard*



**Matteo  
Sperone**  
*Maire*



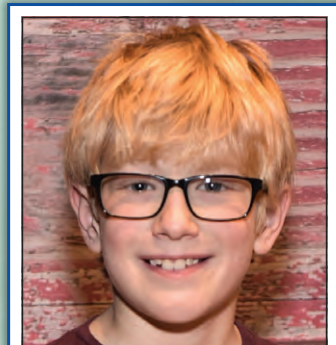
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Thomas**  
*Tyrone*



**Camille  
Ward**  
*Richard*



**Natalie  
Warnick**  
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**Everett  
Wood**  
*Trombly*

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Olivia Chase DEFER  
Gabrielle Gargasoulas KERBY  
Tani-ha Greer TYRONE  
Taryn Hasselman RICHARD

Maggie Houk MAIRE  
Surya Kumar DEFER  
Lucy Nielubowicz KERBY  
Jack Rademaker FERRY  
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## Born to run

### Reid challenges self to '50 Before 60'

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

All it took was one crazy costumed Turkey Trot for Linda Reid to get hooked on running.

Until that point, the director of membership for the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce did not look fondly on the



Reid's 5K medal collection adorns her Christmas tree.

pastime.

"I played basketball and softball in high school," she said. "Running was always a punishment. You do something wrong, go do laps. I hated it."

But after a friend talked her into the Turkey Trot with the lure of wearing a costume, Reid was sold on "the atmosphere, the camaraderie, the excitement," she said.

After that, Reid set a goal of running one 5K every month. For each one, she planned, she'd get a T-shirt and at year's end she'd have Chamber President Jenny Boettcher's mother sew them into a quilt.

Reid did a few, but soon was bored.

"Then I thought, 'How crazy would it be to just do one in every state?'" she said. "It hit me — I could do all 50 states before I turn 60."

Since July 2018, Reid

has run 15 5Ks across the country. She kicked off with a 5K on Belle Isle and has been full steam ahead ever since. Via the "Running in the USA" website, Reid selects themed races that look to be a good time. She — and many of her fellow runners — dress according to theme.

For a 5K in Cleveland, home of the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame, she dressed in a tribute to AC/DC, wearing running pants with guitars on them and a pair of "devil ears."

In Minnesota, the home state of Prince, she dressed in purple in homage to his "Purple Rain" album. She stuck out like a sore thumb, she said, because it was St. Patrick's Day weekend and everyone else was in green.

"Memphis caught me off guard," she said. "It was hotter than Hades out there. I've got to do more



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LINDA REID

Above left, while other runners celebrated St. Patrick's Day in green, Reid paid homage to Prince's Purple Rain during the Minnesota race. Above right, in Memphis, Reid stood out in a sea of Elvises with her tribute to The King's "Blue Hawaii." The getup earned her second place in the costume contest.

research on the weather in these places."

While in Memphis, home to Graceland, she took in the sights, visiting Beale Street the night before the race, eating ribs and listening to blues. The next morning, she dressed in her "Blue Hawaii" Elvis getup, complete with grass skirt, themed T-shirt and

lei. The outfit earned her second place in the costume contest, she said.

"I get dressed up at every single one," she added, noting she also makes it a point to take in the local culture at each of her stops, arriving early and staying the entire weekend. "I always post pictures of food, what I eat

before and after, too.

"I figure it out ahead of time," she added. "I call the chambers. I ask them what there is to do, where to eat, ask about hotels. They're super helpful."

Most recently, Reid ran through Central Park as part of New York's Falling

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## 'Rejoice and Be Glad'

### 2019 White Christmas Ball is Dec. 7

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The Fontbonne Auxiliary of Ascension St. John Hospital has been raising funds for the hospital since 1947, before the hospital was even built. Through the years, the auxiliary has donated millions toward meeting the health care needs of St. John patients and their families.

Now, in its 72nd year, its mission remains the same.

The Fontbonne Auxiliary's 66th annual White Christmas Ball — its major fundraiser of the year — takes place at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. The black-tie dinner features live music by The Persuasion Band, the dinner and dancing.

Additionally, three physicians will be honored:

♦ Muthayipalayam Thirumoorthi M.D., chief of pediatrics;

♦ Melinda Karam M.D., a retired pediatric physician and

♦ Robert Sills M.D., director of pediatric emergency medicine.

Perhaps most importantly, proceeds from ticket sales are earmarked for a specific project.

"Our mission this year is to be part of the new pediatric emergency room, which is currently under construction and set to open in 2020," said Madeleine Phillips, event chairwoman.

As such, proceeds will support the naming rights of the new Pediatric Emergency Department reception desk at Ascension St. John. The desk will be situated at a

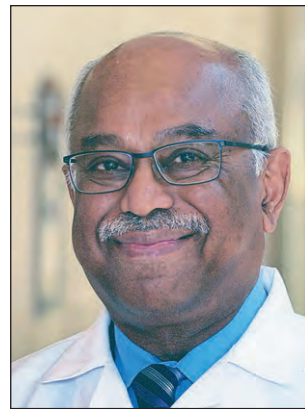
separate entrance designed specifically to be child-friendly and welcoming.

Phillips said she had no doubt she wanted Fontbonne to support a separate entrance for children, "so those who are harmed are in a separate area, welcomed and taken care of in the very best way."

"This goes back to enhancing the hospital's reputation," she added. "A separate entrance for women and children is not going to remove the trauma of the injury, but it will be more of a safe shelter."

Added Lorna Zalenski, president of the Fontbonne Auxiliary, "St. John is a trauma center. This is a labor of love.

"I have always loved St. John Hospital," added Zalenski, whose husband



Dr. Muthayipalayam Thirumoorthi



Dr. Melinda Karam



Dr. Robert Sills

is on staff there. "I want St. John to be the destination of care in this community, more than it already is."

The White Christmas Ball theme this year is "Rejoice and Be Glad."

"It will be a grand ball in the style of the old-fashioned way of being a spectacular event for the community that highlights what the hospital does," Phillips said. "Men and women can expect great formality, charming atmosphere, a wonderful meal ... a band and a rol-

licking good time.

"This is something to rejoice," she added. "We raised this money for this purpose."

The ball this year takes place at the newly renovated Dearborn Inn, which can accommodate 500. Fontbonne needs the space as attendance has grown steadily year after year.

"If you don't want to come, but still want to support us, contact the hospital," Phillips said. "No contributions will be turned down."

Fontbonne also wel-

comes new members. Events take place throughout the year, including a spring fashion show and general membership meetings.

"Everybody is welcome," Zalenski said. "The more the merrier."

Tickets for the White Christmas Ball are \$300 each. For tickets or more information, call Kathleen McDonald at (313) 343-3675 or kathleen.mcdonald1@ascension.org.

Read bios on the three award winners at [grossepointenews.com](http://grossepointenews.com).



From left, Tony Accardo, John Ayotte, Madeleine Phillips, Lorna Zalenski, Frank Palazzolo and Mike Dorosz.



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Members of the various committees responsible for organizing the White Christmas Ball.

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# Holidays at Ford House recount grand parties, inspire vintage pop-up shop

This holiday season at Ford House, visitors will step back in time and learn how the historic home came alive during grand parties at the estate of Edsel and Eleanor Ford in Grosse Pointe Shores. On guided Holiday Belles House Tours — offered Nov. 29 through Jan. 5 — guests discover stories of the Fords' Christmastime celebrations while taking in the sights and sounds of the 1969 reception Mrs. Ford hosted in honor of her granddaughters, Lynn and Sheila.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF FORD HOUSE

**From left, Lynn Ford, Eleanor Ford and Sheila Ford at the girls' grandmother's tea reception Dec. 21, 1969.**

With new decorations recreating the scene of the December 1969 party 50 years later, the house will look just as Eleanor Ford had it. The occasion was a celebration of teenaged Lynn and Sheila Ford's debutante seasons. Eleanor Ford made them the guests of honor and hired florists and decorators to adorn her home

with unusual garlands and topiaries of flowers and fruits in orange, pink and white. More than 600 guests attended.

Tour-goers will stand in the same rooms where the Fords entertained and get a glimpse behind the scenes in the staff kitchen and butler's pantry.

"Our grandmother,

Eleanor, made it a very special evening," recalled Lynn Ford Alandt, granddaughter of Eleanor Ford and current chairwoman of the Ford House board of trustees. "She loved to entertain in her home. She was a remarkable woman and a warm, welcoming and truly gracious hostess."



**Lynn and Sheila Ford's grandmother's tea reception in 1969.**

Inspired by Holiday Belles, a pop-up shop will feature Detroit boutique the Peacock Room from Thursday, Dec. 5, through Saturday, Dec. 7. The pop-up will offer a selection of Holiday Belles-inspired accessories, jewelry, handbags, capes and more — an array of authentic vintage and vintage-inspired pieces. Thursday evening's preview invites visitors to get an early look at the pop-

up and browse a sampling of dresses featured in the Peacock Room shop. Throughout the weekend, shoppers may choose to reserve a Holiday Belles tour or simply stop in the visitor center to browse. There is no admission to shop.

"As a historical institution, we are proud to do something really unique with our Holiday Belles House Tours," said Mark Heppner, president and

CEO of Ford House. "We are telling authentic stories and decorating the home just as it was at a specific moment in Ford House's past, so our guests get to see and hear firsthand what it was like when the Ford family lived here. They had fun here and made memories. They toasted the holidays and celebrated with friends."

Tickets for Holiday Belles House Tours are sold in advance at ford-house.org or by calling (313) 884-4222. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors, \$8 for children ages 6 to 12 and free for children 5 and younger. Holiday Belles is offered noon to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 29 to Jan. 5. Ford House also will be open for tours 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

### BNI

The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29, 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, Dec. 4, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, Our Lady of Hope Church, 28301 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, AMVETS Post 57, 19730 Harper, Harper Woods.

◆ 8 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, St. Clair Shores City Hall, 27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcross blood.org.

### NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

### St. Paul

St. Paul School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a benefit dinner for Payton Shock, a 10-year-old student battling cancer, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at the school. Tickets are \$25 per person, \$75 for a family of three or more. Reserve a seat by calling Jo Pompeo at (586) 216-6757 or emailing rsvp@stpaulonthelake.org by Monday, Dec. 2.

### The Helm

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

◆ Parcels Middle School Choir holiday performance, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3.

◆ Dinner with a Doc, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, with Ascension St. John Hospital's Chief of Cardiology Tom LaLonde M.D. Cost is \$35.

◆ Trombly Elementary School Choir holiday performance, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17.

◆ Grosse Pointe Academy Bell Choir holiday performance, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19.

◆ Healthy Holiday Eating Cooking Demonstration, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec.

5, with registered dietitian Jill Jensen and Chef Dan Kellogg.

◆ Throwback Wednesday Classic Movies, "It's a Wonderful Life," 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11. Cost for members is \$2 for snacks and the movie, \$5 for lunch and the movie. Cost for guests is \$3 for snacks and the movie, \$7 for lunch and the movie.

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, Dec. 4, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Todd Scott of Detroit Greenways speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

### Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Father Duane Novelly, pastor of St. Mathews Church in Detroit, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

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# Ford House welcomes new directors

## Shatona Holcomb to lead Talent & Culture Department

Shatona Holcomb recently joined Ford House, the historic estate of Edsel and Eleanor Ford in Grosse Pointe Shores, as director of its Talent & Culture Department. In this role, Holcomb will lead the organization's recruitment, training, workplace culture development, human resources and procedural processes.

Holcomb comes to Ford House with more than 15 years of human resources experience. She most recently served as director of HR for Avalon International Breads LLC. Holcomb earned a master's degree in human resources administration from Central Michigan University and a bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing management from Northwood University. She subsequently worked in HR for Campbell Ewald in Detroit and Ignite Social Media in Birmingham. She also held the position of partner and principal consultant at S&C Consultants for Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability in Detroit.

Holcomb currently serves as an advisor on the Oakland Community Schools Culinary Board and Wayne State University Employer Advisory Board. She

also is an active member of the National Association of African Americans in Human Resources.

Born and raised in Detroit, Holcomb has dedicated time to giving back to the community. She has mentored students and worked toward bridging the education and wealth gap by participating in outreach programs and speaking on panels. Holcomb resides in Detroit with her husband and son.

## Clare Pfeiffer promoted to director of communications and engagement

Clare A. Pfeiffer recently became director of communications and engagement at Ford House. Pfeiffer will lead a team charged with media relations, social media, digital communications, the membership program, community outreach, marketing and planning public events. She joined Ford House in 2014 as digital marketing and content manager. Prior to that she was director of communications for the Detroit regional arts and culture nonprofit CultureSource.

A graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism and English, Pfeiffer has a background in digital and print media and communications. She was regional editor for the patch.com



Shatona Holcomb

hyperlocal news websites in Michigan and was founding managing editor for the digital magazine Model D in Detroit. She also served as editor for Issue Media Group and helped launch web publications in Toronto, Pittsburgh and Baltimore. Pfeiffer spent her early career editing and writing for newspapers as a business writer and night city editor at The State in Columbia, S.C.; assistant news editor at the Star-News in Wilmington, N.C.; and copy desk chief at the Hilton Head, S.C., Island Packet. As a freelance writer, she has contributed to Detroit Metro Times, Grand Rapids Press, Detroit Free Press and others, writing about Detroit, music, movies, real estate development, entrepreneurs and more.

Pfeiffer is involved in several community projects, serving on the board for Detroit's annual Marche du Nain Rouge parade; organizing an annual drive for feminine hygiene products for homeless women for I Support the Girls Detroit; and volun-



Clare Pfeiffer

teering with Grosse Pointe schools. Pfeiffer lives in Grosse Pointe Woods with her husband and three children.

## Amanda Rutland takes on new visitor experience directorship

Amanda Rutland, armed with 26 years of experience in the hospitality and service industry, recently assumed the newly created role of director of visitor experience at Ford House. While leading the estate's visitor experience team, Rutland will oversee the new visitor center — opening in late 2020 — including admissions, group tours, retail, venue rentals and a new restaurant. She also is tasked with developing Ford House's visitor experience philosophy and engagement standards, as well as managing and growing earned revenue for the nonprofit. Using her background in visitor research, she will ensure the institution



Amanda Rutland

meets the evolving needs of visitors by driving solutions for greater accessibility, engagement, inclusion and services.

For the last 10 years, Rutland served as head of visitor experience and evaluation for the Amon Carter Museum of American Art in Fort Worth, Texas. She earned a bachelor's degree in history from Texas Wesleyan University before joining the Carter in her initial role as museum store manager in 1999. Her hometown is Crowley, Texas, and she currently resides in Harrison Township.

## Shannon Schokora to head up finance

Shannon Schokora will begin at Ford House in mid-November as director of finance. In her new role, she will lead all financial functions of the nonprofit museum. She is a certified public accountant with 20 years of experience in nonprofit, healthcare, consulting



Shannon Schokora

and human services industries.

Schokora's early career centered on the healthcare industry, starting as an auditor for Medicare before moving on to roles including financial consultant at Plante Moran and chief financial officer of a regional nursing home chain. She ultimately followed her passion to the nonprofit sector, holding financial leadership positions at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Detroit and, most recently, Stagecrafters community theater in Royal Oak.

Schokora graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting. She previously served the community as treasurer of the Glencairn Elementary PTA and currently is the treasurer for the Michigan chapter of Moms Demand Action. Schokora lives in Berkley with her husband and two children.

## Soup tasting benefits Kids on the Go

Johnstone & Johnstone Realtors, 82 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, invite the community to a #GivingTuesday soup-tasting event 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3. A variety of soups and baked goods will be available for a minimum donation of \$5. Donations will be matched by the Johnstone & Johnstone Charitable Foundation.

All proceeds benefit Kids on the Go, a local pediatric nonprofit program designed to provide children with special needs, ages 3 to 17, with physical, occupational and speech

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# MOT Children's Chorus presents 'A Winter Fantasy'

13th holiday concert, fundraiser Dec. 15

The Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Chorus presents its annual "A Winter Fantasy" concert and fundraiser Sunday, Dec. 15, on the main stage of the Detroit Opera House.

This year, Michigan Opera Theatre is holding a raffle to benefit the chorus. Tickets are \$20 and the drawing takes place at the concert. First prize is half the proceeds of raffle ticket sales, second prize is two season tickets to the 2020-21 season and third prize is two season tickets to the spring 2020 season.

Established in 2007 by Chorus Master Suzanne Mallare Acton, MOTCC has become a groundbreaking children's chorus and the first of its kind for the metro Detroit area. As a permanent ensemble of Michigan Opera Theatre, MOTCC

provides choral and theatrical performance instruction in a professional environment. Choristers ages 8 to 16 perform with international opera stars in main stage productions and independently produce fully staged children's operas in the spring.

Chosen through open auditions, seven choristers from Grosse Pointe have been selected into this distinguished program for the 2019-20 season and will appear in "A Winter Fantasy." They are Grosse Pointe residents Oscar Kotlarz, Myla Garceau, Mallory Childs, Gabrielle Duso, Katie Hamilton, Oscar DeLuca and Andrianna Teftsis.

The experience young singers receive as a part of MOTCC provides the foundation for future paths. Many have gone on to study at some of the

most prestigious conservatories in the United States. The program not only trains children to become well-rounded performers, but well-rounded professionals and giving individuals.

Every year alumni are invited to the celebration. Some are audience members, a few are chosen to perform or speak about their experience with MOTCC. One of this year's invited alumni, Emily Crombez, stated, "The three years I spent in the MOTCC were life-changing. Ten years later I'm still best friends with many of the choristers and our support for each other, in and outside of the arts, only continues to grow. I feel blessed that I get to pass on my love of music and appreciation for the MOTCC to the young artists this year as they learn who they are



COURTESY PHOTO

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vocally, academically and socially."

Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 4 p.m. Proceeds help support the program's operating expenses and productions for the season.

Tickets are \$50 for box seats, \$30 for adults, \$15 for ages 17 and younger and free for children 4 and younger. Tickets may be purchased in advance at michiganopera.org or by calling (313) 237-7464. Tickets also are available

at the door.

For more information about the concert or sponsorship opportunities, contact Chorus Administrator Twannette Nash at tnash@motopera.org or (313) 680-6682.

## Ascension Michigan honors volunteers for service

Three people recently were recognized as Distinguished Volunteers for their dedication to Ascension Michigan hospitals at the Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Detroit Chapter's 28th annual National Philanthropy Day event,

which celebrated the passion, commitment and leadership of southeastern Michigan philanthropists, distinguished volunteers and those in the fundraising profession.

Among the honorees was Lorna Zalenski of Grosse Pointe Woods,



Lorna Zalenski

president of the Fontbonne Auxiliary for Ascension St. John Hospital. She is noted for her dynamic personality and will to succeed. Zalenski's creative thinking, incredible energy and community connections help achieve grand results for everything in which she is involved. She inspires other volunteers and has been instrumental in making improvements in Fontbonne operations and fundraising initiatives.

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## Fisher Pointe Dental gives back to the troops

Fisher Pointe Dental, 383 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe, recently sponsored its first Candy Buy-Back Program.

To participate, individuals stopped by the office in the days following Halloween to donate their unopened candy, which Fisher Pointe Dental, in turn, donated to Operation Gratitude.

Operation Gratitude is a nonprofit based in California that sends 300,000-plus individually addressed care packages to soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen deployed overseas; their children left behind; and first responders, new recruits, veterans, wounded heroes and their caregivers. Each package contains snacks, hygiene products, entertainment and handmade items, as well as personal letters of support.

As firm believers in giving back to the community, Dr. Jennifer Holtzman and her team at Fisher Pointe Dental were proud to bring in 89 pounds of candy for the cause.

A highlight of the donation program was the option to enter a raffle dedicated to those chil-



COURTESY PHOTO

Dr. Jennifer Holtzman DDS, poses with 89 pounds of candy Fisher Pointe Dental donated to Operation Gratitude.

dren who donated their unopened Halloween candy. In addition to other prizes, the grand prize was two tickets to a Detroit Red Wings game.

In addition to charitable acts, Fisher Pointe Dental also is an active member of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. It offers education seminars

on dental wellness and specific procedures like dental implant surgery. Recently, Fisher Pointe Dental maintained a booth at the Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South football game, handing out toothbrushes and pom-poms for each team and had a photo booth promoting the event.

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# WEDDINGS

## Durant-Sturges

Margaret Anne Durant and Jeffrey Robert Sturges Jr. were married Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018, at the former Precious Blood Church, Detroit. The Rev. Simon Barnes of Louisville, Ky., and the Rev. Barry Randolph of the Church of the Messiah, Detroit, officiated the ceremony. A reception at the Country Club of Detroit followed the ceremony.



Margaret Ann Durant and Jeffrey Robert Sturges Jr.

The bride is the daughter of Susan and W. Clark Durant, of Grosse Pointe Farms. The groom is the son of Karen and Jeffrey Sturges Sr., of Marlborough, Mass.

The bride wore a floor-length gown in a sheath silhouette with floral lace, bateau neckline and chapel train. She carried a bouquet of olive branches, anemones, ranunculus, dusty miller, white majolica spray roses and garden roses from Flowers by Gabrielle.

Hope Durant Loomis, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride's sisters-in-law, Sarah Sturges Zanoncello and Clara Kim and the bride's friends, Anne Corona, Shera Teitge, Amy Grace Sellman, Diana Swope and Lindsey Whalen.

Tim Sturges, the groom's brother, served as best man. Groomsmen were the groom's brothers-in-law, T. Clark Durant, John Durant, Mike Loomis and Stefano Zanoncello, and the groom's friends, Garrett MacLean,

Matthew Crowley, Chris Barber and Andrew Sliwinski.

Nieces and nephews, Susan, Caroline and Charlie Loomis, Pepper and Kirk Durant and Emma Zanoncello, accompanied the bride.

Scripture selections were read by Beverly Barber and Emily Ford.

Dr. Huw Lewis provided the music. A brass quintet enhanced the ceremony music as well as choristers from St. John's Episcopal Church of Detroit.

The bride graduated from the University of Notre Dame and the Stanford Graduate School of Business. She leads strategy and design for Cornerstone Schools in Detroit.

The groom graduated from Middlebury College and the Cranbrook Academy of Art with a master's degree in architecture. He works for Ford Motor Co. in design and prototyping.

The couple honeymooned in Croatia and resides in Detroit.



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## Veterans honored

Grosse Pointe Shores hosted its first Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11. From left, Shores councilman and Air Force veteran Doug Kucyk, Navy veteran Eugene Ignasiak and Army veteran Cher Gieseck at the event.



Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski and World War II veteran John Urquhart at the Shores Veterans Day Ceremony.

# ENGAGEMENTS

## Lambrecht-Alejandro

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Matthew Lambrecht and Elizabeth Alejandro of Laredo, Texas, are engaged.

An October 2020 wedding is planned.

Miss Alejandro, daughter of Marcos Alejandro and the late Maria Alejandro, earned an MBA from Texas A&M International University. She is a U.S. probation officer assistant.

Mr. Lambrecht, son of Susan Lambrecht and the late John W. Lambrecht, graduated from Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods and earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University. He lives in Corpus Christi, Texas, and is a U.S. Border Patrol agent.



Elizabeth Alejandro and Matthew Lambrecht

## Brownell-DiMino

Jana and Stephen Brownell of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their son, Christopher K. Brownell, to Gloria D. DiMino, daughter of Tina and Robert DiMino of Garden City, N.Y.

A June 2020 wedding is planned.

Mr. Brownell graduated from University Liggett School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in operations research and financial engineering from Princeton University. He also earned an MBA from Cornell Tech in New York City. He is a senior product manager for Kirlin Lighting.

Miss DiMino earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in neuroscience from Columbia University. She is a health-

care consultant for IQVIA in New York City.



Christopher K. Brownell and Gloria D. DiMino



The flag outside the Shores municipal building during the Shores Veterans Day Ceremony.



Brig. Gen. Rolf Mammen, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, spoke during the ceremony.

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# Online sales are his passion



By Theodore G. Coutilish  
Guest Writer

Michael Hartman is a quiet person with an important job.

Living with autism, he sells merchandise donated to Full Circle Foundation on eBay and other online selling sites. The job is tougher than one may think. Through practice, he has learned how to take flattering pictures, write clever captions that attract interest and assess a fair market price.

"The biggest challenge is finding a good spot to take photos of the merchandise," Hartman, 26, wrote in a text.

For every item he sells, he earns a percentage. The most expensive item he has sold was a skirt suit for \$125.

"Michael is very attentive and visually attuned to how merchandise is

posted online," said Sue Banner, administrative coordinator at Full Circle. "He has a very talented eye when posting merchandise on internet sales sites. Captions are well written. He's very responsive and coachable."

One thing he isn't is talkative. He'd rather text you, even if you are in the same room.

"He's speech impaired," said Mary Fodell, founder of Full Circle. "He texts us all of the time."

Banner jokes she receives "text dissertations" from him.

"He asks very thoughtful questions," she said. "He is so smart, so aware of others and so sweet. He texted me 'Happy Mother's Day.'"

Starting at Full Circle in 2011, Hartman is now the longest-serving volunteer and the resident

technology guru. He even set up Fodell's iPhone.

"He's all about the computer and technology," she said.

Hartman, a Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, lives with his parents, Randy and Michelle Hartman, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

In the future, he would like to pursue a career in technology, live on his own and get a driver's license.

"Working at Full Circle has prepared me well for the future and how to work with people," he wrote in a text. "I love it here."

Inspired by the Full Circle Foundation, "Circle of Love" is dedicated to people with special needs living in the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities and those who love and support them. For more information, visit [fullcirclefdn.org](http://fullcirclefdn.org).



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## Safety first

Liam Breslin brought his stuffed pal Rhino with him to sit in a fire truck during the Grosse Pointe Woods event.



Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Officer Miles Adams helps Ryan Reed operate a fire hose to simulate putting out a fire.



Grosse Pointe Woods and Farms public safety departments held open houses during National Fire Prevention Week in October. The Woods event included fire trucks, a K-9 demonstration, cider, doughnuts, the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad and more. The U.S. Coast Guard brought Coastie, a kids' version of a rescue boat. Above, Claire Tracey draws Coastie's family while interacting with the boat.



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Michael Hartman photographs a blouse he plans to sell online.



Grosse Pointe Farms firefighter Larry Stocking watches while Farms firefighter Sundee Harland holds a door from a fire while Public Safety Officer and school liaison officer Traci Reitzloff tells Kerby Elementary School kindergartners why it is always safer to keep the door closed in your bedroom because it can save you from a fire.

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Micki Gersabeck and John Gellasch come out of the smokehouse on their knees because they learned in a fire it is best to crawl instead of stand because of the smoke. More photos from both events are online at [grossepointenews.com](http://grossepointenews.com).



Grosse Pointe Farms firefighter Sundee Harland helps Liam Abueva down the stairs of the second floor of the smokehouse.

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## Catherine Ricard

◆ **Title:** Youth Services Librarian

◆ **Job description:** “Miss Catherine” provides reference for all ages, develops youth programs with a concentration on tweens and develops the youth collection.

“I support my amazing colleagues, especially in Youth Services,” she said. “They’re always doing something fun.”

Some of the programs Miss Catherine has developed include Tween After Hours with puzzle solving, scavenger hunts and other fun activities after the branch closes; Art Lab for free-form art projects and Tech Tinkering.

“We used conductive thread for the kids to make a creation that lights up,” she said.

◆ **Education:** She received her master’s degree in Library Science

from the University of British Columbia and her Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a concentration in film studies from Michigan State University.

◆ **Hobbies:** “I love to garden, but I’m a terrible gardener,” she said, adding when something grows it’s pretty amazing. She also enjoys going for walks and hiking.

◆ **Favorite book:** Miss Catherine says picking a favorite book is impossible. Her favorite author is Terry Pratchett, a prolific English author who wrote the Discworld series.

“His books are a great combination of humor with a rich fantasy world,” she said.

She also likes a book Pratchett co-wrote, “Good Omens,” with Neil Gaiman. Her other favorite is a youth historical fiction book titled, “The

War That Saved My Life” and its sequel, “The War I Finally Won” by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley.



Catherine Ricard

War That Saved My Life” and its sequel, “The War I Finally Won” by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley.

◆ **Best part of the job:** “Finding out what makes kids really excited.”

When Miss Catherine learns what the kids get “jazzed” about and finds the bridge to get them there, she’s inspired.

“It’s tremendously satisfying,” she said. “You’re supporting kids with something they’re enthusiastic about.”



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ELISE HINDELANG

## Turkey Bowl triumph

The first Yorkshire vs. Kensington “Turkey Bowl” flag football game took place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, on the football field at Grosse Pointe South High School. Yorkshire Road and Kensington Road neighbors of all ages played as their children cheered them on to win the Turkey Bowl trophy. “It was a close game, with Kensington winning the trophy, 21-14,” wrote Elise Hindelang, of Grosse Pointe Park. “Lots of fun was had by all! Another reason we love Grosse Pointe!”



# Early-bird registration, Kevin’s Song ‘Conference on Suicide,’ ends Nov. 30

Kevin’s Song, a non-profit organization dedicated to suicide awareness and prevention, hosts its fourth annual “Conference on Suicide: Advocacy in ACTION,” from Jan. 23 to 25, at the Inn at St. John’s, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth.

Early-bird registration for the conference ends Saturday, Nov. 30.

Currently, the cost to attend the three-day conference is \$200. After Nov. 30, cost is \$250. Two-day or single-day registration also is available at early-bird savings. Visit kevinssong.org for more information.

“We encourage business and municipal leaders, educators, parents, mental health and medical professionals, veterans and the general public to take advantage of the early-bird savings and reserve their spot before Nov. 30, for this important conference as we work to achieve our

vision of a world without suicide,” said Kevin’s Song President John Urso. “The impactful lineup of mental health professionals, educators and experts in the fields of suicide research, treatment, prevention, crisis intervention and after-care will resonate with anyone who has been touched by suicide.”

Michigan Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, a champion for mental health advocacy, is one of the conference’s keynote speakers, along with John Della Volpe, director of polling, Institute of Politics, Harvard University Kennedy School; Dr. Thomas Joiner, academic psychologist, leading expert on suicide and Robert O. Lawton professor of psychology at Florida State University; Dr. Chery King, professor and director of the Youth Depression and Suicide Prevention Program at the University of Michigan; Dr. Bart

Andrews, vice president of Telehealth and Home/Community Services at Behavioral Health Response in St. Louis; Jenny Landon, founder of Growing Out of Darkness and author of “Growing Through Grief”; and Dennis Liegghio, founder of Know Resolve.

The first two days of the conference will focus on how communities can address suicide prevention through unified, collaborative coalitions of community resources using the best available research and evidence-based practices. Researchers, clinicians and suicide prevention advocates will cover the topic from both the personal and community level. The third day is for survivors of suicide loss and includes workshops and survivor support sessions.

Concurrently, a school summit takes place See REGISTER, page 10B



# 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.

## Clune Joseph Walsh Jr.

Clune Joseph Walsh Jr. died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019, in Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

He was the loving husband of Beverly Curtiss; dear father of Clune J. Walsh III, E. Bennett Walsh, Ami E. Walsh (John Baird), Sheila Kirk Walsh (Michael Dolan), Brendan Clune Walsh (Kelly), Brian Curtiss (Megan) and the late Jill Curtiss; cherished grandfather of 12 and beloved brother of Marianna W. Sterr (Richard), the late Bernard Kirk Walsh (Beverly B. Byron) and the late Helen Walsh Berns (the late Bill).

A memorial visitation will be from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Saturday, Dec. 7, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mr. Walsh's name to the MDRT Foundation, 325 West Touhy Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068 or the Detroit Institute of Arts (In Memory of Clune J. Walsh Jr., Associates of the American Wing), 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202.

Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

## Margaret Kennedy Dietz

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Margaret Kennedy Dietz, 90, passed away Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, surrounded by family, friends and caregivers.

Margaret is survived by her daughter, Gretchen McKernan (Pat) and granddaughters, Kelsey and Darby. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Richard and daughter, Amy.

Margaret was born Oct. 1, 1929, in Detroit to Stanley and Helen Kennedy. She attended Southeastern High School, then the

University of Michigan, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. After college, Margaret moved to Boston for a couple of years, before returning to the Detroit area to teach elementary education. It was then she met Richard, married and started a family. She devoted her life to her family and friends.

Margaret loved to spend time with her family and many friends, travel, entertain, play bridge and cheer on the Wolverines. She was an active member of Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church and Alpha Phi International Fraternity.

Margaret's many lifelong friendships were a testament to the caring, loving and generous person she was. She was deeply loved and will be deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church, 2411 Iroquois Ave., Detroit. Visitation will be held prior to the service, starting at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church, 2411 Iroquois Ave., Detroit 48214.

## Carole Ann Fulgenzi

Carole Ann "Kay" Fulgenzi, 86, passed away peacefully at home Monday, Nov. 18, 2019, after a valiant 2 1/2-year battle with colon and liver cancer.

She was the beloved wife of William Fulgenzi M.D., who preceded her in death in 2006; cherished mother of Kathleen (Jim Lamoureux), Karen, Kim (Joe Wheat) and Kristina Hilliard (Rick); adored grandmother of Gina South, Sean Lamoureux, Ryan South (Kortney), Joseph Lamoureux, Kyle South, Erin Kirby (Tony), Chloe Fox, Kelly Fox and Daniel Lamoureux; treasured great-grandmother of Henley South, Dylan South and Evan Kirby;

and dear sister-in-law of Andrew and Santina Fulgenzi and Carol and Red Lemke. She also was loved by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Born March 10, 1933, in Detroit, to Peter and Mildred (nee Irven) Dulcamara, Kay graduated from St. Anthony High School where she met the love of her life, Bill, whom she married Aug. 21, 1954. She completed nurses' training at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, then worked as a registered nurse at several area hospitals, including Detroit Receiving and Detroit Children's, retiring when her first child was born.

After devoting years to raising their daughters, she and Bill became avid tennis and bridge players and traveled the world with the Nomads travel club. They were longtime season ticket holders to the Michigan Opera Theatre and the Detroit Symphony Pops concerts. They loved entertaining family and friends both at their homes in Grosse Pointe and their cottage on Sand Point near Caseville.

Kay was a wonderful cook, especially of Italian food. Her signature dish was pesto made from basil from her garden. Kay's biggest hobby was gleaning antiques and other treasures from garage and estate sales, from which she furnished much of her homes and cottage. She was an active member of Pettipointe Questers and Deeplands Garden Club. She hosted a weekly bridge game in her home until the last month of her life.

A memorial Mass for Kay was celebrated Nov. 26, at St. Ambrose Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to Gilda's Club Metro Detroit at [gildasclubdetroit.org](http://gildasclubdetroit.org), Van Elslander Cancer Center Patient Funding, 19229 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, or Michigan Organization of Questers at [michiganquesters.org](http://michiganquesters.org).



Clune Joseph Walsh Jr.



Margaret Kennedy Dietz



Carol Ann Fulgenzi



Inge Arlington Vincent



Norma E. Morrison



Margaret Jean Curtiss

## Inge Arlington Vincent

Inge Arlington Vincent died Friday, Nov. 15, 2019.

She was the loving wife of George C. Vincent (dec. Dec. 5, 2015); dear mother of Nancy J. Murphy; stepmother of Chris Vincent (Jane) and Frances Vincent; proud grandmother of John and Jessie DeGrandis, Angela and Evan Paulson and Joseph George DeGrandis and beloved great-grandmother of Clara and Harley. She also leaves behind a loving extended family, especially cousin Gerda Gehl, who came and stayed for weeks twice a year, and Rolf Mulleger.

Inga was born Oct. 13, 1926, in Beuthen, Germany. She was educated in German schools and was there when Augsburg was bombed. She came to the United States in 1948 to attend Syracuse University, where she married William Arlington in 1950. They had fun camping and enjoying life.

In early 1961, the couple moved to Grosse Pointe Park and had a daughter. Shortly after, Inge and Bill divorced. Inga worked a temporary position at a tool and die company, where she met George Vincent. Fluent in German, Inga responded to an advertisement for a bilingual secretary at General Motors and began working for the company. Later, she worked as a legal secretary and also at the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

In 1978, Inga came in contact again with George Vincent and began their love story. They married June 30, 1979. During their happy 36 years of marriage they became worldwide travelers, from within 80 miles of the North Pole to the tip of South America.

Inga was a member of Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 82, The Harmonie Club and English-Speaking Union. She was a docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts and she and George delivered Meals on Wheels 15 years. They both were involved with the Detroit Opera House and there is a lobby dedicated in their honor. Inga also was a supporter of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and involved at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, where

she was instrumental in installing the organ there.

Inga will be remembered as a giving, friendly person and great mom, stepmom, grandma and "GiGi."

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

## Norma Elizabeth Morrison

Norma Elizabeth Morrison passed away Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, in San Antonio, Texas, surrounded by her loving family, just shy of her 92nd birthday. Norma was born Nov. 22, 1927, in Webster, Iowa, in the family farmhouse.

With a lifelong focus on education, Norma earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education and was active in the Delta Kappa Gamma sorority. She retired from the Grosse Pointe Public School System after 29 years in elementary education. She dedicated her efforts both in and out of the classroom to the overall betterment of her many students.

Norma was predeceased by her parents, Mahlon and Leona Higgins and husband, Kenneth "Ken" Morrison, to whom she was married 65 years. Norma is survived by her children, Gary Morrison of Temple, Texas, and Nancy Houck (Brad) of San Antonio; grandchildren, Daniel Morrison, Lindsay Warnock (Joe) and Justin and Kristin Houck and great-grandchild, Brooklyn Morrison.

In retirement, Norma and Ken enjoyed traveling, both domestic and foreign by land, sea and air. Norma was involved in church activities and enjoyed playing golf, bridge and spending time with special friends. Norma was a PEO 50-year Gold member and affiliated with PEO chapters in Michigan, Florida and Texas. Among her fondest memories were the years spent in their summer home at Clifford Lake in Greenville. There, they enjoyed hosting special visits with family and friends, complete with cookouts and lake activities.

Norma was a loving daughter, wife, mother and grandmother who

dedicated her life to family and friends. She will be deeply missed and remembered with love and affection by those who knew her.

A celebration of life service was held Nov. 23, in North English, Iowa.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at [cancer.org](http://cancer.org) or the American Stroke Association at [stroke.org](http://stroke.org).

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## Margaret Jean Curtiss

Margaret Jean Curtiss, 94, passed away Monday, Nov. 1, 2019.

Jean was the fifth of six children of Harry Craig and Alice Crawford Geatches. She was born in Kansas and shortly thereafter moved to Oklahoma, where she lived until 1946, when as a newlywed she moved to Detroit.

From 1946 on she helped her husband start and run a busy medical practice, raised four daughters, obtained a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University, volunteered at the Detroit Institute of Arts and maintained her interests in antiques, home décor, flowers, gardening, birding and her pet dogs. She was a licensed antiques dealer with booths in Tecumseh Antiques Mall and the Grosse Pointe Collection.

Jean was a devoted grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of two. She was a generous, talented woman. She always was a hard worker with high expectations for herself and her family.

Jean was predeceased by her husband of 70 years, Dr. William Phelps Curtiss, in 2016. She is survived by her daughters, Carol Leabee (Jack), Catherine Curtiss (Brian Molloy), Cindy Ireland (Charley) and Cristy Hyde (Art); grandchildren, Robert and Julia Leabee, William, Carl (Kristen) and Stephen Ireland, Laura Hyde Bettinger (Brendan), Lizzie and Emma Hyde and great-grandchildren, Graham Curtiss Ireland and Bowen Hyde Bettinger.

A private memorial will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ALS of Michigan at [alsofmichigan.org](http://alsofmichigan.org).

Share a memory at [ahpeters.com](http://ahpeters.com).

## Marier named president of Society of Financial Service Professionals, Detroit

Ryan Marier, financial planner and managing partner of LandMark Financial Planning + Advisory, was selected president by the Board of Directors of the Detroit chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

Marier will lead the Detroit chapter in underscoring the organization's mission to benefit professional advisors across financial services by empowering them to give the highest level of ethical service to their clients. His term runs through June 2020. Marier joined FSP in 2015.

"We are very excited about Ryan's leadership for the upcoming year," said Daniel J. Donohue, board member and immediate past president. "He has been an



Ryan Marier

integral part of the board for many years and is very passionate about the growth of our chapter. This will be especially important as we look to expand our outreach and value to the many allied professionals and students within the metro Detroit area."

With more than 17 years in the financial

services industry, Marier founded LandMark Financial Planning + Advisory in 2018, while affiliated with Lincoln Financial Advisors. He joined LFA as a registered representative in 2013. Prior to joining Lincoln, Marier was with JP Morgan Private Banking.

Marier earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, summa cum laude, from Northwood University. He has earned Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor and Certified Trust and Financial Advisor designations. He is licensed to distribute life, accident, health and annuity products and is a registered representative of Lincoln Financial Advisors Corp.



PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

# Chanukah, a short history

Judea stood between the powers of Egypt and the Seleucids in the north. The Seleucids saw the rising power of Rome and tried to unite their empire using Hellenism as a vehicle. These were the descendants of Alexander the Great whose empire had split into three parts. The Seleucids were in what was formerly Persia.

Hellenism was the philosophy (Greek thought) which was to unite the many ethnic parts of their empire. A revolt broke out when idols were placed in Jewish houses of worship. The Hasidim, pious ones — not to be confused with the later Chasids of the 18th century — rebelled under the leadership of Judah the Maccabee in the year 168 B.C.E. Before his death in about 160 B.C.E., he molded the Jews into a fighting force which was able to defeat the Seleucids. They cleansed the temple and rededicated it to God. This lineage, called the Hasmoneans, lasted until about 37 C.E., when the last Hasmonean princess turned the country over to Rome and Herod the Great became the ruler.

When the Hasmoneans rededicated the temple, so the story goes, there was only enough holy oil to last one day, but it lasted for eight. So, the holiday is celebrated by lighting a candle a day for eight days.

Chanukah is a minor holiday. It has become more important in recent years in the United States as it competes with the other winter holiday. It probably lasts eight days because there was a previous winter holiday that lasted eight days which it superseded.

Defeating the Seleucids was not a minor thing. The Seleucid empire was very big and powerful. Had the Hasmoneans lost, subsequent history would have been very different. Judaism would not have grown as it did and Christianity would not have existed.

Chanukah begins the eve of Dec. 22, and lasts until the eve of the 29th. We say, "A great miracle happened there." The miracle was the victory and rededication of the temple.

Skully is a past president of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association.



## Authors to the Pointe

Grosse Pointe Library Director Jessica Keyser stands with authors Min Jin Lee and Stephen Mack Jones as they hold the library sign during the Grosse Pointe Public Library's fifth annual Authors to the Pointe event Oct. 19. Both award-winning authors spoke during the event. Jones wrote "August Snow" and "Lives Laid Away," both based in Detroit and surrounding areas. Lee wrote "Free Food for Millionaires" and "Pachinko."



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Authors Stephen Mack Jones and Min Jin Lee sign books for event-goers.

# CHURCH EVENTS

## Christ the King

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents its 33rd annual Living Nativity from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. The event includes Christmas carols and a narrative, read aloud of the birth of Jesus. Preschool children dressed as angels and shepherds, as well as Joseph and Mary, reenact the Christmas story and farm animals will be present as well, for petting and photos. The event is free to the public. For more information, contact Doug Bohannon at (586) 703-6133 or bohooops@wowway.com.

## Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts an Advent Procession at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1. A service of readings and music tell the story of Christ's coming.

The church hosts its Gifts and Greens Celebration at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. The evening, a celebration of SOAR Detroit and The Carstens Literacy Initiative, features hors d'oeuvres by Brian Abner Culinary, a silent auction and fishbowl auction. RSVP by Wednesday, Dec. 4 to (313) 885-4841.

The church's Christmas concert takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, and features traditional favorites and choral masterpieces, including selections from Handel's "Messiah" and Vaughan Williams' "Fantasia on Christmas Carols." The audience is invited to sing favorite Christmas carols and the "Hallelujah Chorus." A pre-concert lecture takes place at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and available at christchurchgp.org/concerts. Contact Scott Hanoian at shanoian@christchurchgp.org or (313) 885-4841, Ext. 102.

## St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "A Christmas Gathering of Praise," at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, featuring the church choirs singing favorite Christmas carols. A dessert reception follows. Freewill offerings are accepted; proceeds benefit the efforts of the Haiti and Africa Relief Team.

The church presents "Fresh Start: A Healing Ministry for the Divorced, Separated & Civilly Remarried." This free program involves sharing experiences and dialogue with others in a

confidential group setting. A video series is included and child care is provided. Meetings take place 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school's faculty lounge these remaining Thursdays: Dec. 12, Jan. 9 and 23, Feb. 13 and 27 and March 12 and 26. To register, contact Deacon Bill Jamieson at bjamieson@stpaulonthelake.org or (313) 885-8855, Ext. 145.

## St. Clare

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, welcomes the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. Directed by Joseph Palazzolo, the holiday concert features guest violinist Sonia Lee. Purchase tickets at grossepointecommunitychorus.org.

## Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, welcomes the Langford Men's Chorus at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. The Christmas concert features guest artist Stacey Jamison, a woodwind specialist. Tickets are \$15 in advance at langformenschorus.org, \$18 at the door. For more information, call (248) 592-7455.

# Chorus presents holiday concert Dec. 8

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus presents its 67th Holiday Concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park

The chorus will be accompanied by virtuoso violinist Sonia Lee, who has performed across the country with well known artists, including Josh Groban and The Three Tenors. The chorus will perform a variety of holiday songs from classical to pop. Lee also will perform a solo of "Ave Maria."

The Grosse Pointe Community

Chorus is an 80-voice chorus under the direction of Joseph Palazzolo, with accompanist Ron Pietrantoni. Tickets are sold in advance or at the door and cost \$15 for adults, \$5 for children age 12 and younger. Tickets are available at Moehring Woods Florist, (313) 882-9732; Posterity Framing and Printing, (313) 884-8105 or from a chorus member.

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RUN:

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Leaves 5K. Before that, she pulled off a double header in Salem, Mass., followed by Providence, R.I.

Not every adventure has been enjoyable. She was met with rainy, muggy weather at the Greenville Zoo in South Carolina.

"I just didn't feel the vibe," she said.

Reid is blogging about her journey at 50before60.com. She hopes to inspire people through her experiences.

"I think it's fun," she said. "People have inspired me in the past and I want to make it fun for other people. I hated running, then I had a revelation. It

hit me after Memphis. It's not about the running anymore. That's the least part of the whole journey."

Usually Reid travels alone, but twice has taken her daughter with her. In February, the duo plan to run the Disney Princess 5K in Orlando.

"I will dress as Snow White, full on with a costume," Reid said. "We'll run through Epcot. That's been a bucket list one."

Reid, who lives in Indian Village, runs "my own streets" twice a week, oftentimes to the Belle Isle bridge and back. She occasionally runs through Grosse Pointe, too.

While she's happy sticking with 5K — "I have no desire to do anything past that," she said — Reid has watched her time improve

from race to race.

"I almost broke a 10-minute mile," she said. "I've been lingering at 10.3 or 10.4. I'm racing against myself, not anybody else. It's my own challenge."

Reid plans to end on a big note, years from now, in Hawaii. Meanwhile, she's keeping track of all her races on a map at home, a gift from Boettcher, who's been supportive from the start.

"I'm blessed to be in a position where I can do this," Reid said. "I'm seeing our country, things I've never seen before. ... I get to see how gorgeous our country is. I'm meeting new people, nice people."

A segment of Reid's blog is devoted to the Uber drivers she's met along the way. She taught one to rap;



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Reid tracks her runs on a map that was a gift from Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce President Jenny Boettcher.

another taught her how to speak with a Boston accent. Another, a young man in Minneapolis, gave her advice she hopes to follow: "Run 'till you die."

"People read the blog and tell me, 'You're inspi-

ration," she said. "If I can do it, anybody can do it. And it's a riot."

At 53, Reid has plenty of time to finish her quest.

"I think it's a midlife crisis," she said, "but it's a healthy one."

REGISTER:

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Thursday, Jan. 23, bringing together educators to share best practices in suicide awareness and prevention. Attendees learn about innovative programs available to students, teachers and parents throughout Michigan. School personnel are encouraged to attend.

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## Boys hockey

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# Fast start

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Game one for the University Liggett School boys hockey team was a 7-2 road win over St. Clair Shores Unified last week.

“We have a different type team than last year,” head coach Mike Maltese said. “We have some talented newcomers to mesh with our veterans, which puts us in a good spot as we start the year.”

The Knights started fast, scoring four first-period goals.

Senior Will Nicholson and junior Alec Leonard score a little more than 60 seconds apart early in the period, while sophomore Doug Wood scored consecutive goals at the 7:05 and 6:49 mark to put the visitors ahead 4-0.

The Lakers got on the board at the 1:59 mark of the first period, and they scored the first goal of the second stanza to close the gap to two goals, 4-2.

The Knights extended the lead back to four goals when Nicholson and Leonard scored in the final minute of the second period.

Leonard put this third goal of the game on the board, scoring on a



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

University Liggett School sophomore Doug Wood had a solid start to the season.

power play midway through the third period. Wood finished with four points, netting two goals and two assists.

Nicholson also had four points and others with assists were freshman Jake Kolk, junior Nick Fallon, sophomore Caden Ancona and senior Tristan Reilly.

Junior Grant Lindsay earned the win in net.

Last weekend, ULS traveled north and played host Alpena and Clarkston on back-to-back days.

“Alpena packs in the fans, so this was a nice atmosphere for the boys to play in,” Maltese said.

The Knights beat Alpena 2-1 on the first night as Leonard tied it

with a power-play goal, from Wood and Nicholson, and sophomore Rocco Scarfone tallied the game-winning goal with only 15 seconds left in the game. Wood and Nicholson also assisted on the game-winning tally.

On Saturday afternoon, ULS fell behind 3-0 before rallying to get within a goal in a 5-4 loss to Clarkston.

“After the emotional high from last night we started flat playing earlier in the day and went down 3-0 and weren’t able to scratch and claw our way back,” Maltese said. “We started to turn it on later in the game

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## Girls swimming

### GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Blue Devils 2nd

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach John Fodell and the Grosse Pointe South girls swimming and diving team put together one of its best showings in program history, taking runner-up in the Division 2 state championship meet at Oakland University.

Birmingham Seaholm won the state title with 304 points, but South took home a trophy by earning 222 points. Birmingham Groves was third with 198 points and Dexter was fourth with 178 to also earn a team trophy.

Below is the finish for each Blue Devil in each event.

In the 200-yard medley relay, freshman Brooke Lezotte, freshman Phoebe Handwork and Sophie Schuetze and sophomore Olivia Yoo took second with a time of 1:47.02 to earn All-State and 34 points.

Yoo was second to get All-State in the 200-yard freestyle and earn 17 points with her time of 1:51.13, and junior

Hayden Barry earned five points by finishing 12th with a time of 1:57.25.

Lezotte was All-State in the 200-yard individual medley with a fourth-place time of 2:08.74 and earned 14 points, and Schuetze had nine points with her ninth-place time of 2:09.85. Freshman Sienna Clark also competed in the event, earning two points with her time of 2:13.46 to finish 15th. Sophomore Elizabeth Klepp was 20th at 2:15.23.

The Blue Devils had two divers compete. Sophomore Caroline Rogers and freshman Ava Rogowski finished 32nd and 36th with 114.55 and 84.50 points.

Yoo earned All-State with her second-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly and earned 17 points with a time of 55.5. Schuetze was All-State with her fourth-place time of 57.33, and she earned 15 points.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Barry was All-State by taking eighth with a time of 5:10.42. She earned 11 points.

Freshman Sophia Kapla earned seven points by finishing 10th with a time of 5:08.75.

In event No. 9, the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of sophomore Phoebe Bedsworth, senior Hannah Blanz, freshman Ella Pazuchowski and Barry had eight points by finishing 13th with a time of 1:41.35.

The Blue Devils had their most success in the 100-yard backstroke as three made All-State and put 46 points on the board. Lezotte was second with a time of 56.74, while Clark was third at 58.46 and sophomore Elizabeth Klepp was sixth at 59.24.

Handwork was All-State in the 100-yard breaststroke, earning 12 points by placing seventh with a time of 1:08.65, while Kapla was 26th at 1:11.40.

Last, but not least, the 400-yard freestyle relay squad of Schuetze, sophomore Jilliana Pilutti, Barry and Yoo made All-State with a seventh-place time of 3:38.33. They earned 24 points.

### NORTH & LIGGETT

# Solid performances

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North’s girls swimming and diving team earned 31 points in last weekend’s Division 2 state championship meet at Oakland University.

Junior Ava Macgillis earned All-State in the 100-yard breaststroke after finishing fifth with a time of 1:07.13.

Macgillis also was All-State in the 200-yard individual medley, placing sixth with a time of 2:09.59.

The Norsemen’s 200-yard freestyle relay team of freshman Shayla Andrews, junior Sophia Vitale, senior Amelia Fly and Macgillis had a time of 1:42.25 to finish 15th.

The team had other finalists, including the 400-yard freestyle relay team of sophomore Diana Muccioli, Fly, Andrews and Macgillis

which placed 21st with a time of 3:47.70.

Andrews was 21st in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 55.24, and in the diving competition, seniors Amanda Nguyen and Abigail Gretkierewicz finished 30th and 35th with 117.05 and 86.55 points.

In the 200-yard medley relay, freshman Leah Salisbury, sophomore Elizabeth McMahon, Fly and junior Victoria Treder placed 22nd with a time of 2:03.10.

### Liggett results

University Liggett School earned 16 points in last weekend’s Division 3 state championship meet at Oakland University.

Sophomore Grace Wesley earned nine points in the 500-yard freestyle with a ninth-place time of 5:12.32 and seven points in the 200-yard individual medley

with a time of 2:12.66 to take 10th.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Wesley, sophomore Ariana Herman, junior Harrisen Davis and sophomore Sophia Herman finished 18th with a time of 1:55.40.

Sophia Herman was 29th in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:04.47, and sophomore Hannah Wheatley was 29th in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:21.38.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Sophia Herman placed 28th with a time of 56.60, and it was Ariana Herman finishing 31st in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:13.37.

In the meet’s final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, the group of Wesley, Ariana Herman, Sophia Herman and Davis finished 23rd with a time of 3:52.12.

## Wrestling

### GROSSE POINTES

# Wrestling club info

The Grosse Pointe Wrestling Club is entering its 17th season teaching and training young athletes from the Grosse Pointe area to wrestle.

Coach Tony Cimmarrusti enters his 17th year as adviser and founding coach. This season’s head coaches are former Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North wrestlers Luke Davey and Dave Salazar.

The assistant coaches include top South and North high school grad-

uates and former student-wrestlers, such as Pat Salazar, Sterling Hermann, Chris Lemanski.

The practices begin Monday, Dec. 2, and Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe South High School wrestling room, which is located inside the main gymnasium.

At the beginning of the first practice, there will be a sign-up meeting for parents to complete registration forms and ask questions.

With a heavy emphasis on focus, fundamentals and fun, the GPWC is open to any school age child in first to eighth grade in the surrounding area. The team will practice through mid-February, generally on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The cost is \$60 for the first child per family and \$30 for each additional child for the season.

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## Girls hockey

## SOUTH, LIGGETT &amp; NORTH

## Good vibes

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls hockey team dropped a 4-3 home decision to Livonia last week in the debut of head coach Haleigh Craig.

The Blue Devils fired a ton of pucks on net, but couldn't light the lamp.

Livonia jumped out to a 2-0 lead, but senior Kelsie Francis scored at the 9:45 mark of the second period to cut the deficit to 2-1. Freshman Gia Cavaliere and sophomore Julia Gebeck had the assists.

The home team fell behind 4-1 as Livonia tallied the next two goals.

The visitors would need those two goals as the Blue Devils roared back as freshman Ellison Smith and senior Lauren Benoit scored in the third period to put some pressure on Livonia. Sophomore Effie Hodges assisted on Smith's goal, and Smith and Gebeck assisted Benoit's tally.

Benoit's goal came with 5:45 left, leaving plenty of time for the Blue Devils to continue to pressure their visitors.

Craig has 18 players on her roster, led by seniors Benoit, Natalie Clextan, goaltender Emily Desnoyer and Kelsie Francis.

Juniors on the squad are Regan Sherry and Veronica Van Rosen, while sophomores are Bridget Backer, Gebeck, Hodges, Olivia Livingstone and Molly Rysewski.

The freshmen are Olivia Boyer, Cavaliere, Elise Harr, Grace Lindsay, Charlotte Peabody, Riley Sherry and Smith.

Grosse Pointe South is 0-1.

## Liggett results

The Gregory Paddison era as head coach of the University Liggett School girls hockey team started with a barn-burner last week.

The host Knights dominated the game with Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, but had to go to overtime before winning 2-1.

"Wow, what a way to start," Paddison said. "The girls played a good game, but it was a battle of goaltenders. Both girls played very well. We had



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

South's Kelsie Francis, right, and Julia Gebeck celebrate after a Blue Devils goal.

a lot of shots on goal, and we were able to get two through."

The Cranes scored at the 4:28 mark of the first period, but not more than 20 seconds later the Knights tied it when junior Gabrielle Anusbigian tallied.

Sophomore Allyson Doppke and freshman Emmalyn Stahl had the assists.

Neither team scored in the next two periods. However, each goalie had to stop several quality shots to keep it a 1-1 game.

In the 8-minute overtime period, junior Kendall Zinn scored the game-winner with only 47.8 left.

One minute into the OT, senior goalie Evie Bournias made a toe save on a shot headed to the far end of the open net.

This was the save of the game as the Cranes looked to have a game-winning goal.

Bournias, Anika Vreeken and Katherine Carron are the three seniors, while the juniors are Reese Martin, Zinn and Anusbigian.

The sophomores on the squad are Natalia Dragovic, Honor Wallace, Doppke, Memphis Griffin, Elise Kogel, Madeline McKee, Leah Coleman, Logan Merriweather and Abi Cone.

The freshmen are Gabriella Noble, Guiliana Lutfy, Christa Serventi, Isabel Standish, Lindsay Kien, Alexandria Metry, Izzy Fruehauf, Stahl, Lucinda Boyle and Sophia Kalyvas.

The following day, the Knights beat host Walled Lake 8-0 as Lutfy, Anusbigian and Dragovic scored two goals apiece. Lutfy scored in the first period and then again short-handed in the third period.

Dragovic scored both goals on the power-play in the third period.

Her second goal ended the game due to the mercy rule with five minutes left. Anusbigian had a goal in the first two periods, with her second tally coming on the power-play.

Other goal scorers were McKee and Doppke. Drawing assists were Vreeken, Kien, Doppke, McKee, Zinn, Anusbigian and Dragovic.

Bournias recorded the shut-out in net as ULS improved to 2-0.

## North results

The Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team began its season with a 5-4 win over visiting Ann Arbor Skyron last weekend.

Head coach Casey Quick and his Norsemen trailed 1-0 after the first period, and it was 2-0 early in the second stanza before they made their move.

Senior Darby Pickford scored with sophomore Maraina Smith drawing the lone assist.

The Norsemen tied it 2-2 when freshman Gabby Brimme tallied. Senior Mackenzie Stockwell had an assist.

It was 2-2 after the second period, but early in the third Skyron scored to lead 3-2.

The Norsemen roared back with three straight goals by Brumme, who is picking up the scoring slack after the graduation of All-State forward Clare Murphy.

Pickford and Smith picked up assists on those goals.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 overall.

Quick's seniors on the 2019-20 roster are Madalyn Durkee, Ruth Fradeneck, Eva Jones, Pickford and Stockwell, while the lone junior is Cassar.

Sophomores are Harmony Gosselin, Toni Miano, Clare Ramsdell, Elle Sables, Smith, Lucia Turrini and Madeline Yee, and the freshmen are Brumme, Grace Cueter and Lucy Driscoll.

## Boys hockey

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils on fire

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team traveled to Viking Arena to battle U-D Jesuit in its Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League opener last weekend.

First-year head coach Paul Moretz and his Blue Devils knew they would be in store for a tough three periods, and they were right as the Cubs opened the scoring with a power-play goal just 45 seconds into the game.

Have no fear as the Blue Devils battled back for a 4-3 victory.

"This was a nice win for us," Moretz said. "It will take some time for this team to play the way we want them to."

The Blue Devils took advantage of a two-man power-play, they tied the game at the 6:09 mark when junior Dean Theriault scored.

They added two quick

goals in a 90-second span late in the first period to take a 3-1 lead to the intermission.

Junior Aaron Vyletel scored the second goal, and Alex Mills had the third one.

The Cubs scored another power-play goal to cut the deficit to 3-2, but Thomas Daudlin tallied midway through the second period to give the Blue Devils a 4-2 advantage.

The home team added one final goal at the 6:46 mark of the second stanza, bringing it within a goal at 4-3.

A slew of Blue Devils penalties gave the Cubs three power-plays, but the defense stood tall, as did senior goaltender William Strickler.

The Cubs also benefited from a power-play opportunity late in the game, even though a Blue Devil player was hooked down on a break-away. He was called for

roughing after running into the Cubs' goalie when he was hooked.

In other action last week, South beat Rochester 7-4 in its season opener and finished a busy opening week with an 8-0 mercy victory over Warren DeLaSalle.

South is 2-0 in the MIHL and 3-0 overall.

Moretz's seniors are Luke Naidow, Mills, Adam Strehlke, Daudlin, Alexander Stapleton, Alexander Micuda, John McShane, Brian McKenna, Strickler and Keegan Spitz.

The juniors are David Rivard, Anthony Furicchia, Joseph Czech, Zachary Wharton, Vyletel, Sean Clarke, Remi Faussie and Theriault.

Jacob Spitz, Ryan Bernard, Maximilian Aldighieri and River Kraus are sophomores, and the lone freshman on the varsity roster is Harrison Wright.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen show grit

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Senior goaltender Connor Obermok turned in a stellar performance for the host Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team in its league game against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Unfortunately, Obermok's heroics weren't enough as the Norsemen lost 4-1.

"Connor Obermok (goalie) made some big saves that kept us in the game," first-year head coach Rob Blum said. "We need to be a little more disciplined in our defensive zone and create some more pressure

in the offensive zone, but we're working hard and getting better each day."

Blum and his Norsemen trailed 2-0 before senior William Weiss scored on a power-play in the first minute of the third period to cut the deficit in half.

They maintained a lot of pressure in the Eaglets' zone, but couldn't get the equalizer.

The Eaglets scored on a power-play at the 6:26 mark to make it 3-1 and added an empty-net tally in the final seconds to account for the final score.

Earlier in the week, North lost 11-3 to

Birmingham Brother Rice to fall to 0-2 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

Blum has several seniors to lean on. They are Obermok, Evan Berger, Joseph Lucido, Michael Burns, Weiss, Coy Catrett and Brian Clogg.

The juniors are Dominic Vitale, Tyler Richardson, Jason Michalski, Ethan McCormick and Dylan Holman.

Sophomores are Connor Troost, Nicholas Asimakis, Tim Cleland and Robert Cassar.

Blum's team captains this season are Burns and Berger.

## ULS:

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making it a one goal game, but time just expired and we fell 5-4."

Reilly, Wood, Leonard and Nicholson scored goals, while senior Reilly Thierry had 22 saves in net.

"Overall, I was really happy and impressed with our overall team effort," Maltese said. "I was extremely happy to see our resilience and



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

University Liggett School goaltender Grand Lindsay earned the win over St. Clair Shores.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council, meeting as Zoning Board of Appeals under the provisions of Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 et seq, will meet in the Council-Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, on Monday, December 16, 2019, at 7:05 p.m. to hear the appeal of Pamela J. Hartman, 509 Robert John Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, who is appealing the denial of the Building Official to issue a building permit due to noncompliance with Sec. 50-539(5) Solar Energy Systems of the 2017 City Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, accessibility. A dimensional variance is therefore required.

The public hearing materials are available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 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.

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overcome some controversy early in the season."

The seniors on the 2019-2020 squad are Nolan Allaer, Nicholson, Dakota Jones, Reilly, Harry Durno and Townsend Meredith, while the juniors are Lindsay, William Bowen, Tommy Gebeck, Leonard, Matt Holder, Fallon and Reilly Thierry.

Sophomores are Jack Parker, Ancona, Scarfone, Wood and Jack Estes, and the freshmen are Ethan Schlenker, Jake Martin, Michael Eugenio, Drew Fallon, Kolk, Ian Gudenau, Campbell Marchal, Hunter Pitera, Oliver Service and Zachary Sliwinski.



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

**ACROSS**

1	Temperate	41	Transmit	10	Staffer
5	Owens	43	Afternoon party	11	Pitch
8	Lovers' quarrel	45	"Jane Eyre" author	16	Inauguration recitation
12	Sandwich treat	47	Do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do	20	Ewe's mate
13	Final (Abbr.)	51	Mongolian tent	23	No longer stylish
14	Small combo	52	Great bliss	24	Omega predecessor
15	"Desperate Housewives" actress Eva	54	Mideastern potentate	25	Brain's stimulus receptors
17	Cincinnati team	55	Fields or Butterworth	27	Understand
18	Ingratiate	56	Villain's look	29	Deity
19	Warehouse pile	57	Fix, in a way	30	Conclude
21	Pigpen	58	Crafty	32	Space flight conclusion
22	Deck for a 10-count	59	Young woman	34	Job for a medical examiner
23	Wife of Saturn			37	Pismire
26	Embrace			39	Georgia —
28	Become one			42	Considers
31	Addict			44	Coral circle
33	Shell game item			45	Tourney situations
35	"My Heart Will Go On" singer			46	Derriere
36	Ringworm			48	Vicinity
38	Egypt's boy king			49	Competes
40	Toss in			50	Corn spikes
				53	Web address

**DOWN**

1	Double agent	37	Pismire
2	Press	39	Georgia —
3	Give for a time	42	Considers
4	Venetian magistrates	44	Coral circle
5	"Get a move on!"	45	Tourney situations
6	Foreman foe	46	Derriere
7	Pile	48	Vicinity
8	Wandered off	49	Competes
9	Transvaal city	50	Corn spikes

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

Solution for last weeks puzzle 11/21/19

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

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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