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State races no surprise in Pointes

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — There appeared to be no surprises brewing in state races relevant to Grosse Pointe as of press time Tuesday night.

Below are the results reported by the Wayne County Clerk's office as of 11 p.m.

With 56 percent of precincts reporting in Michigan State Senate District 2 — comprising all five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, Hamtramck, Highland Park and a portion of Detroit — Democrat Adam Hollier led with 75 percent of the vote. He received 37,822 votes to Republican and Grosse Pointer Lisa Papas' 11,974.

Hollier will begin serving immediately winning the partial term as well. That race was uncontested.

In State House District 1, incumbent and Democrat Tenisha Yancey led Republican Mark Corcoran by more than 10,000 votes with 55 percent of precincts reporting. Yancey received 14,565 votes to Corcoran's 3,989. Libertarian candidate Gregory Creswell received 412 votes.

House District 1 comprises Grosse Pointe

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Voters lined up inside Trombly Elementary School when the polls opened Nov. 6.

GPPSS bond leads in early results

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

With 54 percent of votes reported by Wayne County, as of 10:43 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, The Grosse Pointe Public School System bond proposal appeared to have an edge to win with 57 percent voting yes and 43 percent voting no. These did not include late returns from Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park or Grosse Pointe Woods.

Unofficial results from these cities show strongest support in Grosse Pointe Park, with 3,987 voting yes and 2,507 voting no. The gap was closer in Grosse Pointe Farms, with 3,268 voting yes and 2,889 no, and the City of Grosse Pointe, with 1,793 yes votes and 1,524 opposing the millage. The bond was defeated in Grosse Pointe Shores, with 1,012 no votes and 585 voting yes. Grosse Pointe Woods had not reported as of press time.

Shannon Byrne and Dan Roeske, who chaired the Better Schools, Safer Schools committee in support of the bond, were pleased with early results favoring the bond.

"We are so happy that our Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods community showed strong support for our kids and our schools today," Byrne said. "If it passes, this bond will enable our district to make critical infrastructure, safety and technology upgrades to ensure GPPSS continues to pro-

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Grosse Pointe voters take to the polls

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — On a windy and rainy November day, Grosse Pointers headed to the polls to cast their ballots in the midterm election.

For a lot of people, the Grosse Pointe Public School System bond request was the biggest local issue driving them to the polls. The school district requested residents approve a $111 million bond for constructing secure vestibules, repairing roofs and replacing outdated mechanical equipment, along with updating the technology infrastructure.

Standing in the rain outside Defer Elementary School Tuesday afternoon, Park resident Aimee Fluitt said one of the reasons she lives in Grosse Pointe is because of the schools. She said she was surprised at the condition of some of the school buildings.

"A friend of mine posted a picture on Facebook the other day of the boiler at Trombly, which was installed in 1926. It's the original boiler," Fluitt said. "I think it's a no-brainer. It's got to be done. Not only do I support education anyway, but I think from a totally pragmatic point of view, we have to take care of the schools. It's one of the best things about this community."

Farms resident Jessica Brooks echoed Fluitt's sentiments. She said she moved to the Farms in 2013 and one of the reasons she decided to stay was the school district.

"I think this bond is tremendously important for our community," said Brooks, a nonprofit worker. "... I understand how run down these schools have become over the years and I think it's important to be able to compete statewide and nationwide with other schools. So I think this bond is going to help in terms of bringing the schools up to code and ensuring our children are safe in this world."

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A demolition crew began tearing down this Hawthorne house the morning of Nov. 5.

Hawthorne house gone

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Late Monday morning, Amanda Wheatley watched the demolition of her childhood home in the 1200 block of Hawthorne.

"I was blindsided by all this," she said. "If I had a neighbor who was struggling, I wouldn't dream of doing this," Wheatley said, accusing neighbors of enjoying the demolition of her home.

The razing followed the decision reached by Wayne County Circuit Judge David Groner Tuesday, June 19, following the nuisance abatement lawsuit filed by Grosse Pointe Woods August 2017 against the homeowners — Wheatley, 60, who inherited the house she lived in since she was 7 years old, and Leslie Hughes, 61.

The lawsuit, which

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Shared and mentored workspace available to startups, established businesses

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Farms businessman Ed Lazar has some space to share.

The State Farm agent and owner of the consulting firm Essential Team Resources not only offers shared work space, but also business consulting as part of Start Here! Business Development Center, a community of businesses focused on moving ideas forward in a judgment-free zone.

The space, located at 18348 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms, includes furnished offices, high-speed internet, a shared kitchenette and conference rooms, free parking and other amenities.

"I dream of filling up with productive people and being their coach," Lazar said. "It's not about the space, but about the community you can develop inside the space."

Space will be accessible via memberships; Lazar is offering drop-in terms, as well as six-, 12- and 24-month contracts.

"Somebody can come in and plop down for a short period of time or they can rent a private office," he said. "A developing startup or a business that's already established can rent as sort of a home away from home. Anybody who rents space can have access to me. I work with other startups and established businesses who want to start new ideas."

Start Here!, sponsored by Essential Team Resources, focuses on three points Lazar said are integral to success: making clear plans, finding excellent people to work and providing support.

"That is what I do for my clients, so why not do it for my tenants?" Lazar asked. "Plus, it's also a safe place to try a new idea. And it's affordable.

"Other shared work spaces are more expensive, but they're fancier," he continued. "We don't need fancy. We have a team environment, a place away from home, access to other team members."

Cost for drop-in businesses is $195 per month; office rentals range from $425 to $475 per month, depending on the size of the office.

"Plus they'll get an hour per week of my time scheduled for the private offices," Lazar said, noting offices are equipped with desks, chairs, whiteboards and lights.

"It's perfect if you want to get your business out of the house or need space to meet clients outside of the house," he said. "I'm excited to create a vibrant new business community out of this building. I like the idea of keeping this intimate and cycling them through."

Lazar said he's seen some interest in the space and hopes to have it full by year's end.

"The idea of being helpful does my heart good," he said, noting the 1,800-square-feet of space entails seven individual offices, as well as a team workroom with four desks and a conference table.

In addition to one-on-one business mentoring time, Lazar said he'd like a weekly meeting with all tenants to bounce around ideas and "talk about successes and challenges," he said. "The brilliance of people who want to start — their ideas — are incredible. They're energized, enthused, about something they've always wanted to try.

"So many people are busy working in business and don't take the time to work on their business," he continued. "When you get people to dream, today becomes so much clearer. You get them going and they do their own work after that. When you see somebody light up with enthusiasm for their own ideas, it's a really good feeling. They get going in a more focused direction and work on as well as within their business."

For more information, call (313) 701-6400 or email ed@essentialteamresources.com.

Evelyn Jensen squirts the fire house with Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Officer Neal Kapoor.

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Caleb Schroerlucke holds a fire hose on the front of a Grosse Pointe Woods fire truck.

Safety first

The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety invited the community to its annual open house Oct. 7. The free event provided children and adults with critical information about fire safety and prevention, the chance to interact with public safety personnel and learn life-saving tips.

The event included U.S. Coast Guard boater and water safety information; public safety equipment demonstrations; child fingerprinting; Grosse Pointe Farms K-9 demonstration, a smokehouse exercise and fire safety session.

Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety K-9 Officer Tim Harris explains how he and his partner, Duke, plan to demonstrate Duke's skills.

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Kasey Cleland wants to be a police officer when she grows up and was excited to meet officers — including Duke — at the open house.

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Home-improvement employee charged with larceny

GROSSE POINTE SHORES AND WOODS — A home-improvement employee charged with stealing from customers' homes was arraigned last week in courtrooms in the Shores and Woods.

The arraignment hearings followed the arrest of Glenn Hempel Jr., 36, by Shores public safety Tuesday, Oct. 30.

The investigation beginning in the Shores linked Hempel to home larcenies in the 10 block of Renaud in the Shores and the 500 block of Renaud in the Woods.

Tuesday, Oct. 16, Shores public safety officers took the report of guns stolen from a house in the 10 block of Renaud, after the homeowners noticed four rifles and a handgun missing from cases stored in a spare bedroom. Also missing from the bedroom were coins and $2,000 worth of gift cards.

A contractor who recently completed work in the home identified Hempel, a former employee, as the suspect.

The contractor said Hempel was working in the house while the homeowners were out of town in July and late September.

He said he also reported missing jewelry from his home in New Haven to the Macomb County Sheriff's Department, suspecting Hempel, who had access to the house late September, of taking the items.

The Shores investigation uncovered Hempel sold one of the missing rifles Tuesday, Oct. 2, and used the identification of a 55-year-old Fraser woman, believed to be deceased, to pawn three more of the stolen guns.

Monday, Oct. 22, Woods public safety received a report of items missing from the house in the 500 block of Renaud, including cameras and jewelry. The investigation linked Hempel as the suspect, who worked in the house over the summer for the same contractor.

The contractor told Woods public safety he terminated Hempel's employment for the suspected thefts. He said Hempel lived in New Haven when he hired him in June.

Hempel was believed to be staying at a motel in Roseville near the time of his arrest. A witness related to Hempel told a Woods investigator Hempel is addicted to drugs.

— Melissa Walsh

City awards beautiful homes

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — As a show of appreciation for the hard work of residents and businesses to keep the City beautiful, the Beautification Commission hands out its Beautification Awards every year.

"It's a pretty hard process because there are a lot of really beautiful homes and sometimes it's hard to make a decision," said Susan Budrys, Beautification Commission co-chairwoman. "But I think this year each and every one of the houses is just so lovely and so deserving of the award."

During late summer, the commission breaks into groups and canvasses the community, looking for the most beautiful homes.

PHOTOS BY ANTHONY VIOLA

Susan Hartz, beautification commission co-chairwoman, with beautification award winners Russell Etheridge and Debra Wright and co-chairwoman Susan Budrys Thursday, Oct. 11.

"When we are going around it's just hysterical," said Susan Hartz, Beautification Commission co-chairwoman. "People get very worried that we're from the FBI or something because we have to stop and take pictures."

The list is whittled down to the deserving few. This year, nine residential homes and one business were selected.

Each awardee was gifted a City of Grosse Pointe Pewabic tile and certificate with a photo of their home.

This year's winners were:

Thomas Stichman, 38 Cranford Lane; Paul and Kathleen Beitz, 551 Fisher; Keith and Susan Jackowski, 801 Lincoln; Nicholas and Rita Bontomasi, 308 Rivard; Dean and Carol Diamond, 571 Rivard; Russell Ethridge and Debra Wright, 293 University; David and Jessica Applegate, 592 University; Ty and Laura Clutterbuck, 501 Washington; Bryan Hill, 947 Washington; and Small Favors, 17125 Kercheval.

Hartz with beautification award winner Bryan Hill and Budrys.

Hartz and Budrys with beautification award winners Rita and Nick Bontomasi.

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Opponents of the bond said there are other ways to get money to repair the schools and the schools should first address declining enrollment.

As the sun set Tuesday, Shores residents Marlene Smith and Fran Bachmann stood outside Shores city hall. Smith said she had been there since 7 a.m.

"I'm not for this bond because only 60 cents on the dollar goes toward the schools," Smith said. "I'm for (using) the sinking fund where 100 percent of the money goes towards the schools. I would be for a smaller bond once they right-size the schools and see where exactly the critical needs are and they address those and put them in chronological order. And we need new people on our school board."

Bachmann agreed.

"We need to right-size the schools before you ask for money to fix schools you might not have," she said.

She also added just because she is against the bond, it doesn't mean she is against the schools.

"A lot of people were afraid to put signs out because it feels like you're against the schools," Bachmann said. "I'm not against the schools. I want the schools to do well. Obviously it has a lot to do with our property values. And I love kids. I want them to have a good education."

For others going out Tuesday, it was the state and national elections motivating them to cast their ballots.

"I think it's a turning point," said Guenter Nyanankpe as he went to vote at Brownell Middle School. "I think with everything that's going on right now, those two spots (U.S. Senate and governor) are where the most difference is going to happen. I think that's where the weight is right now."

State, WCCCD proposals up in early results

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

The three midterm ballot proposals — legalizing marijuana, creating a redistricting commission and the addition of voting policies in the state's constitution — as well as the Wayne County Community College District's request for a permanent millage all looked to be heading toward passage as of press time Tuesday night.

With 41 percent of precincts reporting, the proposal to legalize marijuana was passing with 58 percent of the vote, receiving 1.26 million yes votes and 920,000 no, according to the Associated Press.

The proposal will allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles. It also will allow for the cultivation of 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption, impose a 10-ounce limit kept at residences — 2.5-ounces on an individual's person — create a state licensing system for businesses and change several current violations from crimes to civil infractions.

Proposal 18-2 — Voters Not Politicians — also appeared to be on the path for passage at 11 p.m. Tuesday with 61 percent of voters in favor, according to the AP. With 41 percent reporting, 1.3 million voted yes to 835,000 no.

The proposal will amend the state constitution and establish a commission of citizens to draw district boundaries for state and national offices. The commission will consist of 13 randomly selected individuals — four Democrats, four Republicans and five Independants. It will prohibit partisan officeholders, candidates, their employees, certain relatives and lobbyists from serving on the commission. It also will create new redistricting criteria ensuring no disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates.

The last statewide proposal — Promote the Vote — received 68 percent of the vote with 41 percent reporting. More than 1.4 million people were in favor of the proposal versus 688,000 against.

The proposal will amend the state constitution and authorize automatic and election day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting and straight-ticket voting, as well as add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and post-election audits.

WCCCD is requesting a 2.25-mill permanent millage as a replacement of two separate, temporary millages, which will put the community college's permanent millage at 3.25 mills total. The millage would be used for operations, continue building projects and expand offerings.

With 49 percent of precincts reporting for the WCCCD millage request, 64 percent of voters approved. As of 11 p.m. 183,000 people were in favor of the proposal and 102,651 against.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, NOV. 12

- Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation meeting, 7 p.m. at the municipal building, 795 Lakeshore.

TUESDAY, NOV. 13

- Grosse Pointe Shores Pension Commission meeting, 7:30 a.m. at the municipal building, 795 Lakeshore.
- Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14

- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society's spaghetti dinner fundraiser, 4 to 7 p.m. at AMVETS 57, 19730 Harper, Harper Woods. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for children younger than 12.
- Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Awards Night, 7 p.m. at Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale Dr.
- Henry Ford Hospital Cosmetic Surgery plastic surgeons give free skin care analysis, information and advice 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the the Henry Ford Pierson Clinic, 131 Kercheval.

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vide outstanding educational opportunities for our children. We hope all in our community, whether they voted for the bond or not, will come together as One GP in support of our schools moving forward."

"We were very fortunate to have a lot of volunteers that were able to help us and they've been supporting us throughout the whole campaign. Any success we have or any efforts we've been able to achieve is because of the folks that helped on the team," said Roeske.

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Shores, Woods, Harper Woods and parts of Detroit.

With 61 percent of precincts reporting, Democrat Joe Tate in House District 2 held a 70 percent lead over Republican John Palffy. Tate received 15,254 votes to Palffy's 6,523. District 2 contains Grosse Pointe Park, City, Farms and parts of Detroit.

Locally, with 45 percent of precincts reporting, the Grosse Pointe Public Library millage renewal appeared to be passing easily. Nearly 75 percent of voters approved of the renewal, with 16,003 yes votes to 5,365 no.

Comprising approximately 30 percent of the library's budget, the .6847-mill levy will be used to purchase materials including books, magazines, newspapers and other resources, technology, building maintenance and improvements and pay down the bonds for the Ewald and Woods branches.

The Grosse Pointe Park road millage also passed. With 100 percent of precincts reporting, the millage passed with 71 percent of the vote.

The 1-mill, 10-year levy will be used to continue the city's street repaving program. It will be used for reconstruction, resurfacing, repairing and otherwise improving major and local streets within the city, alleys, parking lots and related infrastructure.

For up-to-date election results, visit the clerk's office website at bit.ly/2APHq7y.

'I just want to tell good stories'

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

COURTESY PHOTO

City of Grosse Pointe resident Kelly Fordon is finding success as an author and poet.

"I was an only child so I spent a lot of time reading," Kelly Fordon said, sitting in the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central branch on an early-November Monday. "I remember specifically having seventh-grade teachers say, 'See how many books you can read over the summer' and I still remember, I read 106.

"I mean that's kind of sad in a way because you're really not doing anything else except reading 106 books. But, I just loved it. I feel like it's a great way to experience other ways of life and other people's circumstances. It fosters empathy for other people."

Since then, writing has been a major part of Fordon's life — although she says it took a backseat as she and her husband, Fred Fordon, raised four kids.

Now that she has more time, "I'm just kind of working away," she said.

Since 2011, she's published three poetry chapbooks and "Garden for the Blind," a novel-in-stories published by Wayne State University Press. She currently is working on two new poetry collections, due in 2019 and 2020, a short story collection and a novel.

And so far her hard work has paid off. "Garden for the Blind" was chosen as a Michigan Notable Book, a 2016 Foreword Reviews' INDIEFAB Finalist, a Midwest Book Award Finalist, an Eric Hoffer Finalist and an IPPY Awards Bronze Medalist in the short story category.

She also won awards for two of her chapbooks, "The Witness" and "On the Street Where We Live."

But fiction and poetry weren't always the career path for Fordon. She started off in journalism, first working at National Geographic in Washington, D.C. — where she's from — then WDET as a general assignment reporter after moving to the City of Grosse Pointe in 1993.

She earned her bachelor's degree in international studies from Kenyon College before earning a master's degree in communications from Ohio University.

"Because that was the practical route," she said.

While working at WDET and after having her first son, however, she realized, "I was earning so little money that the babysitter was going to earn more money than me."

So she stopped working as a journalist and worked freelance, writing articles for the Grosse Pointe News and Times every once in a while.

"Then I just really wanted to get into fiction and poetry."

She started attending conferences and workshops and auditing college courses.

"I started taking classes at the University of Michigan with Laura Kasischke and Craig Holden. I just sort of sat in on the undergraduate classes. ... I was 34 and everyone else was 20, so it was a little weird and I had four kids so I was in a completely different space. But it was really fascinating so I kept signing up for classes there until they finally said, 'You either have to enroll or stop.'"

She went on to earn a Master of Fine Arts degree in fiction from Queens College in North Carolina in 2013.

"I started taking poetry with Vievee Francis, who is a really well-known Detroit poet," she said. "Then I just decided I'm going to write poetry and fiction, even if I'm not going to make any money. Even if it never gets published."

Her writing, she said, is inspired by what's around her.

"I just want to tell good stories. ... I'm inspired by things going on around me. I've written a lot about raising children and that kind of thing, but I've also written about living in neighborhoods and the different dynamics of the neighborhoods and I've written about the Grosse Pointe-Detroit divide, which I found pretty upsetting when I moved here."

"SNAP," a poetry collection due in 2020, is based on more than 10,000 pages of testimony presented by the Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests to the UN committee on the Rights of the Child.

And advice for young writers?

"I think it's true, if you can do anything else you should probably do it," she joked.

But, on a serious note, she urged everybody to pursue their passions.

"I just attended a conference in New York and the novelist Ann Napolitano said that you should just pursue your obsessions. They're your unique obsessions and nobody else is going to do that," she said.

She also said writers shouldn't listen too closely to critics or ask for too much feedback.

"I feel like I was discouraged a lot — not discouraged a lot, but a couple times — and it was significant in my early 20s to the point where I stopped writing poetry for 17 years because of something someone said. That's dumb."

Writing, she said, is like training for a marathon. You don't set out on day one and run the entire thing. It takes time and practice.

"It takes 10,000 hours, they say, to become an expert in anything," she said. "That's a lot of time. "... You just should read as much as you possibly can, practice, practice, practice. Fill at least 10 notebooks before you turn anything in."

And ultimately, she said, "Don't let anyone else make the decision for you."

Pretty in pink

Holly Ryan has her passport stamped by Dr. Cheryl Wesen, breast surgeon, Ascension St. John.

Thursday, Oct. 4, Ascension St. John Hospital put on a ladies' night out in The Village called Get your Pink On, which included shopping, refreshments, a mobile mammogram unit and more.

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Nicole Davidson, Marybeth Karlik, Katie Mercurio, Jeannine Mercurio and Karen Heckman walked around The Village during the event with their pink bags filled with goodies from Ascension St. John.

Anna Brieden, an 11th grader at Grosse Pointe South, hangs a pink ribbon on The Village tree for Defer Elementary School teacher Cheryl Lapensee who passed away from breast cancer Sept. 11. Ribbons of Hope made the ribbons with space to write the name of a loved one to honor.

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went to bench trial March 26, followed a string of complaints heard in municipal court. Representing the city of Grosse Pointe Woods, attorney Chip Berschback asked the county court to compel the homeowners to fix property violations immediately or order demolition of the house.

Arguing the house was in severe disrepair and structurally unsound, Berschback called on neighboring residents to testify to the house's exterior condition. Woods Building Administrator Gene Tutag listed for the court all required repairs to prevent the house from being condemned. An engineering consultant testified as an expert witness to the structural condition of the house.

Groner adjourned trial April 16 to allow the homeowners, who represented themselves, time to retain an attorney and consult a structural engineer.

When trial resumed May 31, Wheatley appeared with counsel and an evaluation by an engineer. Hughes continued to represent himself and told the court he would not accept resolution offered by Berschback.

Groner ordered the homeowners to bring the house to code by July 31 or vacate it for demolition, ruling, "The court finds that a nuisance exists based on the testimony provided at trial and based on the international property maintenance code provisions regarding unsafe structures (Section 108.1.1) and structures unfit for human occupancy (108.1.3), and is generally so out of repair as to become dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary or otherwise unfit for human habitation for occupancy."

"I guess it's a go," Wheatley told the Grosse Pointe News Friday, hours after she and a friend were escorted from Groner's courtroom following a motion hearing, during which their final motion to stop the demolition was denied.

Wheatley and Hughes could have sold the property to a contractor qualified to correct the house's structural issues or develop the property. However, Hughes went on record during the trial as being unwilling to sell the property.

Asked Friday, if she was willing to sell the property during the window of opportunity to do so, Wheatley said, "I wasn't all that serious about it. I wasn't going to make it easy for (the city)."

Instead, Wheatley and Hughes owe costs incurred by the city, including $9,925 in attorney fees, $3,037 in witness fees and close to $15,000 for the cost of the demolition.

In the meantime, Wheatley is working and staying with friends. Hughes continued living in the house until the weekend before the demolition.

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Sweets on the street

The Village hosted its annual trick-or-treat event Oct. 31. Costumed characters of all ages took advantage of the afternoon to collect candy from various participating businesses along Kercheval.

Brenda Chastain, Wynell Marlow and Pam Moore dressed as the three blind mice.

Brownell sixth-grader Olivia Husek was startled by a zombie in the elevator in the Flagstar building.

City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Officer Drew Prueter handed out candy and posed for photos during the event.

Bank robbery suspect sought

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A man using a note indicating he had a concealed gun robbed the Citizens Bank in the 19000 block of Mack approximately 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6.

The man was described as a black male in his early 40s, 6 feet tall, heavyset with a medium to dark complexion.

Security surveillance showed the man was wearing a white baseball cap, red hoodie-type sweatshirt and blue jeans.

April 18, security surveillance captured an image of a man with a similar description robbing the Chemical Bank in the 20000 block of Mack — a black male, between ages 45 and 50, approximately 6 feet tall and 220 to 230 pounds.

Those with information about the suspect in Tuesday's robbery should contact Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Criminal Investigation Division, (313) 343-2412.

— Melissa Walsh

COURTESY GROSSE POINTE WOODS PUBLIC SAFETY.

Security surveillance captured this image of the suspect in Tuesday's robbery of Citizen's Bank in the 19000 block of Mack.

PUBLIC SAFETY

City of Grosse Pointe

Just a few more blocks

A 22-year-old Park man was arrested for drunken driving 8:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, on St. Paul and Neff. Officers responded to the area on a report of a two-vehicle accident. When they arrived, officers found one vehicle with heavy front-end damage and the other with heavy rear-end damage.

Park officers also responded to the scene after receiving a report of a vehicle — matching the description of one of the vehicles involved in the accident — on Vernor at Whittier driving erratically with a flat tire.

The Park man, who was driving the vehicle described to Park police as having sustained front-end damage, was standing next to the car when police arrived.

He said he was on his way home from a friend's house in Warren when his tire blew out on I-94. He said he was trying to get to his mother's house on Washington, when he became distracted and hit the car in front of him.

During the interview, officers noted the man smelled of alcohol and had glassy eyes and slurred speech.

A field sobriety test was conducted and a preliminary breath test resulted in .164 percent blood alcohol content.

Two containers with marijuana dust/residue also were found on his person.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Warrant arrest

A 59-year-old Detroit man was arrested for an outstanding warrant 3:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, on Kercheval and Kensington. He was spotted in the area and arrested.

Caught on camera

An unknown Caucasian woman is wanted for shoplifting from a store in the 15000 block of Charlevoix 2:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29. She was caught on camera and described as being in her early 30s, short and thin.

Lock your car

Approximately $30 cash was stolen from an unlocked vehicle between 1:15 and 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, in the 15000 block of Mack.

Window broken

A driver-side rear window was broken out of a vehicle in the 1300 block of Grayton between 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, and 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. There are no suspects or witnesses.

Warrant arrest

A 43-year-old Park man was arrested for multiple warrants 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, in the 700 block of Harcourt. Officers were dispatched to the area on a report of a suspicious person and found the man to have multiple warrants for his arrest.

Stolen vehicle

A blue 2014 Chevrolet Captiva was stolen from the 15000 block of Kercheval between 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, and 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2. The vehicle was stolen without keys.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Suspended license

A 36-year-old Farms man was arrested for driving on a suspended license 3:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, on Mack and Canyon. He was observed driving westbound on Mack in the parking lane without operable brake lights. Officers pulled him over in the McDonald's parking lot. A LEIN search revealed the man had nine current suspensions and numerous misdemeanor warrants.

'F' in English

An unknown person spray painted "Too You Wiman" on a brick landscaping wall in the 200 block of Merriweather between 10 and 11:25 a.m. Friday Nov. 2.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Nice bike

A 14-year-old Woods boy reported his black 2019 Trek Marlon 5 bicycle missing from a grocery store in the 20400 block of Mack approximately 10:20 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

The boy and two friends left their bicycles unattended. When they returned, one bicycle was missing.

The boy reported his friends told him they saw a subject riding the $540 bike northbound on Jackson near Van Antwerp.

They described the subject as 5 feet 10 inches tall, wearing a red jacket and light blue jeans.

— Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Suspended license

Officers arrested a 51-year-old Detroit man for driving under multiple driving suspensions 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

The arrest followed a traffic stop for non-functioning brake lights at Vernier and Lakeshore.

— Melissa Walsh

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OUR VIEW

Election Day at the polls

Early in the morning on Election Day, we saw a post by a mom, Elisabeth Altman Wagner, on Grosse Pointe Woods Gals offering to baby-sit for moms while they went to vote. "I have boys that are 8, 5 and 2, lots of toys. We are a non-smoking, allergen friendly, pet free, safe place. Let me help you get out and vote!" she said.

Curious, we asked on our Facebook page for other Election Day stories and we got some good ones.

Michele Quaranta Lindsay reported that a group of Trombly moms organized a district-wide collaborative of baby-sitting so parents could vote. Susan B said local parents were hosting meet-ups at elementary school playgrounds so "kids could burn off energy with other kids while you vote!"

"It's packed!' said Lauren McGregor in line at 8:33 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall precinct. The ballot tabulator went down, she reported.

Kristine Theobald said she was at Defer with her 10-month-old and 5-year-old. "They were troopers waiting in line," she said. Evans Tasiopoulos voted in Precinct 4 in the Farms; it wasn't crowded but had a steady flow of people around 9 a.m.

Allison Restuccia was number 200-something at Ferry. There was a back-up due to an issue with the tabulator, but it was resolved. Patty Gieseking Groezinger was voter 263 at Monteith ... the line was long at the tabulator.

Roaming reporter Pete Waldmeir hit the polls at 10 a.m. for a count. Ferry and Barnes each had just under 300 in the first three hours. Barnes had 76 voters in line when the polls opened at 7 a.m.

At 9 a.m., Paula Miller (No. 104) was voting in the dark at Pierce after a transformer blew and lights went out in the gym. "Workers scrambled for lanterns," she reported. "We voters used flashlights on our phones. Not gonna stop the vote!"

Nicole Buffo Scott Horan in the Woods reported the tabulator was still down at 9:15 a.m., "but we were told a new machine was on the way."

Laura Jensen was voter 200-something at 9:45 a.m. at Mason. Kristin Homuth was No. 57 at Monteith a little after 7 and out by 7:50. "The tabulator was having some trouble, creating a back up because people needed sleeves," she reported.

At around 1 p.m. we asked, "How's the lunchtime voting going?" Teresa Welc was at Precinct 5 in the Woods and there were "no lines! Get on it!! Vote!!"

Renee Bennett Ketels, No. 431 at GPW City Hall, reported, "No line just before lunch. All went smoothly."

At 1:45 p.m. Mr. Waldmeir reported: "Lines at Ferry moving pretty well; 35- to 45-minute wait; never saw so many voting stations. Long ranks of voting booths and lines of voters with their kids and reading books while they wait."

Woods City Hall was without power and on generators for a couple hours or so due to high winds. Power was restored by 2:30 p.m.

Look for complete election results and chart in next week's Grosse Pointe News!

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Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe Park resident Barbara Prues took this photo Halloween, Oct. 31, as she waited for the traffic light to change at Jefferson and Fisher.

GUEST OPINION By Pete Waldmeir

The check's in the mail!

Next to the traditional "Merry Christmas" or a generic "Happy Holidays," there's another seasonal greeting from friends of the Detroit Goodfellows that warms my heart: "The check's in the mail!"

Yep, it's that time again. The Goodfellows' annual fundraising campaign once more is in full swing. This year's goal is $1.3 million, which will be used to provide gift packages for some 33,000 needy Detroit area children between the ages of 5 and 13 containing warm clothing, books to help them learn to read, dolls, toys and trinkets.

In addition, a good chunk of that total will go for coupons for new shoes and free dental work so many of them can get to school — and a lucky few will be able to attend one of a handful of urban summer camps.

All that takes cash. But it also takes checks. The larger the better — and arriving well in advance of Christmas.

All those age-appropriate packages, you see, already are packed and ready to distribute. Now it's time for the Goodfellows to pay the bills.

The Goodfellows' annual newspaper street sale day is Nov. 26, traditionally the Monday after Thanksgiving. For more than 100 years, that's been the tax-deductible charity's biggest fundraising event. But over time, a massive letter-writing appeal by some 200 Detroit Goodfellows members has become equally, if not more, productive.

That's why "the check's in the mail" rings like "Jingle Bells" in our ears.

Like dozens of men and women from all walks of life, I've been a Detroit Goodfellows member more than 35 years. I've sold the special editions on street corners in blustery winds and blizzards, in and out of stores and eateries, sometimes door to door in offices all over town.

On foot past cars at traffic lights, I've been handed hurried cash — and I've been ignored by experts. Some folks just stare straight ahead and refuse to even smile when a simple "no thanks" would be so, well, holiday-friendly.

But those are rare examples. One year I was working a street corner in Detroit's New Center area when an elderly woman, bundled up against the biting wind, came slogging through snow and slush to ask for a paper.

As she rummaged through her purse, I told her it was OK, I'd give her a paper and she could donate later. But she was adamant.

"That's just not right!" she scolded and dug until she found a carefully folded $5 bill. "Those children need shoes."

Shortly afterward a man in an expensive leather topcoat came by and gave me a buck but refused the paper. Two examples in a long history of hustling for a charity, neither of which is typical, just anecdotal.

As always, there's one more anecdote. This one involves a visit by a Grinch.

One year I announced in my Detroit News column that I would be selling Goodfellow papers during an outdoor gathering and named the hours and location. Shortly after I arrived and was chatting up a small group of donors, a smiling man approached and called out, "Pete? Pete Waldmeir?"

I said "that's me" and held out a paper for him to buy. But he gently brushed it aside and handed me an envelope. It was a summons to appear for some goofy lawsuit.

Don't ask me where I'll be the Monday after Thanksgiving. But do mail a check if you can. I've learned my lesson.

For more information or to donate on our secure website, go to detroitgoodfellows.org.

Retired Detroit News columnist Pete Waldmeir, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is a member of the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame.

LETTERS

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In remembrance

To the Editor:

Veterans Day is Sunday, Nov. 11. It is a special 100th anniversary since the end of conflict during World War I.

Veterans Day marks an important event in United States history. It was 100 years ago the guns fell silent on the Western Front ending World War I. Originally known as Armistice Day to honor United States veterans of that war, it evolved into Veterans Day to honor all veterans.

Veterans Day is a time of reflection upon our blessings, upon the men and women who wore our nation's uniform and upon their supporting families and communities. And we spend part of the day remembering those throughout the centuries who sacrificed for our country in the defense of freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear.

This is offered on the chance that houses of worship in the Grosse Pointes and neighboring communities would simply ring bells at 11 a.m. local time Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 — "The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month."

Bells should ring, over a period of one minute, 11 consecutive, timed rings, spaced at five-second intervals at a solemn, regular cadence. Those within listening distance should stand, if able, silently at attention, gentlemen's hats removed, hand over heart for civilians, military salute for veterans, with thoughts of remembrance and remorse and with prayers for peace.

CAPT. PETERSEN DECKER, U.S. NAVY (RETIRED)
Grosse Pointe

Opportunities for special needs adults needed

To the Editor:

I, Chloe Fox, am writing to the Grosse Pointe News in regard to the lack of post-school programing for individuals with special needs.

Young adults with special needs who exit the school system have very limited opportunities for employment. Because of prejudice, stigma and lack of understanding, most businesses are very hesitant to hire those who have a disability. I am a part of Full Circle Foundation, a nonprofit that is trying to change this stigma by providing opportunities for employment.

Since I have been at Full Circle, they have helped me start a micro enterprise, which is a self-sustaining business that gives me an opportunity to make an income and teach me everyday life skills. I also gain a sense of independence and do not have to rely on someone to help fulfill my daily duties.

The Full Circle Foundation also makes me feel accepted and appreciated. I never dread coming to work, and I always feel supported here. I feel as if Full Circle Foundation is my second family and I can rely on them to help me when I feel overwhelmed and discouraged.

I hope the Grosse Pointe community will take notice of the lack of opportunities for young adults who exit the school system. I want every young adult to feel the same acceptance and appreciation I do at Full Circle Foundation and that the community will take notice of their actions and support this cause.

CHLOE FOX
Grosse Pointe

The opinions expressed in letters and guest columns are not necessarily views shared by the Grosse Pointe News.

I SAY By Bob St. John

U-M fans rooting for MSU? Oh my!

The University of Michigan's football team is in line to earn one of four spots in the College Football Playoff.

The semifinals are Dec. 29 at the Goodyear Cotton Bowl at AT&T Stadium and the Capital One Orange Bowl. The National Championship game is 8 p.m. Jan. 7 at Levi's Stadium.

The Wolverines moved up to No. 4 in both the AP Top 25 and Coaches Poll after demolishing Penn State 42-7 last weekend at the Big House.

The defense once again was dominant, limiting a good Nittany Lions offense to 186 total yards and forced three turnovers, including Brandon Watson's interception return for a touchdown.

The offense did its part, with quarterback Shea Patterson accounting for three touchdowns, and running back Karan Higdon running for 132 yards and one touchdown.

The next three games are at Rutgers, at home against Indiana and the showdown at the Horseshoe against The Ohio State University.

Thanks to a strange twist, U-M fans will be rooting for rival Michigan State University this weekend when the Spartans host the Buckeyes. With wins by U-M and MSU, the Wolverines would have a two-game lead with two games left.

That would mean the home game against Indiana Saturday, Nov. 17, would be for a division title and spot in the Big Ten Championship game, set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

Who would have thought a Wolverine fan would be rooting for Sparty, but it's true. The MSU/Ohio State game is set for noon Saturday, Nov. 10, while U-M kicks off at 3:30 p.m. at Rutgers.

The Wolverines will be big favorites against Rutgers and Indiana. If they clinch the division title Nov. 17, the game with hated Ohio State won't matter in the standings. Before the season began, nobody would have thought that.

It won't matter because U-M wants revenge after losing the last six years to the Buckeyes. Michigan leads the all-time series 58-49-6.

Go Blue and go Green, and then U-M blows out Indiana for the division title the following week. U-M fans can feel the excitement.

As for the sorry Lions, it's time to bash them yet again for a dismal showing in Minnesota Sunday afternoon. A 24-9 defeat leaves the Lions at 3-5 and in last place in the National Football Conference North Division.

The Vikings sacked Matthew Stafford a team-record 10 times and he lost a fumble that was returned for a touchdown.

All Detroit fans want is a team that can compete in the NFL and win a playoff game. Everything about the Lions stinks, but hopefully there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Lions, get a good draft pick and build for what fans hope is a promising 2019.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

CONGRESSMAN STILL PUSHING FOR POINTE POST OFFICE BRANCH:

Grosse Pointe's efforts to obtain a post office of its own have progressed to a stage where they have attracted the attention of the First Assistant Postmaster General.

Congressman Louis C. Rabaut who has been exerting his influence since The News first started publicizing the lack of postal facilities a year ago indicated an investigation is underway to determine the feasibility of establishing a branch in the Grosse Pointe district.

1968

50 years ago this week

TEACHERS APPROVE CONTRACT: Members of the Grosse Pointe Education Association ratified the salary package tentatively agreed upon by bargainers for their organization and the board of education.

The salary package calls for a beginning salary of $7,100 and a high of $11,285 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and is incrementally higher for educators with advanced degrees.

WOODS POLICE RECOVER STOLEN CARS; 12-YEAR-OLD BOY ARRESTED: Woods police dispatched to an accident scene in the parking lot at the rear of the Woods Theater on Mack found one of the vehicles involved was a stolen car.

A second Woods police crew checking the area pursued another vehicle at speeds up to 100 miles an hour. After the speeding driver hit two other cars, he leaped out and escaped. This car was found to have been stolen as well.

Witnesses to both incidents led police to a group of teenagers including a 12-year-old boy who admitted involvement in the stolen cars. He said a 14-year-old was the driver.

Obituaries: John W. Detwiler, Collette Eagan, Frances Leinfest, Cyrille Misner, Leonard M. Parsch, Elizabeth Avery Waring, Winifred M. Wilson

1993

25 years ago this week

MIXED SUPPORT ON BLOCKING SCHOOL TAX REPEAL: Local support and interest in a statewide petition drive to reject Public Act 145 — the Legislature's repeal of property taxes to fund education — has been limited so far, to Grosse Pointe public school teachers.

The petition asks for a referendum election in November 1994 to reject PA 145 should the Legislature fail to come up with a replacement plan by Dec. 31.

SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT UNVEILS SURVIVAL PLAN: If a system — such as the Grosse Pointe public schools — is an entity composed of several parts, some more vital than others, then that system can be reduced without losing its operational capability.

That's the simplified version of a complex plan unveiled by the Grosse Pointe schools superintendent. The plan is called a systems thinking model — defined as a principled approach to improving the system given changing levels of financial support.

Obituaries: James L. Blean, Peter R. Fink, David R. Gabhart, Lillian J. Higbee, Reva C. Liesemer, Bernice Shannon, Elizabeth Worcester Sladen

2008

10 years ago this week

CHILDREN'S HOME OF DETROIT TO CLOSE: The Children's Home of Detroit, an institution that has served the needs of children for 172 years, is closing.

Citing a low occupancy rate and downturn in the economy which has affected funding, donations and its endowment, the board of trustees voted to close the facility as soon as the 28 children currently housed at the Grosse Pointe Woods campus can be placed with other agencies.

— Karen Fontanive

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

Karen Fontanive

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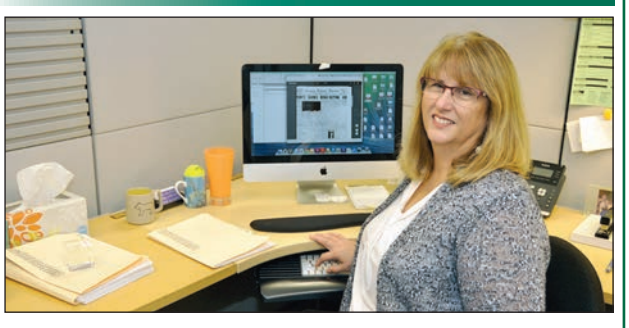

◆ **Years at the paper:**
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◆ **Describe your position at the paper:**
I write and edit obituaries, Beautiful Beginnings and Pride of the Pointes; write Pointer of Interest and I Say articles; compile Yesterday's Headlines; edit stories as needed; paginate Obituaries, Church and Beautiful Beginnings pages and proofread the paper on production day.

◆ **Do you have any hobbies:**
I play a lot of tennis (If I didn't work, I could play a lot more!). I enjoy bike riding, scrapbooking, cooking and baking.

◆ **Tell our readers a bit about yourself:**
I live in Grosse Pointe Woods. I will be married 29 years in December, but I don't use my husband's last name to protect him and our son and daughter! I've written about them in I Say columns and hopefully have kept them slightly anonymous.

◆ **Favorite thing about working at the Grosse Pointe News:**
Aside from the cliché things about wonderful bosses and co-workers, which is all true, and the short commute along the lake, I really enjoy my job. People think my job is sad, but it's not. There are moments of sadness, but mostly I get to help celebrate the lives of all these wonderful people. I wish I'd met them when they were alive.

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School board race too close to call

As of 10:43 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, Wayne County reported 54 percent of voters casting their votes for three seats on the Board of Education. Incumbent Margaret Weertz was in the lead with 7,937 votes. Of the remaining six candidates, Christopher Lee was in second place with 7,511 votes, followed by incumbent Brian Summerfield with 7,191 votes.

In fourth place was Wendy Saigh with 6,474 votes; John Shook in fifth place with 6,115 votes; Christian Fenton in sixth place with 6,033 votes; and Walt Schwartz in last place with 1,742 votes.

The 10:43 p.m. report did not include late returns from the Farms, Park and Woods. In unofficial results, Lee was in first place with 2,231 votes in Grosse Pointe Farms and Weertz in second with 2,114 votes, followed closely by Shook with 2,110 votes.

In the City of Grosse Pointe, Lee led with 1,399 votes, and Fenton and Summerfield were neck and neck for second and third place with 1,049 and 1,048 votes, respectively.

In the Park, Weertz was the frontfunner with 2,640 votes, followed by Summerfield with 2,563 and Lee with 2,185.

In Grosse Pointe Shores, Wendy Saigh led with 712 votes, followed by Shook with 672 votes and Weertz with 514.

— Mary Anne Brush

Grosse Pointe Pub Sch Bd Member (Vote for 3)

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Christian A. Fenton		4,552	1,481	6,033	13.93%
Christopher L. Lee		5,917	1,594	7,511	17.34%
Wendy Saigh		4,988	1,486	6,474	14.95%
Walt Schwartz		1,411	331	1,742	4.02%
John Shook		4,722	1,393	6,115	14.12%
Brian C. Summerfield		5,590	1,601	7,191	16.60%
Margaret Weertz		6,215	1,722	7,937	18.32%
Total Votes		33,695	9,623	43,318	

		Election Day	AV Counting Board	Total	
Unresolved Write-In		300	15	315	

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Janey Degnan was named to the Dean's List for the 2017-18 academic year at Lawrence University. She is the daughter of Dr. Bernard and Francoise Degnan of Grosse Pointe Park.

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Hannah Adams of Grosse Pointe was named to the Honor Roll for the spring 2018 semester at DePauw University. She also is a member of the school's track and field team.

Ismail, O'Connor to present at leadership conference

Veteran school board members Ahmed Ismail of Grosse Pointe and Dennis O'Connor of Novi have been selected to present a work session for school board members from around the state at the Michigan Association of School Boards Annual Leadership Conference, Nov. 1 to 4 in Grand Rapids.

Ahmed Ismail

Dennis O'Connor

Their work session topic is "Construction Bond Oversight: Making Sure Promises Made are Promises Kept."

"Both Dennis and I were truly humbled by MASB's decision to have us present at the Annual Leadership Conference," Ismail said. "With so many school bonds being passed across the state, it is imperative that school board members understand with whom their fiduciary responsibility lies and what they can do to make sure that the promises they made to taxpayers during their school bond campaigns are memorialized as best possible to assure that future school boards and administrations adhere to the promises made during the bond campaign."

The work session is the first of what Ismail and O'Connor anticipate will be many given by the K12 School Achievement Collaborative by way of webinars and in-person presentations on a far-ranging list of topics facing school board members. For more information, contact the K12 team at info@K12sac.org.

Poupard brings new energy to school year

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A principal in his second year, seven new teachers and a reassignment of grade levels for some veteran teachers have resulted in a new sense of purpose at Poupard Elementary School.

"I think we're creating this positive school culture where everybody is learning together," said Sarah Mead, who joined Poupard as a fifth-grade teacher this year.

Other members of the fifth-grade team agree.

"There's something new for each of us this year," said Suzanne Jabara, a 25-year veteran who spent the bulk of her years at Poupard teaching third grade and switched to fifth grade this fall. "We've really been working on bringing some freshness to experiences that we want our kids to have and making sure they have an awesome learning environment."

"All of us, whether we're new to the building or not, are kind of feeling that excited energy of trying new things and taking risks, which is exactly what we want our students to do," said Julie Bourke, a native Grosse Pointer who moved back after teaching in Seattle, Wash. "So it's so cool to see that we're pushing our students to take risks and try new things, but we're also doing it together and with them."

"Without even knowing it, we're modeling for them what we would like to see from them," Jabara agreed. "Again, to bring it back to the experiences. We're having the experiences that we would like them to have as well."

For Principal Hussain Ali, it's all about the culture of the building and "continuing to create a sense of belonging and welcoming atmosphere."

Julie Bourke, a new teacher at Poupard, conducts a reading conference and discussion with her fifth-grade class.

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Elijah Sewell, left, and Tylar Buford get some individual help from Bourke while doing their independent work.

This holds true for teachers who feel they have a voice and are given opportunities to collaborate with one another; students whose individual learning needs are met through smaller class sizes and new resources; and parents who are encouraged to be part of their child's learning.

With support from central administration and Title I funds, Ali said Poupard is celebrating smaller class sizes this year, allowing for more small group activities and interventions within the classroom to meet his goal of improving students' math and reading proficiency. Title I provides financial assistance to schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure all children meet state academic standards.

"The teachers have been thrilled at the level of support they've been able to receive," Ali said.

This includes students meeting regularly with the reading specialist and the use of Title I funds for additional reading resources geared to meet each child at their individual reading level.

For teachers, the opportunity to serve on committees gives them a voice in improving their own school environment and allows them to connect and collaborate with colleagues.

"We have more people on committees than we've ever had before," Ali said of teachers' willingness to get involved. "Staff are enthusiastic to be on these committees. ... I asked them at the beginning of the year, do we want to retain these (committees)? Are these effective? The feedback I've received is yes, we want to keep this and I want to be on this committee.

"We had everyone return to the school improvement team (except a few who transferred out of the school) and we added a couple more people to that team," he continued. "That brings in more voices. For example, we added a teacher from our (autism spectrum disorder) classroom. That brings a different component, a different voice. It's nice to have everyone represented at the table."

Ali also is excited about new PTO leadership.

"The PTO is doing some exciting things right now," he said. "Last year's PTO was fantastic as well. They're setting up great events for students and families."

The board also instituted classroom ambassadors, "similar to a room mom or room dad," Ali said. "At our last PTO meeting, we had the largest attendance we've had since I've been here.

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Playwright Stephen Gregg and director Meaghan Dunham during a rehearsal for South's one-act plays.

South presents one-act plays

Grosse Pointe South High School's Pointe Players present "Why We Tell Stories," a compilation of four one-act plays by Stephen Gregg, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15, 16 and 17 at South Auditorium, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

South's presentation of these one-act plays is the result of Director Meaghan Dunham responding to a post by Gregg on the Educational Theatre Association's open forum, looking for a high school to workshop his new play.

Gregg chose to work with South's director and students, which resulted in six months of intense preparation, collaboration and an in-depth understanding of what it takes to produce new or revised theatrical pieces, according to Dunham.

The four pieces include the debut of "Something to Keep us Warm"; "Why We Like Love Stories," only performed once before; "This is a Test," the oldest and most popular piece; and "The New Margo." The pieces are set to an original musical score by South student Abe Neds-Fox.

According to Dunham, she and student actors have been invited to perform "Margo" and "Why We Like Love Stories" in front of 1,700 peers at Michigan Thespian Festival in December.

Tickets are $12 for adults and $8 for students and are available in advance at Duffey & Co., 15120 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, or at the door.

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Mason lights up for Fall Fest

Mason Elementary School celebrated the success of its Fun Run with a Fall Fest, "Light Up the Lawn" ceremony and "camp out" with Principal Roy Bishop.

The Fall Fest kicked off Friday, Oct. 26, at dusk with a lighting of pumpkins and activities continuing Saturday. Each family received a pumpkin to bring home to carve and return for the celebration.

Meanwhile Bishop set up camp for the night — a promise he made to the students if they achieved their goal of raising $20,000 with the Fun Run.

Bishop read a bedtime story, "The Dot," which he said is "one of my all-time favorites. It is all about recognizing the greatness in each other."

Students also participated in a "Teacher Shout Out" session, with students telling one thing they loved about their teachers.

Families who were unable to attend Friday night were able to participate through a Facebook live session.

"The feedback and comments on the Facebook live feed were amazing," Bishop said.

Throughout the night, staff, families and even police stopped by to bring Bishop food, coffee, tea "and just support."

"It was amazing," Bishop said. "Our community is so awesome."

— Mary Anne Brush

Each family was given a pumpkin to carve and return to Mason for the "Light Up the Lawn" ceremony.

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Principal Roy Bishop, equipped with an electric blanket and air mattress, bundles up for a cold night.

Above, roasting s'mores with Bishop are, from left, students Evan Brunette and Ayla Weglarz and parent Amy Weglarz.

Liggett seeks merit scholars

University Liggett School is accepting applications for merit scholarships prior to Jan. 18, 2019.

"We strive to deliver academic excellence to every student who walks through our doors and are always looking for the best and brightest," said Bart Bronk, Head of School. "Students who have earned a merit scholarship for our school greatly contribute to our school's success and go on to do great things with their life. We've seen merit scholars go on to be Rhodes and Fulbright scholars and attend top Ivy League universities."

Merit scholars have attended Harvard, Yale and Princeton as well as the U.S. Naval Academy and Notre Dame University.

Previous ULS merit scholars include 2013 graduate and Rhodes Scholar Aaron Robertson and 2012 graduates and Fulbright scholars Zoe Hu and Abigale Belcrest.

"I can state honestly and confidently that I would not be here today without the confidence in my academic capacities that the Merit Scholar program and University Liggett School community more broadly granted me, and for that I am incredibly grateful," said Belcrest.

Merit scholarships are open to students throughout the metro Detroit area. Current eighth-grade students are encouraged to apply now.

To be eligible for consideration, students must submit all applications and complete a school visit by Jan. 18. Applicants will be notified by mail in mid-February.

ULS has provided more than 40 students with four-year-scholarships.

To apply and learn more about the merit scholarship, visit uls.org/discover.

Living saints

Eighth-graders at Our Lady Star of the Sea School put a little holy into Halloween this year. The students created a Living Saints and Holy Ones Museum. After a month of study, they took on the persona of a saint — or blessed person. On Oct. 31, they dressed like their saints and told their stories to guests. Visitors had the opportunity to talk with Father Solanus Casey, Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Blessed Josephine Bakhita, an enslaved woman on her way to sainthood, among others.

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Right, Christina Shea chose Mother Teresa because "she didn't judge people through their appearance ... and she had the ability to put others first."

Above, Michael Slusser chose Father Solanus Casey because "even though he had a disease, he still healed people and despite being poor during the Great Depression, he gave out food and started the soup kitchen." Listening to the story is Michael Roustemis, who wrote about the saints for a school project.

Teacher of THE WEEK

Sue Reik

COURTESY PHOTO

School: St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School
Years at St. Clare: 25
Grade/Subject: Pre-Kindergarten
Nominated by: Ann Tonissen, principal
Principal's quote:

"Sue Reik is our new preschool teacher at St. Clare School. Sue has done a wonderful job opening our new full-day preschool room. Mrs. Reik's ability to create a welcoming atmosphere, as well as showing daily enthusiasm for her students' needs, clearly comes from her heart. Mrs. Reik always smiles and offers hugs to her students, making them feel welcomed, loved and safe. She has created a space where the children can learn through the singing of songs, playing with paint, glitter glue, gender-neutral toys, creating artistic pieces of work and much more. There are five important characteristics to be an awesome preschool teacher: passion, patience, creativity, flexibility and dedication. The St. Clare preschool children and their families are blessed to have a teacher who embodies these five characteristics and many more."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I have served St. Clare for more than 25 years in many different positions. Some of my hats include latchkey director, kindergarten technology, religion teacher, music and art special teacher, substitute teacher, puppet ministry and technology support. I enjoy working with the wonderful families at St. Clare School. It is amazing to be teaching my second generation of students. St. Clare has such a great feeling of family.

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

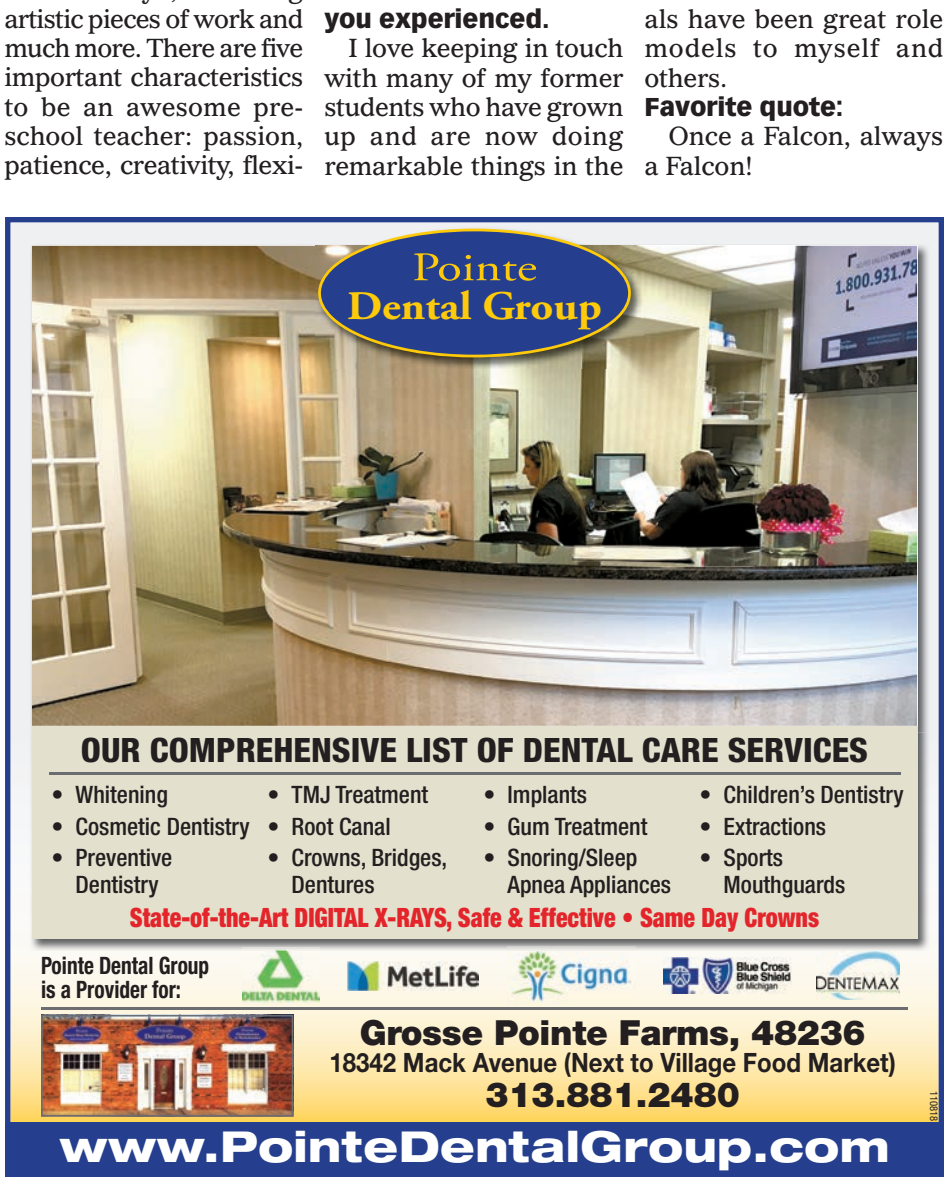
I love keeping in touch with many of my former students who have grown up and are now doing remarkable things in the world. Some have become parents themselves. Others have gone on to be doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers, Olympic hopefuls and much, much more.

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

I am inspired by many of the teachers who have worked at St. Clare and are currently working with me. These individuals have been great role models to myself and others.

Favorite quote:

Once a Falcon, always a Falcon!



Too young to vote? Not too young to help

Pierce students spend day off in campaign office

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

On a rainy day off of school while many of their peers may have been home playing video games, Blake Bishop and Lucas Minadeo were at the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club headquarters working the phones.

The 11-year-olds, both sixth-graders at Pierce Middle School and residents of the City of Grosse Pointe, are too young to vote, but they're not too young to make a difference on Election Day. Each placed calls Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the phone bank.

While the two friends see eye-to-eye politically, Bishop finds himself on the opposite side of the aisle from his own family who, at the same time, support his efforts. Minadeo said his "entire family is all Democratic."

"We wanted to help out the Democrats because it's a very important election for Michigan and America's future," said Minadeo. He said he is optimistic for a blue wave — "a big one."

"I'm here instead of home because I'm growing up and my whole family is all Republican," Bishop said. "I've seen Michigan and America and I've seen how Michigan is going downhill and how we need to take another step up. My whole family is denying it. I know with our Democratic nominees, Debbie Stabenow and Gretchen Whitmer, I know they are the ones that are going to step up with Michigan and make it the Great Lakes state again. As Lucas said, this is Michigan's future and America's future too."

Bishop said his top issues are health care and clean water.

"Kids growing up should not have to worry about their drinking water," he said. "They should not have to worry about taking a shower. They should not have to worry about taking a sip of water and worrying about dying from it."

Minadeo said he is worried about people with pre-existing conditions losing their healthcare and would like to see government funded healthcare for all.

"And of course the roads," he added.

"I also want to tell my kids, don't be afraid to swim in the Great Lakes and to show that the Great Lakes are actually great."

Both see themselves involved in politics when they grow up — as a governor, senator, or "maybe even president," said Minadeo.

Blake Bishop, left, and Lucas Minadeo spent their day off school volunteering at the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club headquarters.

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District receives security grant

The Grosse Pointe Public School System was among 188 recipients of a grant from the Michigan State Police, Grants and Community Services Division, receiving an award of $79,593.

In its application to the 2018 competitive school safety grant program, the district requested $1 million to cover a substantial portion of its camera needs, according to Lisa Abbey, deputy superintendent of business and operations.

While less than the request, the award will defray the costs of this security upgrade and the district will review the projects identified in the grant request to make recommendations on how to best use the funds awarded.

According to the award letter, requests for the 2018 competitive school safety grant program exceeded $69 million, making "for very difficult decisions by the review committee."

The review committee included representation from the MSP, the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Michigan Sheriff's Association, the Michigan Department of Education, the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools, school security and the Executive Office of the Governor.

The district is responsible for 25-percent cash match of the total project cost and will be reimbursed for 75 percent of selected project costs, up to the maximum award amount.

"It looks like (the program) was very competitive," said Abbey. "We thought there wouldn't be a ton of districts who could do the matching part of it, but people need security and want it and are willing to invest in their schools for it."

— Mary Anne Brush

ENERGY:

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They're building some momentum, which is exciting."

Ali said he is starting with some baseline statistics and hoping to build from there. For example, the school achieved 74 percent parent participation at this year's parent-teacher conferences. This fell short of his goal of 100 percent.

"How do we get as many people in as possible and be connected with (their child's) day-to-day learning? Parents want to be involved, but there are challenges presented to all families," he said. "Some parents may work a later job in the evening or work a night shift rather than a traditional 9 to 5 (job). As a building, that is challenging for us to meet the needs of all of our families the best we can. Our school improvement team is doing some cool things right now where we're trying to provide more opportunities for our families to be in touch with their child's learning."

For example, the school is offering the opportunity for parents who were unable to attend conferences to meet their child's teacher during a staff meeting.

"They can come in and hear about their child's progress, set some goals," Ali said. "Even if we get a few parents in that way, that's a success in my eyes. We can bump that (participation number) up to 80, 85 percent."

"We do have to be creative," he added. "We have great minds here. We will continue to try to innovate and stay connected to our families."

Week Ahead

FRIDAY, NOV. 9

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School Choir Boosters hosts "A Pop-Up Dinner with a Twist," a benefit dinner featuring live music at the Tompkins Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Drive. A collaboration between the Boosters and Cornwall Bakery, the dinner features four courses prepared by three chefs. In addition to serving as wait staff, choir members will perform between courses. Doors open at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $75 each, with limited availability. To make a reservation, visit cornwallbakery.com/classes/ or call (313) 264-1938. A cash bar is available for beer and wine only.

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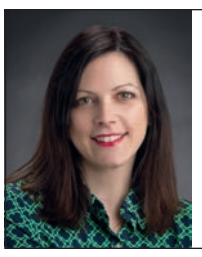

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Tom Woodman and Danielle Caralis rehearse a number.

From left, Robby Mullinger, Don Bischoff, Lindsey Tycholiz-McKiddy, Stephanie Butler and Christine Campbell-Cormier.

Holiday magic

One-night gala offers 'something new' for Grosse Pointe Theatre supporters

Musical director Stan Harr directs the chorus as Cheryl Faba accompanies on piano.

Tom Pagano and Tom Woodman rehearse.

Danielle Caralis and Catie Hauff sing during a recent rehearsal.

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A small troupe of singers is hard at work preparing for a holiday show that promises to turn back time while providing an abundance of holiday cheer.

Nine Grosse Pointe Theatre members present "A Golden Age Holiday" Sunday, Dec. 16, at The ARK at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. The gala fundraiser is unlike usual GPT productions in that it's one night only — but it still comes with a satisfaction guarantee.

The show, the creation of director Don Bischoff, includes showstoppers from the '30s, '40s and '50s, as well as holiday tunes.

"It's songs everybody knows," Bischoff said. The audience can expect hits from Irving Berlin, Ira Gershwin, Cole Porter, Rosemary Clooney and the like. "It's a wonderful tribute to showstoppers of that era. This is something new. It's going to be a spectacular event."

The show — which features 34 songs — includes elaborate costumes and dancing, from tap and jazz to Fosse. Bischoff noted the production also includes a video.

"The screen shows the original person singing the songs," he said. "It'll be nostalgic. It'll be an experience, especially for people of that generation or who grew up with that music. They will love it."

Two 45-minute acts are separated by an intermission, during which time auction participants can place their final bids on silent auction items and enjoy an array of desserts.

"While we've done fundraisers before, this is new territory for us," said Patricia Ellis, a member of the planning committee. "We don't do this on a regular basis. This is a special treat. We're excited to put it on for our audience and hope to be able to attract other people as well."

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From top, Tom Pagano of Clinton Township, Robby Mullinger of Grosse Pointe, Danielle Caralis of Birmingham and Catie Hauff of Richmond are among the nine-member cast in Grosse Pointe Theatre's "A Golden Age Holiday" gala.

Ellis described the show as a nonstop feast for the eyes.

"Not only will they not be able to take their eyes off the performers — who are animated and alive — but it's a beautiful show going on visually. It will transport people to the Golden Age of song. It's a sentimental journey. We're excited about that."

The show's cast includes Bischoff, as well as GPT veterans Danielle Caralis, Stephanie Butler, Christine Campbell-Cormier, Catie Hauff, Lindsey Tycholiz-McKiddy, Robby Mullinger, Tom Pagano and Tom Woodman.

"We're lucky enough to have a network in this community of highly talented friends," said Caralis, president of the GPT Board of Directors. "The musicians are all familiar faces, too. They do a lot of work for Grosse Pointe Theatre."

The group has been busy rehearsing for the performance not at GPT headquarters, 315 Fisher. Rather it's found a rehearsal home at the Grosse Pointe Shores residence of Stan Harr and Laura Bartell. Harr is the show's conductor and music director.

"We're rehearsing here because our rehearsal studio is being used for 'Arsenic and Old Lace,' then auditions for 'Legally Blonde' and Youth on Stage in November," Ellis said. "Laura and Stan have been very gracious to open their home. It's a family."

The evening opens with a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres and includes a silent auction.

"We brought in a range of experience packages, thanks to some very generous donors," Caralis said. "There are a lot of opportunities for our guests to bid on a lot of exciting things."

Silent auction items are as big time as the numbers being performed. Among them are a $500 gift card to London Chophouse, $1,000 Estee Lauder package, a sunset cruise with food and a baseball bat autographed by former Detroit Tiger Victor Martinez.

"If you haven't finished Christmas shopping, this is a wonderful opportunity," Ellis said. "You'll see things at this auction you won't see anywhere else — like tickets to 'The Ellen DeGeneres Show' in California and tickets to Jeopardy! There are really cool experiences. … We're really trying to make it fun."

Ellis said GPT is still accepting donations for the silent auction.

"We're excited to be able to do this at The ARK," Ellis said. "The ARK is so intimate. It's an experience you wouldn't have on a bigger stage, in a bigger venue. This is one of the hottest tickets around."

Funds raised will be

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres hosts its next meeting 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at the home of member Helena Thurber, hostess, with co-hostess Tina Olofsson. The evening begins with a meeting with members voting on the club's charitable contributions for the Christmas season. Dinner follows the discussions.

Herb Society

The annual Herbs & Holly Boutique takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza. The marketplace features handcrafted wreaths, lavender products, herbal holiday decoration and culinary creations. The boutique is presented by the Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit. For information, call (313) 885-5901.

GPAA

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

◆ "Impressionistic Landscapes with Vianna Szabo," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 10 and 11.

◆ "Bokashi (shading) workshop with Nobuko Yamasaki," 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 5 to 7.

Call (313) 881-3454.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a Veterans Day celebration 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, on the outside patio around the flagpole at its Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. A 10-piece brass band from Grosse Pointe South High School will perform and the Color Guard from Selfridge Air National Guard Base will present the flag. All are invited to attend.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

The Helm

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

◆ "Downsizing Advice," 1:30 to 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, with facilitators Donna Kurz-O'Neill and Mimi Koppang, Johnstone and Johnstone Realtors.

◆ Special Avon Bingo, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, with Audrey Bernier. Cost is $2 per card, limit one card per person.

◆ AARP Smart Driver TEK: High-Tech Car Safety Workshop, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, with instructor Roger Doster. Cost is $5.

◆ Thanksgiving party, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, featuring The Fabulous 50s Show. Cost is $15.

◆ Seniors on Camera, 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 14 and 28, and Dec. 5, with acting coach Harry Burkey.

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

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, Lakeshore YMCA, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe.

◆ noon to 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, Lakeshore Senior Living, 28801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts Business After Hours 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Edward Jones, 650 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.

The chamber hosts Business After Hours 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, at Aretee Spa, 20559 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Robin Ferriby, former vice president of philanthropic services for Community

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Ambassador's Cup raises funds for Dravet syndrome research

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Thursdays during summer, Bayview Yacht Club offers off-the-dock, friendly races on the Detroit River as a way to promote sailing in the community. Anyone is welcome to try.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Charles Bayer said he was hooked on GL70 sailing after an early September sail in which he took 15 guests on his newly acquired ultra-light displacement boat, "Arctos."

He jumped at the chance to participate in this year's Ambassador Cup race, formed a few years ago by GL70 sailors who wanted a fun, non-competitive race among "the biggest race boats on the Great Lakes," Bayer said.

"I'm a Great Lakes 70 owner," said Chris Saxton, a Plymouth resident and owner of "Evolution." "We formed the race to have something to do with other 70 owners. It's a good excuse to get out on the water and have fun."

In September, it also was a good excuse to raise money for a worthy cause.

At Saxton's suggestion, this year's Ambassador Cup benefited the Dravet Syndrome Foundation.

Saxton said he remembers watching an episode of "60 Minutes" about Dravet syndrome, a rare form of epilepsy (see sidebar). He said the program held his attention and he remembers thinking the ailment was pretty horrific.

"Six months later, my grandson was identified with it," he said of 4-year-old Logan. "It's been pretty devastating on my family. He requires constant attention. He sleeps with a monitor. He has a helper dog to monitor his seizures."

At Saxton's request, other GL70 boaters took to the water Sept. 13 to make this year's Ambassador Cup carry a little more meaning. Four boats — and dozens of Grosse Pointe residents — participated.

"It was a beautiful night with gentle breezes as we sailed past the U.S. Coast Guard station on Belle Isle toward the Ambassador Bridge, with the Detroit skyline on the horizon," Bayer said.

Hans Brieden, the main trimmer on "Evolution" and a Grosse Pointe Park resident, said it was important to all participants to support Saxton and his family.

"The wind was light, but the racing was close and fun," Brieden said. "We had great banter between crews and a lot of laughs."

Following the race, Bayview hosted an after-party at which 100 T-shirts were sold, raising $3,000 for the foundation.

"It's a start," Saxton said. "We certainly donate a lot more than that, but it's just as much about getting more people aware of it. … We hope to build on it in the future with a band and more."

Added Todd Riley, a Grosse Pointe Park resident who served as tactician on "Evolution," "We do plan on it being an annual event moving forward. Because Dravet syndrome is so rare, it doesn't get the attention that many other causes do. Our hope is we stir up awareness and people come out of the woodwork with support. … You never know how to reach the right people, but more exposure is always a good thing."

Riley, a longtime sailor, said he enjoyed the race because, "it is a great feeling to not only have fun doing what I love to do, but hopefully making a difference for a very unfortunate group of people as well.

"It was great to see so many T-shirts being worn around the club," he continued. "I can't thank the owners, crews and BYC (enough) for helping us kick this off."

Saxton said he feels lucky to be in a position to support his family both financially and emotionally.

As for Logan, Saxton said he's just being a kid.

"Kids are amazing. They only know what they know," he said. "The medications are tough on him. But he's a kid. Kids tend to have better attitudes than adults."

Those interested in learning more about Dravet syndrome may visit dravetfoundation.org.

"The organization struggles to get nationally recognized, so any help people want to give to these kids is greatly appreciated," Saxton said. "This is near and dear to our hearts."

Added Brieden, "As a crew, we stick together in good times and bad. The support from the sailors was overwhelmingly positive. … It was a nice event and I was proud to be a part of it."

What is Dravet syndrome?

Dravet syndrome is a rare, catastrophic, lifelong form of epilepsy that begins in the first year of life with frequent and/or prolonged seizures. Previously known as Severe Myoclonic Epilepsy of Infancy, it affects one in 15,700 individuals, 80 percent of whom have a mutation in their SCN1A gene. While seizures persist, other co-morbidities such as developmental delays and abnormal EEGs are often not evident until the second or third year of life. Common issues associated with Dravet syndrome include:

◆ Prolonged seizures
◆ Frequent seizures
◆ Behavioral and developmental delays
◆ Movement and balance issues
◆ Orthopedic conditions
◆ Delayed language and speech issues
◆ Growth and nutrition issues
◆ Sleeping difficulties
◆ Chronic infections
◆ Sensory integration disorders
◆ Disruptions of the autonomic nervous system, which regulates things such as body temperature and sweating

Current treatment options are limited and the constant care required for someone with Dravet syndrome can severely impact the patient's and the family's quality of life. Patients with Dravet syndrome face a 15 to 20 percent mortality rate due to Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy, prolonged seizures, seizure-related accidents such as drowning and infections. Research for a cure offers patients and families hope for a better quality of life for their loved ones.

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Quite a collection

Pettipointe Questers recently visited Shaw's Books, 14932 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, where they viewed a range of collectible books, vintage posters and other rare items. The 2,000-square-foot book shop is filled with 25,000 items. Owner and lifelong book collector Hank Zuchowski shared his knowledge of books, explaining to the Questers how to spot collectible books and showing them books dating to the 1500s. Pictured are Zuchkowski, event chairwoman Joanne Marcil and Mary Stephenson, holding an art book Zuchowski appraised for her.

Author forms foundation to expand 'giving back' experience

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The last few years have been a whirlwind for Jayne Rose-Vallee.

The Grosse Pointe Farms resident went from first-time author with "Dinosaurs Living in my Hair," published in 2015, to motivational speaker, traveling the country to discuss her book and its sequel, "Dinosaurs Living in my Hair 2."

She recently added staff to help as she takes the DLIMH movement a step further. Heather Mertz, also of Grosse Pointe Farms, shares office space on The Hill, where the two collaborate to expand their mission and debut the Rose-Vallee Children's Foundation.

"Every time I do an event it increases brand awareness," Rose-Vallee said. "The reason we're starting the foundation is, so much of what I do is giving back and I'm OK with that. But if one person can do what I've been doing — and there's such a need for it — by starting the foundation and getting more people involved, we'll be able to give back even more."

The giving back part began with Rose-Vallee's first book, which teaches children about acceptance and inclusion, and subsequent school visits.

The pop-up event was based on Rose-Vallee's book, "Dinosaurs Living in my Hair."

The sequel touches on bullying and what community is. While Rose-Vallee doesn't discuss bullying during school appearances, she focuses on building community.

"Once they understand, 'You are a community,' they start to understand you may not look the same or think the same, but you have something in common," she said. "Rather than touch on bullying … I do tattling vs. telling. Sixty to 70 percent of kids don't tell an adult because a lot of them think it's tattling. We've created a form that shows the difference between tattling and telling. It needs to be talked about."

The book and its sequel have won numerous national awards, including three Moonbeam Children's Book Awards and two Dragonfly Book Awards.

Additional lessons the books provide — which are what the DLIMH brand is all about — are imagination, creativity, beat, rhythm, poetry and community. Rose-Vallee and Mertz recently created a video to aid their school presentations.

"One of our goals is to spread where we're reading," Rose-Vallee said, noting she's always chosen diverse locations to speak and donates books to school libraries. "We want them to know poetry is in so much of life that they don't even know about. If they're on a swing set, swinging, the movement in that — that's poetry."

Currently, Rose-Vallee is scheduled to visit University Liggett School Wednesday, Nov. 7. She has presentations booked this year and into next in Wyoming, New Hampshire, Florida and New York.

"It's exhausting," she said. "I don't know how teachers do it, but it's fun for the kids to have visitors to school. They love when someone comes in and makes eye contact. They want to show their world to an outsider."

Rose-Vallee and Mertz are launching a new website to bring the books, school visits, foundation and all other facets under one umbrella.

"That will give us a chance to do blogs, newsletters, schedule events," Mertz said. "People can see our products, shop, buy books."

The foundation takes Rose-Vallee's passion for working with children and sparking their imaginations and unites it with a broader group of participants, donors and partners.

For example, Mertz is working on a book about autism that will be added to the foundation's repertoire.

"There aren't any really good books that cover the topic of autism," Mertz said. "Autistic children are thrown into the public school setting and expected to make it one happy family. There are no children's books to teach other children about children with autism. This fits in with our whole theme of community, awareness, tolerance."

Added Rose-Vallee, "The idea is to partner with other things like that, grow and help us spread the word."

Other ideas include mailing a children's publication such as a magazine or newsletter.

"I'm a big believer that print for children is important," Rose-Vallee said.

"We've got some exciting things coming up," Mertz said. "It's so fun to see what's coming and we've already come so far. … There's always more, always something we can do. Our brains never stop working."

Rose-Vallee has a third DLIMH book written and soon to be published. She also wrote a young-adult novel for boys.

"(Rose-Vallee) should be retiring, but she's doing this and giving back," Mertz said.

"But I think it's time for this village to help," Rose-Vallee added. "If it works well with the two of us, there are other ambassadors out there."

For more information, books or other merchandise, visit dinosaursliv inginmyhair.com.

Children decorated cookies during the event, which followed a dinosaur theme.

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A child plays with a dinosaur at the event.

Program focuses on climate change, recycling

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe holds an open education session on environmental concerns 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza.

The public is invited to hear Mary Garton, a member of Citizens Climate Lobby and Climate Reality, who has been active in education and climate lobbying. Garton will explain legislative approaches that could drastically reduce emissions and stabilize climate change and address what individuals can do to help in the fight. There also will be a short presentation on the status of recycling. Many residents are recycling the wrong items, which can hurt the effort and add to the costs of these programs.

The Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters has long had a strong interest in environmental policy. Members have been active in the Lake Erie Inter-League Organization, which helped mobilize citizens to back policies in states bordering Lake Erie to improve existing conditions and avoid further pollution. The league is looking for members with an interest in environmental policy to represent it at the Lake Michigan ILO and keep the organization informed of local environmental issues as they appear. Information on league membership will be available at the Nov. 15 meeting.

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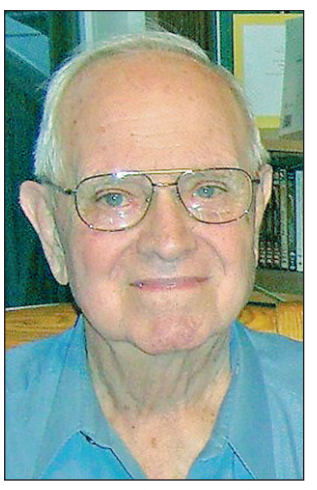

Warren Arthur Brush

James Lyle Webers

Grosse Pointe Park resident James Lyle Webers, 90, died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018.

Born June 9, 1928, in Racine, Wis., to Martin Leo and Theresa Brehm Webers, Jim graduated from Washington Park High School in June 1946, where he wrestled and played football earning three letters in each sport.

Jim enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II and served from August 1946 until December 1947. His duties in Tokyo, Japan, included clerk typist, athletic instructor and officer's swimming pool lifeguard. Jim graduated from Lawrence College in Appleton, Wis. in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He continued to play football for the Lawrence Vikings, where he was affectionately known as "Moose." Like his high school days, he received athletic letters in both football and wrestling. Jim's college fraternity was Phi Delta Theta.

On July 5, 1952, Jim married Rachel Henrietta Hermsen from Little Chute, Wis. The couple soon moved to Clintonville, Wis., where Jim taught English at Clintonville High School. Their daughter, Cynthia, was born in Clintonville the following year. The Webers family moved to Grosse Pointe Park in 1954 after Jim was recruited by the Grosse Pointe Public School System for a position as English teacher and athletic coach at Parcells Junior High School. Jim and Rachel's daughter, Emily, was born in Grosse Pointe the following year.

"Mr. Webers" taught English and occasionally art at Parcells 29 years and a portion of time as a guidance counselor at Grosse Pointe North High School. During his teaching career, he earned a Master of Education degree from Wayne State University in 1957. He enjoyed taking many more classes.

In addition to teaching, he was an avid vegetable gardener and wild flower collector. Some years he started tomato plants on the window sills of his Parcells classroom which faced Lochmoor Club golf course. He was known as "Tomato King" throughout his neighborhood.

Jim trained at Pewabic Pottery and after retirement became a multistate known potter and ceramicist. He especially enjoyed finger sculpting innovative, quirky animals. He was a wordsmith, writing poems, doing crossword puzzles, playing Scrabble, recalling and singing songs from his youth; the puns were endless and displayed his witty sense of humor.

Jim was a skilled fisherman and hunter, befitting his longtime Michigan residency and wooded, family property in the Upper Peninsula. He especially enjoyed searching for and collecting morel mushrooms each spring at his cabin near St. Ignace. He loved to travel, covering most of the United States camping, as well as many foreign countries, bringing his family on trips around the world.

In his later years, he enjoyed sitting on his front porch, chatting with friends, observing the neighborhood and counting the people who walked by. He sat in the sunshine to read letters from his special phone and penpal friend, Audrey McMahon, of Harrisonburg, Va.

Jim positively affected many lives. There were two families he "adopted" and considered his children and grandchildren and to which he contributed educational funding. Jim loved each one of them and was proud of them all.

Jim's family extends its thanks to the caring staff at Beaumont Grosse Pointe and Ascension St. John Hospital and ER facilities, plus the wonderful people at Beechwood Manor.

A celebration of life will be held in the Detroit area spring 2019 and in the St. Ignace area summer 2019. For more information, email motz48073@yahoo.com or rwebers@aol.com.

Donations may be made to the Full Circle Foundation at fullcircle fdn.org or Alternatives for Girls at alternativesforgirls.org.

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Kathleen Kay Hershey

Kathleen "Kathy" Kay Hershey, 92, died Friday, Oct. 12, 2018, in Naples, Fla.

Born Feb. 16, 1926, in Cromwell, Ind., to Virgil and Pauline (nee Miller) Clingerman, Kathy graduated from Churubusco High School, Churubusco, Ind. She attended Indiana University and Mount Auburn Hospital School of Nursing in Cambridge, Mass., and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Wayne State University.

She practiced and taught nursing at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, Linville Memorial Hospital in Columbia City, Ind., Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis and at Wayne State. She also worked in the offices of her husband, Dr. Ernest A. Hershey Jr., in Indiana and Michigan.

In 1997, Kathy and her husband retired and moved from Grosse Pointe to Naples, Fla. She was an active member of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, Bon Secours Assistance League, Cottage Hospital Auxiliary and North Naples Church. She also was a member of the Red Hat Society. In recent years, she was a Stephen Minister at North Naples Church, doing hospital visitation and caregiving.

Kathy was predeceased by her husband in 2005, and brother, Edgar A. Clingerman Sr. in 2002.

She is survived by her children, Ernest III (Kris) of Kinnelon, N.J., Dr. Stephen D. of Naples, Patricia K. (Joseph Darrell) of Lafayette, Calif., Michael D. of Grosse Pointe and Joseph R. (Ana) of Doral, Fla.; grandchildren, Ernest IV, Mark, Kristen, Lauren, and Isabel and great-grandchildren, William and Allen.

Cremains will be interred at the memorial garden at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or North Naples Church, 6000 Goodlette Road, Naples FL 34109.

Warren Arthur Brush

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Warren Arthur Brush, 93, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018.

Warren was born April 25, 1925, to William and Elizabeth Brush. After graduating from Cass Technical High School, he entered the U.S. Navy. He served in active duty in the Pacific Theatre until being honorably discharged in 1946. He then attended Detroit Institute of Technology and earned a bachelor's degree in business, majoring in accounting. Later, he completed post graduate studies at Wayne State University.

Warren served in management positions at National Stamping Co. and Buhl Sons prior to working at Ford Motor Co. 1959 to 1971. The next few years after that, he managed a private landholding company, Castleford, and then purchased and managed Grosse Pointe Business Services. He began working for Wayne County in 1973 and retired from there, as deputy chief financial officer, in 1988. Warren also was a past president of the Grosse Pointe Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police Associates and a past board member of the Michigan Food and Beverage Association and Volunteers of America.

Warren enjoyed traveling, boating, fishing and camping (in a trailer) until age 83. His first priority was to spend time with his family. His favorite volunteer opportunity was supporting and attending the annual Detroit Youth Day, sponsored by Michigan Food and Beverage Association, as he did for many years.

Warren is survived by his wife, Shirley; children, Debra Graham-Large (David) and Kenneth Brush; grandsons, Cory and Kyle Graham and brother, Tom.

There will be a private memorial service to celebrate his life Monday, Nov. 12, at First English Lutheran Church, where Warren and Shirley were longtime members. Military honors will be provided at the conclusion of the service. He will be buried at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Memorial donations may be made to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute at karmanos.org.

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JULIE WEBB CORBETT

1941-2018

Dr. Julie W. Corbett (PhD) passed away on Friday, November 2, 2018 at her home in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, surrounded by her loving family and friends.

Julie was an accomplished artist, sculptor, musician and producer of documentary, instructional and motivational films. She was CEO of Corbett Consulting, her Detroit based film production-communications company. Julie served on the Boards of Detroit Artists Market, Pewabic Pottery, National Academy for Television Arts and Sciences, Detroit Film Theatre of the Detroit Institute of Arts, Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, and was a trusted advisor to Services for Older Citizens (SOC) and Racing for Kids. She was a member and active member of the Arts and Architecture Committee at the Detroit Athletic Club, as well as the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

She is survived by her sons James Michael Goetz of Hollywood, California, John Gregory Corbett (Lt-Col USMC ret) of Grosse Pointe Farms, his wife Powell Peabody Corbett, and family friend and honorary son Charles "Chuck" Rose of Grosse Pointe. Julie also is survived by her mother Eloise Webb, age 98, of Frankfort, Kentucky, and her siblings Kenneth Michael Webb (KY), Janice Webb Donatelli (NM), Mary Webb Jackson (FL), Polly Ann Webb (KY), Kaye Webb Yap (HI). She also is survived by her beloved grandchildren, Crew and Selby, who called her "Honey." They added a whole new meaning to her life. She also is survived by her many caring nieces and nephews. Julie was predeceased by her loving spouse, Dr. John Vincent Corbett and first husband, Frank James Goetz.

Julie was born on the 4th of July, 1941 in Frankfort, Kentucky during World War II while her father was stationed in the South Pacific. The country has been celebrating her birthday ever since! She graduated from the University of Kentucky where she was a student tutor for the Wildcat Football team. There she met fellow classmate and football player, Frank Goetz. They married in 1963 and moved to Detroit, Michigan where Julie became a teacher of Exceptional Students.

In 1976 she married her soul mate, Dr. John V. Corbett, an orthopedic surgeon. They lived a very beautiful and active life together at their happy home known affectionately among Grosse Pointers as "Toad Hall." They took great pride in their home and hosted wonderful parties and events for their many friends and family over the years.

Julie was a graduate of the University of Kentucky and earned her Master's Degree from Wayne State University. Never wanting to rest and always up for a challenge, Julie went back to school and earned her Doctorate degree in Instructional Technology with a specialty in Instructional TV and Communications from Wayne State University in 1985. She began teaching as an Associate Professor at the Wayne State University Communications Department, while also teaching and coordinating the Video/Media Department for the Grosse Pointe Public School System until her retirement in 2003. As chair of strategic planning for technology in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools beginning in 1986, Julie was active in planning and implementing technology throughout the school district. She served as a television teacher, producer, and director of educational productions. Julie had many beloved friends and former students whom she taught throughout the years in the Grosse Pointe Public School System and Wayne State University, as well as a consultant with the Wayne County Community College District.

One of the most important facts to mention about Julie's life is that she influenced many students over the years as a teacher and professor and fostered and encouraged their talents in filmmaking and media. Julie was given the nickname "Doc" by her many students who became beloved lifelong friends. It is very important to note that many of Julie's students in her video/media arts classes went on to be extremely accomplished professionals in television, animation, films, and corporate-related media.

Julie never retired and preferred to work at enhancing her careers, creativity, piano playing and painting during her wonderfully full life. That was her passion and her legacy - never give up! She would never have stopped....

There will be a Celebration of Life gathering for family and friends of Julie Corbett in lieu of a church or funeral service. This event will be held at the Country Club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, on Friday, November 9, 2018, 3:30-6:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, to preserve the memory of Julie Corbett, her family is requesting that friends make donations in the name of, Julie Corbett, to: GPFPE (Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education) memo: The Julie Corbett IT Fund. 389 St. Clair Ave. Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

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Elise Camitta Keating

Every beginning must have an ending. Unfortunately, some endings arrive too soon. After courageously battling brain cancer for nearly a decade, Elise Camitta Keating, 40, of University Heights, Ohio, died peacefully on October 31, 2018. Her positivity, grace and strength of spirit during these 10 years were remarkable, buoyed by untiring love and support from her family and friends. She is survived by her loving husband Grant, her parents Louise Snyder and Doug Camitta, her brothers Timothy (Jill) and Kevin Camitta, and her boisterous miniature schnauzer Scooby.

Elise was born in Turkey, where her father was Consul in Izmir with the U.S. State Department. She blossomed into a formidable woman while growing up in Larchmont, NY and Grosse Pointe, MI. At times a rebellious teenager, Elise spent her free time immersed in arts and music, attending non-mainstream and underground concerts in the Detroit area. She even earned the scandalous honor of "Goth Babe of the Week" at the tender age of 17. Though her attire mellowed, Elise remained unapologetically true to herself while earning undergraduate and law degrees from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Elise met Grant in law school at the Wet'N Wild Weiner Boil and a 15-year romance ensued. Elise was smarter and better looking than Grant, but their complimentary senses of humor led to an unbreakable bond. They enjoyed stand-up comedy, traveling and dining with friends, but Elise and Grant were most comfortable sitting on the couch with their dogs making fun of everyone on TV. Professionally, Elise worked in all aspects of special education. She started as an Applied Behavioral Analysis therapist for autistic children and finished her career as an education attorney before being forced to retire due to her illness. Elise's true passion, however, was dog rescue. She adored dogs – loving every single one she ever met – and treasured the rescue dogs she has had over the years: Oliver, Max, Winston, Arnie, Bodie, Dugan and Britt.

Donations in Elise's name are welcome and appreciated to Canine Lifeline, the ASPCA or the charity of your choice. Friends, colleagues and family are cordially invited to a celebration of Elise's life at the First Unitarian Church of Cleveland, 21600 Shaker Blvd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122 on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Following the celebration friends may share memories of Elise with the family from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 22712 Rye Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio, 44122.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Ben Van Arragon

Loving lies

Recent studies reveal an unprecedented breakdown in trust within our culture. Voices in science, politics and the media, once considered authoritative, are dismissed immediately as partisan or biased. Ironically, our problem is not a scarcity of information, but an unhealthy abundance. We have the luxury of picking and choosing our truth; and we choose our truth on the basis of what we already think, feel and do.

The Book of Jeremiah chronicles the inexorable degeneration of God's people, the Israelites. At the heart of their national demise is an addiction to untruth. The Lord God says, "The prophets prophesy lies … and my people love it this way. But what will you do in the end?" (Jeremiah 5:31).

This propensity to love lies is a ubiquitous human problem. Centuries after the Babylonian Exile, the Apostle Paul warns the Christian church of another impending cultural unraveling: "The lawless one will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved" (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10).

There is no hope for people who deliberately build their lives on lies. We see this at work in individuals who ignore well-substantiated research into the destructive effects of certain addictive behaviors or habits of diet and inactivity. We see this in societies who privilege the powerful, ignore the poor and maintain prosperity through violent and oppressive means. Human beings naturally tune in to voices that placate while tuning out information that confronts. Are all human beings doomed to the downward spiral of choosing luxurious lies over challenging truth?

We approach the season of Advent, during which we recall God's promised rescue of a world enslaved to the powers of sin, death and hell. That rescue came in the person of Jesus Christ, about whom the Apostle John writes, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:1,14).

We have all avoided truths that can save us. We avoid them out of shame for mistakes made and bad habits maintained. We avoid them out of fear for what the truth will force us to face or forsake. But truth is transformed from punisher to liberator when tempered by grace. Jesus came not only to reveal God's truth, but to absorb God's condemnation. Jesus came to liberate humanity from its lies and deliver us into life and life to the full. Confess the lies you have loved; assess the truths you need to hear; embrace the Word made flesh, whose truth — and grace — represent salvation.

Van Arragon is pastor at First Christian Reformed Church, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park. Visit firstcrcdetroit.org.

Church Events

St. Ambrose

The Wayne State University Symphonic Chorus and Wayne State Symphony Orchestra present the 52nd annual Salute to Detroit at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at St. Ambrose Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. The chorus and orchestra present Francis Poulenc's "Gloria," conducted by Kypros Markou with soprano Jacqueline Echols performing. Admission is free; donations are accepted. A reception takes place in the ARK following the concert. Call (313) 822-2814.

The church hosts its annual all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner, Pasta for the Poor, 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Cost is $15 for adults, $6 for ages 6 to 12 and free for children younger than 5. Call (313) 822-2814.

Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its seventh annual The Taste at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, featuring food and wine from 20 establishments. Music is provided by Madigan's Attic. Tickets are $35 in advance; $40 at the door. Call (313) 884-5554 or visit olsos.org.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, makes Thankful Pumpkins after its 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday, Nov. 18. Cost is $10 and includes pumpkins, name tags, placemats for decoration and ideas for using pumpkins in family devotion. Call Tonya Pirker at (586) 295-4203.

◆ The church's Fourth Tuesday Book Club meets 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, to discuss "Mr. Dickens and His Carol: A Novel," by Samantha Silva.

Unitarian

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, presents "Civics 101 for the Out of Touch Adult" at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26. Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen and Colton Dale, community engagement and development specialist for Oak Park, provide a road map to guide citizens through government. The group also discusses why counties have a hard time working together to advance the region. Call (313) 881-0420.

St. Paul Evangelical

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

◆ The Rev. Justin Dittrich leads Bible study at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Harms Fireside Room.

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

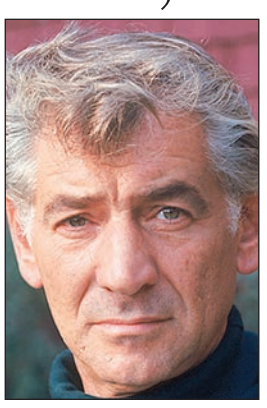
◆ The Naomi Circle Women's Group meets in the Bethany Room for Bible study and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

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

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.

Concert remembers victims of gun violence, hate crimes

Music at Memorial's 2018-19 season continues Sunday, Nov. 11, with "Duruflé and Bernstein," a performance of the Duruflé Requiem and Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms. This concert is being offered in remembrance of victims of gun violence and hate crimes.



Leonard Bernstein

French organist Maurice Duruflé completed his Requiem in 1947. Contemporary audiences heard the piece as a memorial to the victims of World War II. Leonard Bernstein, born 100 years ago, composed the Chichester Psalms in 1965. A hymn to world peace, the work concludes with the words, "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity."

The Grosse Pointe Choir is joined by soloists Lisa Agazzi, mezzo-soprano, and Andrew Lipian, countertenor. Instrumentalists are harpist Lydia Cleaver and percussionist Dan Maslanka. Wei Yu, Detroit Symphony Orchestra principal cellist, is a guest for the cello solo in the Duruflé "Pie Jesu."

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

Holley Institute turns 25

The Holley Institute celebrated its 25th anniversary Oct. 4 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The Holley Institute has served thousands of deaf, blind and hard of hearing people and their families through the years. It has screened for hearing loss more than 60,000 newborns at Ascension St. John Hospital with trained volunteers. All of its services are a result of community support.

Moving into 2019, a new initiative is on the horizon — the Family Literacy Program. With this program, highly trained mentors visit children's natural environments, usually their homes, and work with the family as a whole on early intervention and literacy.

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From left, Dr. William Rice, vice president, The Holley Institute and a Grosse Pointe Shores resident; Ardis Gardella, president, The Holley Institute and a Grosse Pointe Shores resident; Dr. Daniel Megler, board chairman, The Holley Institute and a Grosse Pointe resident; and Robert Hoban, president, Ascension St. John Hospital.

Wednesday, Dec. 5, The Holley Institute hosts its annual St. Nicholas Christmas Dinner Party. Proceeds benefit the Family Literacy Program. For more information, contact Debbie Mitre-Smith at debbie.mitre-smith@ascension.org.

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Soroptimists on the go

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe sponsored its first 5K STOP Human Trafficking Walk/Run Sept. 29. Nearly 100 participants registered for the event at St. Lucy Catholic Church.

The event raised $2,600, which will be donated to local organizations that work with trafficking and its victims.

Onsite exhibitors Turning Point, Monarch Wings, Community Advocacy Project, WC Safe, Alternatives For Girls, Sanctum House and Hope Against Trafficking provided information.

The goal of the STOP Human Trafficking project is to raise awareness of Soroptimist as an organization working to free women and girls from human trafficking. Anyone being forced to engage in any activity and who is unable to leave, whether commercial sex, housework, farm work or any other activity, should contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at (888) 373-7888.

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Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe members gather in front of their banner at the 5K STOP Human Trafficking Walk/Run Sept. 29.

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe also recently hosted its 10th annual Dine-Around-Town raffle, raising $7,500 to fund the Live Your Dream Award and Virginia Wagner Educational Award. The awards assist women with educational expenses. Online applications are due before Thursday, Nov. 15 for Live Your Dream and before Tuesday, Jan. 15 for the Virginia Wagner award. Visit grossepointesoroptimist.org for details and applications, or call Roseanne at (313) 706-1801.

Looking ahead, Village Wine Shop in Grosse Pointe Park selected Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe as its beneficiary of its annual holiday wine-tasting evening at The ARK at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. The event takes place 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6. Admission is $30 and includes food, wine and tips from sommeliers. All proceeds benefit Soroptimist awards and programs.

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe meets 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Village Grille on Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. The group is 69 members strong and its mission is to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. For more information, visit grossepointesoroptimist.org, find Soroptimist Grosse Pointe on Facebook or call Dorothea at (313) 549-9387.

'Disney's The Lion King, Jr.' takes the stage Nov. 17-18

Lions and other animals take the stage when Grosse Pointe Theatre's Youth on Stage performs "Disney's The Lion King, Jr." Saturday, Nov. 17, and Sunday, Nov. 18. Lions, hyenas, zebras, rhinos, elephants, birds, a warthog and a meerkat, led by a wise and mysterious mandrill, bring to life the adventures of Simba from lion cub to adulthood completing the "Circle of Life."

The nearly 35 children participating in this production are enjoying becoming African jungle animals. They also have learned some African language in their musical numbers and have assimilated the culture as well as physical movements of the creatures they portray.

"Many of the actors are assuming double or triple roles in this production to transform from animals to lead characters to scenery. We have asked them to stretch artistically and, like the animals they portray, they have adapted beautifully," said Director Merrie Gay Ayrault of Grosse Pointe Park. "The vitality and spirit of these young people will inspire the audiences to share their joy onstage."

"This was different from the other plays I've done," said Jillian Nixon, who plays Zazu. "I liked singing songs in a different language and I learned new African words and some things about the people. The costumes are really cool."

Performances take place 2 p.m. both days at South Lake High School, 21900 E. 9 Mile, between Harper and Mack, St. Clair Shores. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for students. Order tickets online at gpt.org or call (313) 881-4004.

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used to cover operational expenses for GPT production as costs are always increasing, Caralis said.

"The goal for our fundraiser is $50,000," said Theresa Salvaggio, development director of the GPT board and gala planning committee member. "We are planning to sell out the very limited 300 seats for this special one-night-only event.

"Most people are not aware that our royalty fees and theater rental fees are almost $100,000 a year and rising," she continued. "Grosse Pointe Theatre has not increased its ticket prices, so we're focusing on this benefit event and other fundraising efforts to help with these increasing costs. We also learned that if you don't ask for support, you don't get it.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Christine Campbell-Cormier, Robby Mullinger and Catie Hauff sing with director Stan Harr at the helm and Cheryl Faba on piano.

"We are very transparent regarding our needs and we're inspired by our volunteers who are so thrifty and creative with every production to keep a careful watch on expenses. We also work hard to raise the bar on our productions. At times that means we may need to spend a bit more on a costume, a new microphone, a new sewing machine or other items to make sure we provide the highest quality experience for our patrons' investment."

Cocktail hour begins 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at The ARK, followed by the performance at 5:30 p.m. Cocktail/holiday attire is suggested.

"Whenever members of Grosse Pointe Theatre come up with an idea, it's amazing how quickly everyone is ready and willing to step up to the table," said Terri Turpin-Amato, secretary of the GPT board and co-chairwoman of the event. "To me, the fact that everyone is so willing to help shows the positive impact of our theater group and how important it is to the community that Grosse Pointe Theatre continues to thrive."

"A key component to driving the success of our event was to create a collaborative partnership with some of our most dynamic members who have brought an energy and urgency to the table that has yielded some really exciting auction items," said Marie Boyle Reinman, vice president of the GPT board and co-chairwoman of the gala. "Our members and community partners have been extremely generous, with both food and libations as well as auction items. Combine that with the outstanding entertainment and fabulous auction packages, this will be an evening you won't want to miss."

Tickets for "A Golden Age Holiday" start at $75 per person. Star Supporter tickets are $125 per person and also include two tickets to a 2018-19 Grosse Pointe Theatre production and recognition in event signage.

"I'm proud to be a part of this group and represent this group in the community," Caralis said. "Patrons, donors and the community in general will really enjoy this energetic, beautiful show. We can't wait to welcome everybody."

Seating is limited. For more information or to buy tickets, visit gpt.org or call (313) 881-4004.

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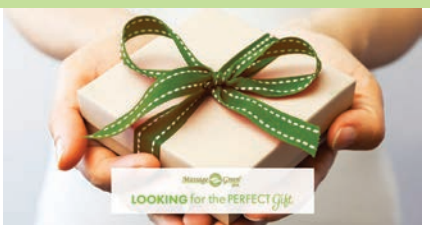

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Foundation of Southeast Michigan, speaks.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club hosts a scholarship fundraiser benefit Wednesday, Nov. 14, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Social time begins 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at noon and a fashion show by dressbarn. Tickets are $35. Call Elaine at (313) 642-1849 for reservations and tickets.

Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods presents "Socially Challenged: Acquiring Skills Necessary for Everyday Interactions" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Michelle Harr and Amy McIntyre from SPARC Speech & Language Therapy and Kristy Schena of Kids on the Go present ways to provide support and learning opportunities for children, tweens, teens and young adults who find social interaction challenging.

The Family Center presents "Security Awareness for the Savvy International Traveler" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at Grosse Pointe Shores council chambers, 795 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. This program highlights the safest places in airports and hotels, who to contact if there's trouble, being alert and aware of sites to approach with caution, country-specific issues and resources travelers can use to educate themselves prior to travel. Aimee Fluitt, a former FBI employee and counterintelligence contractor/trainer for NASA, presents.

To register for these programs, call (313) 447-1374 or visit familycenterweb.org.

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Michael Spence, policy planner with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, speaks. Cost is $10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Alliance Française

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe celebrates the first wine of the new harvest 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Admission is $39 for AFGP members, $43 for non-members. To reserve, pay with PayPal at afgrossepointe.org or send a check payable to "Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe" to 23009 Maxine, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Include phone number on the check. Reservation deadline is Sunday, Nov. 11. Email cstein44@comcast.net.

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Blue Devils, Knights win district

Blue Devils beat North, WWT

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South spikers knew they would have a tough match against Warren Woods-Tower to win another district championship.

But first they would have to get past hometown rival, Grosse Pointe North.

After nearly two hours of spikes, serves, digs and sets, the Blue Devils prevailed 16-25, 25-23, 25-15, 25-23.

"We were expecting this district-type atmosphere, and we got it tonight," South head coach Krysta Kreyger said. "We were a little nervous in that first game, but the girls settled down and played well.

"We knew there would be pressure, and we prepared for this. North gave us a great match. I'm proud of our girls. They played well under pressure and now we get a chance to win a district title a couple of days from now."

PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

A pair of 12s battle at the net with North's Regan Sliwinski, left, trying to block a spike attempt from South's Jada DiVita.

"This was a great match, but disappointing we came out on the losing end," North head coach Chelsea Brozo said. "I can't be any prouder of my team. The girls played their hearts out and made it interesting.

"Things could have

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Knights sweep way to title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls volleyball team entered the state playoffs with something to prove, and they did just that by sweeping Detroit Edison Public School Academy and host Detroit Cristo Rey to win a Division 3 district championship last week.

Head coach Dan Sullivan and his Knights first had to take care of Edison, who eliminated them from the state playoffs a year ago.

This time, the Knights earned the win, 25-15, 25-23, 25-13, to advance to the title match.

"The girls played very well, and they earned a nice victory," Sullivan said. "They wanted to beat them this year, and make the finals."

Junior Bella Cubba led the way with 10 kills and senior Mary Weiermiller was 21 of 22 serving with two aces.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN SULLIVAN

University Liggett School coaches and players are all smiles after beating host Detroit Cristo Rey in a district title match.

Next up was Catholic League division foe Cristo Rey.

Sullivan watched his Knights play one of their best matches of the season as they crushed their host 25-12, 25-16, 25-18 to claim the crown.

"It was nice getting up 2-0 in the finals so that I could start all four seniors in the final game," Sullivan said.

Freshman Olivia Dickey led the team with eight aces, while senior Nicole Rivera posted the best stats for the game.

Other contributions were posted by seniors Lucy Barnowske, Alyssa Hamilton and Allie Quint.

"We played some of our best volleyball at the districts," Sullivan said. "Now, we have our work cut out for us in the regionals, but if we play smart, we can win it."

ULS plays its regional tournament at Madison Heights Bishop Foley High School.

Swimming

NORTH & SOUTH

South wins MAC Red; North 5th

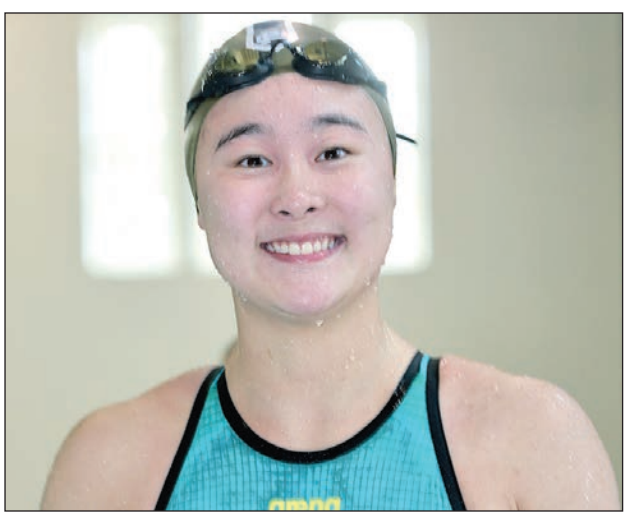
By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls swimming and diving team enjoyed a slam dunk last weekend during the Macomb Area Conference Red Division Championship Meet.

The Blue Devils defended their title, winning with 415 points, plus had the swimmer of the meet, Renee Liu, and the coach of the year, John Fodell.

Utica Eisenhower was a distant second with 349.50 points, followed by St. Clair with 164, Chippewa Valley with 156.50 and Grosse Pointe North with 123.

Liu won the 200-yard and 100-yard freestyles, plus was on two winning relays. She won the 200-freestyle with a time of 1:52.68 and 100-free at 52.60.



Grosse Pointe South's Renee Liu earned the meet's Most Valuable Player honor.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Liu, Clarice Fisher, Olivia Yoo and Hadley Gordon took first with a time of 1:50.24, and Liu was part of the winning 400-yard freestyle relay, along with Yoo, Hayden Barry and Fisher, which had a time of 3:36.89.

The Blue Devils also won the 200-yard individual medley with Fisher posting a time of 2:08.65 and the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 56.63.

Elizabeth Klepp had the Blue Devils' final first-place finish, taking the top spot in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:00.91.

South had two other top-six finishes in the 200-yard freestyle with Yoo taking second with a time of 1:54.39, and Barry taking fourth at 1:59.38.

In the 200-yard IM, Blue Devils Klepp and Elizabeth Ottaway finished second and sixth with times of 2:16.13 and 2:25.43, and in the 50-yard freestyle the Blue Devils had four of the top six with Hannah Blanzy, Lily Bates, Phoebe Bedsworth and Morgan Palace finishing second, third, fifth and sixth with times of 25.53, 25.77, 26.34 and 26.65.

South's Ada Morotzke and Caroline Rogers finished 10th and 11th in diving with 175.50 and 162.00 points, and other top six finishers in the 100-yard butterfly were Yoo and Palace, who took second and sixth with times of 58.40 and 1:02.60.

South's Bates was sixth in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 57.02, and in the 500-yard freestyle the Blue Devils' Barry, Audrey Smihal and Ottaway finished second, fifth and sixth with times of 5:18.97, 5:42.41 and 5:43.62.

South was second in the 200-yard freestyle relay as Blanzy, Bates, Bedsworth and Gordon had a time of 1:43.57, while the trio of Adrienne Byarski, Callie Kersten and Celeste Fellberg took third, fourth and sixth in the 100-yard backstroke with times of 1:05.25, 1:06.24 and 1:07.12.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, Jacquelyn Wang was fourth with a time of 1:13.43 to round out the Blue Devils' top six finishers.

For Grosse Pointe North and head coach Jim Singelyn, they had several top-six finishes.

Elizabeth McMahon, Helen Michaelson, Diane Muccioli and Giuliana Cavaliere took fifth in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 2:03.93, and in the 200-yard IM Amelia Fly was fifth with a time of 2:23.83.

PHOTOS BY TOM DAILEY

Grosse Pointe South's winning 200-freestyle relay team members were from left, Renee Liu, Clarice Fisher, Olivia Yoo and Hadley Gordon.

Abigail Gretkierewicz was eighth in diving for the Norsemen, earning 202.85 points.

The Norsemen's 200-yard relay team of Sophia Vitale, Michaelson, Victoria Treder and Fly placed fifth with a time of 1:48.70.

Michaelson was sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:14.20. The 400-yard freestyle squad of Vitale, Treder, Jaden Payne and Fly took third at 4:01.52.

Up next for several Blue Devils is the Division 2 state championship meet Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16-17, at Oakland University Aquatic Center.

Grosse Pointe North's Helen Michaelson had a good day for the Norsemen.

RIVALS:

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been different if a couple of key points went our way."

It was all Norsemen in game one. They jumped out to a big lead and kept their foot on the gas pedal. They never let the Blue Devils get any momentum.

Seniors Regan Sliwinski and Maria Zaki, as well as junior Christina Braker, led the way in kills, while seniors Evelyn Zacharias, Jamie Brewer, Rily Puscas, Sara Schaden and Rachel Liagre were stout defensively.

For the Blue Devils, they played on their heels the entire game and before fans could blink it was 1-0 North.

Kreyger was able to get her players refocused and their play was better in game two.

They were more aggressive and senior setter Gretchen Brockway got the ball to their hitters — senior Charlotte Brecht, juniors Caroline Zrimec, Cody Conlan and Elizabeth Hall and freshman Jada DiVita.

The Blue Devils built a 23-19 lead late in the second game before the Norsemen made an attempt to take a commanding 2-0 lead.

They got a side-out to get to 23-20 and Zaki's three straight service points tied it at 23.

DiVita put down a kill to give the Blue Devils the lead, and Brockway served the final point to even the match 1-1.

The Blue Devils played their best game of the match in the third one. Their serving was strong, as was their offense. DiVita was unstoppable at the net.

The game ended quickly, and it was the Blue Devils who entered game four with all of the momentum.

Kreyger watched her girls bolt out to a 16-9 lead, and it looked like the match was going to be over.

However, Brozo called a timeout and got her girls to take it one point at a time.

They chipped away, got their home fans back into it, and started making plays.

Senior Camryn Simon served six straight points to cut the Norsemen's deficit to 16-15 before a side-out made it 17-15.

Braker had a couple of key blocks, and a perfect set from Simon set up Sliwinksi for a kill to help the Norsemen tie game four 23-23.

The gym was rocking and rolling with a game five a possibility.

The Blue Devils were able to get a side-out to earn point No. 24, and Brecht's final kill of the match sent them to the district championship match.

For the Blue Devils, DiVita had 11 kills, followed by Brecht with 10, Conlan with five and both Zrimec and Hall with three.

Senior captain Cynthia Hogan was the defensive leader in digs and serve receive, and Brockway had more than 40 assists.

For the Norsemen, Braker had eight kills, followed by Sliwinski and Zaki with five apiece. Zacharias had 25 digs, and Simon finished with 35 assists.

Grosse Pointe North finished its season 13-26 overall.

Brozo loses Brewer, Liagre, Puscas, Schaden, Zaki, Sliwinski, Simon and Zacharias to graduation.

As for South, it headed to the title match against Woods-Tower.

After a day of practice, the Blue Devils took care of business and won another district championship, beating Woods-Tower 25-19, 25-22, 25-21 to improve to 25-12-8.

"We expected a tough match since they are a well-coached team," Kreyger said. "Our girls played with urgency and played well. They earned this district championship."

The Titans pushed the Blue Devils in each game, but in the end Kreyger's squad had too many offensive weapons with Brecht, DiVita, Conlan, Hall and Zrimec.

In game one, the Blue Devils trailed 13-12 before Brockway served five straight points, and they never looked back.

They trailed 18-13 in game two before Hogan rang off nine straight service points for a 22-18 advantage. The Titans closed the gap to 24-22 a couple of minutes later, but a DiVita kill gave the Blue Devils their 25th point.

The Blue Devils cruised to a 19-10 lead in game three before the Titans made a comeback. They closed the gap to 23-20, but Conlan's couple of kills put them into the regionals.

On the defensive side, Hogan led the way in digs, and their play at the net was solid as they had a dozen blocks. The Blue Devils also had nine serving aces.

Grosse Pointe South competes in a regional tournament at Utica Ford High School.

If the Blue Devils beat Fraser in the semifinals, they advance to the regional championship match at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, against the winner of the Stevenson/Dakota semifinal.

PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

South teammates celebrate after beating Warren Woods-Tower in a Division 1 district title match.

Cross country

NORTH & SOUTH GIRLS

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Finalists

Grosse Pointe North's Sara Michalik, left, and Grosse Pointe South's Devon Krasner competed in the Division 1 girls cross-country state finals meet last weekend at Michigan International Speedway. Krasner finished 51st with a time of 19:06, and Michalik was 102nd with a time of 19:40. Michalik earned Academic All-State by finishing in the top half of the field and having a 4.0 GPA. Krasner also earned Academic All-State Honors as she maintains a GPA of 4.2. Krasner will continue running in college and is looking at Princeton, Bucknell and Michigan.

NORTH & SOUTH BOYS

Norsemen get 12th

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South had representation in last weekend's Division 1 boys cross-country state championship meet at Michigan International Speedway.

Head coach Diane Montgomery and her Norsemen placed 12th as a team with 311 points, while Blue Devil Charlie Rulison made the finals as an individual qualifier and finished 108th with a time of 16:56.4.

In the team standings, Plymouth won the title with 122 points.

As for the Norsemen, Montgomery was looking for a top 10 finish, but they settled for 12th.

Preston Navarre led the team by earning All-State with his time of 16:09.0. Navarre, 15th overall, is the first Norsemen to make All-State since 2006.

William Hofmann took 35th with a time of 16:28.9, and Kuvin Satyadev finished 36th with a time of 16:29.1.

The team's other two scorers were Garrett Schreck and Ben Seagram, who placed 67th and 158th with times of 16:49.3 and 17:53.8.

Noah White and Jack Day also competed for the Norsemen, and ran times of 18:12.8 and 18:43.4.

Earning All-Academic All-State for the Norsemen were Day, Schreck, Satyadev and Hofmann.

"Overall, we had a goal to finish in the top 10, but were very pleased with our 12th place finish because of the surprise factor in a couple of teams," Montgomery said. "You never really know what is going to happen in the state finals. That is why we always talk about what you can do on that day.

"All season, whenever runners didn't race as they would have hoped, my only questions have been: did you give the best you could give today? Did you fight or did you give up?"

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Finals offer runners learning experience

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls team and one boy ran in last weekend's Division 3 state championship meet at Michigan International Speedway.

The girls finished 27th with 695 points. Hart cruised to the state championship, earning 43 points as it had the meet champ, senior Adelyn Ackley who ran a 17:42.8.

For the Knights under head coach Lindsey Bachman, all underclassmen competed.

Junior Maggie Dunn led the team by taking 101st with a time of 21:49.0, and freshman Gracie Govier-LaParl was 123rd with a time of 22:21.9.

Freshman Emilia Bronk placed 153rd with a time of 23:31.2, and junior Margaret Hartigan placed 158th at 23:50.0.

Sophomore Sophia Ma also scored points in the meet, taking 160th with a time of 23:52.5.

Junior Ava Henness also ran and was 180th with a time of 25:38.3.

In the boys' meet, another underclassman, junior Ashton Pongratz, competed for the Knights and placed 102nd with a time of 17:44.5.

Caro senior Yami Albrecht won the boys' meet with a time of 15:40.8.

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SECTION 1. Section XV is added to Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances to read as follows:

PROHIBITION OF MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS.

The Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act was initiated by the voters of the State of Michigan pursuant to Proposal 1, the Marijuana Legalization Initiative, on November 6, 2018. The Act authorizes cities, villages, and townships to completely prohibit marijuana establishments within their boundaries. Pursuant to that authority, marijuana establishments as defined in the Act are hereby prohibited within the City.

SECTION 2. All other provisions of the Code of Ordinances not specifically amended shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby revised as cited in Section 1 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

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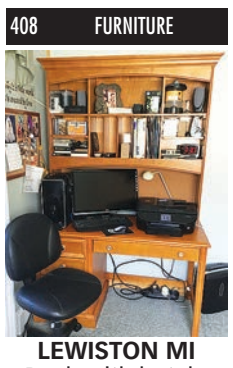

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U	S	E		A	N	I	M	E		O	O	H
S	H	E	L	L	G	A	M	E		M	U	M
			A	L	E		A	D	O	B	E	S
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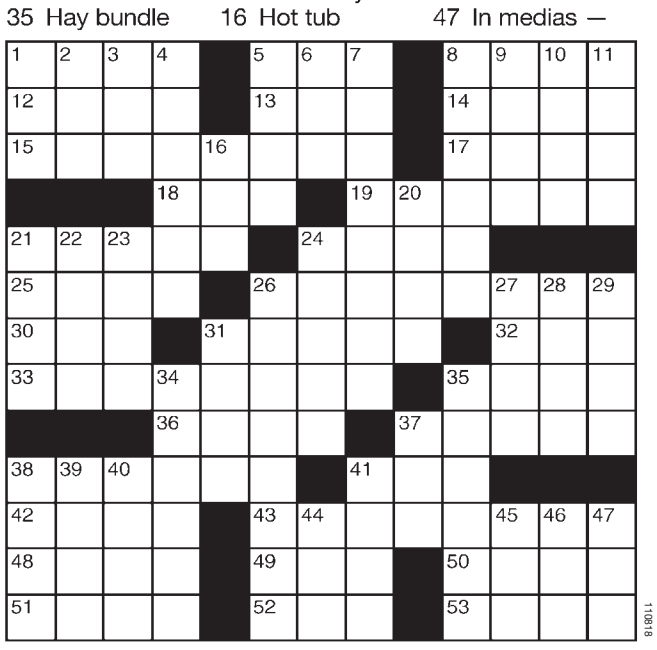
A	V	E		S	H	E	L	L	E	Y	A	N
N	I	L		T	E	P	I	D		E	V	E
I	L	L		S	L	A	P	S		T	A	T

ACROSS
1 "Phooey!"
5 Snapshot, for short
8 Judi Dench, for one
12 Farm implement
13 George's brother
14 1946 song, "— in Calico"
15 Pastor
17 Yuletide beverages
18 Biden, Cheney, et al.
19 Pooch
21 Bewildered
24 Two-wheeler
25 Wail
26 Mosque towers
30 Historic time
31 Skewered Thai recipe
32 Whopper
33 Troubadour
35 Hay bundle
36 Stir-fry pans
37 Bivouac structures
38 Soldiers
41 Have bills
42 Vagrant
43 Labyrinth beast
48 On
49 Performance
50 Existence
51 Golf gadgets
52 Ultramodernist
53 Cupid's alias

DOWN
1 Spinning abbr.
2 Boxer Muhammad
3 Heavy weight
4 Turn on a pivot
5 Mining areas
6 Rage
7 Red bird
8 Peril
9 Eager
10 Creche trio
11 Differently
16 Hot tub
20 Fine
21 Throat clearer
22 Actress Spelling
23 Former ugly duckling
24 Chomps
26 Sharpshooter
27 Verve
28 Be at an angle
29 Witnesses
31 Halt
34 Descends like an eagle
35 Pvt. Bailey
37 Pair
38 Just one of those things?
39 Memorization method
40 Reed instrument
41 Aware of
44 Lemieux milieu
45 Melody
46 Venusian vessel?
47 In medias —



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Solution Time: 21 minutes

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Solution for last weeks puzzle 11/1/18

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

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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