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Park, City settle flooding lawsuits

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK AND CITY — The 2016 flooding class action lawsuits against the Park and City have been settled, pending approval by the court.

Monday, Dec. 17, City council voted unanimously to approve a \$1 million settlement and the Park's insurance carrier agreed to a settlement of \$2,725,000.

John Gillooly, the attorney representing the City, said there will be two

\$500,000 lump-sum payments made, then the plaintiffs' attorney will work to distribute the money.

Peter Dame, City manager, said the money will come from the city's water and sewer fund.

"We will pay from our

water and sewer fund reserves in the amount of approximately \$950,000 and the insurance will cover the rest," Dame said.

The first lump-sum payment will be made by the end of the year and the second in 2019, said

Gillooly. According to Gillooly, affected houses will receive on average approximately \$5,000, but it is dependent on the amount of damage reported at the time.

"Residents are required to file claims forms with the city within a certain

period of time," Gillooly said. "If you did not file claims forms a couple years ago, you will not receive money."

Residents should receive notices from their attorneys soon, Gillooly

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South student suspended in gun incident

By Mary Anne Brush
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A verbal altercation between two Grosse Pointe South High School students ended with one student brandishing a gun, according to Grosse Pointe Public School System administration and Director of Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety Dan Jensen. The incident took place at 3:10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, after school. No one was hurt, and the student with the gun has been suspended.

"The kid that waved the gun is in custody and we are keeping a strong presence in the area of the high school," Jensen said.

Superintendent Gary Niehaus confirmed a heightened police presence the next day at South, with two squad cars stationed at every corner and City of Grosse Pointe police officers assisting Farms officers.

"They kept their night shift over to get the school day started," Niehaus said. "In essence, it was double duty."

"The police cleared the building (Wednesday night) and said there was no reason for us not to have school," he added. "The students were safe and secure within the buildings. They gave us that OK (Wednesday) evening."

The students were leaving the building at dismissal when the altercation began. Following the altercation, one of the students was picked up by a relative on Fisher, according to a public address announcement South Principal Moussa Hamka made to students and staff. After getting in the vehicle, the student retrieved and brandished what appeared to witnesses to be a firearm.

Jensen confirmed it was a gun. Several students, a parent and a Farms public works employee witnessed the event, Niehaus said. The student then drove off

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After months of discussion, a proposed hotel plan for The Village was nixed this summer.

FILE PHOTO

2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

Projects cause controversy in 2018

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City struggled with new building developments this year. From Detroit rescinding the site plan approval for the facility on Canyon in January to residents filling

council chambers to express their feelings on keeping the facility on Maumee, the new Department of Public Works building was the center of controversy this year in the City. The proposed Village hotel saga also saw its end as the community, developer and city failed to find middle ground.

This is the year in review.

January

◆ City council appoints an eight-person committee to determine parameters for the proposed Village hotel.

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Threat at Ford House investigated

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — When the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House security director received a threatening email message Thursday, Dec. 13, public safety took immedi-

ate action.

The Ford House was among several buildings in metro Detroit and across the country receiving threats that afternoon, including Wayne County's Frank

Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit. Sent by an unknown group, the email communicated a bomb in the building would detonate if a \$20,000 payment was not forwarded.

During his report to Shores City Council Tuesday, Dec. 18, Director of Public Safety John Schulte included a summary of

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New ordinance prohibits marijuana sales in Shores

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — City Council voted to prohibit the sale of marijuana in the Shores during its meeting Tuesday, Dec. 18.

The vote followed City Attorney Brian Renaud's presentation of proposed modifications to Chapter 18 of the city code of ordinances to address the state's legalization of recreational marijuana use for adults 21 years of age

or older with the Nov. 6 passage of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act by Michigan voters.

The ordinance specifies that, though residents may legally grow the plant, they

are prohibited from selling its harvest.

"This city has considered the potential benefits, challenges and costs of permitting or otherwise allowing mari-

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The committee is made up of Mayor Chris Boettcher, councilmembers Don Parthum and Sheila Tomkowiak, Downtown Development Authority Chairman Andrew Martin, DDA member David Katz, Marais Market business and property owner Dave Gilbert, Village Association President Kasey Malley and resident Lewis Gazoul.

◆ Former mayor Dale Scrace is honored by Mayor Christopher Boettcher.

Scrace served on council 28 years — 12 as councilman and 16 as mayor — before losing last year's election to Boettcher. Boettcher presented Scrace with a resolution of appreciation and a plaque featuring the gavel Scrace used during his time as mayor.

◆ Detroit rescinds its conditional approval, granted in October 2017, for the proposed new Department of Public Works facility on Canyon Road.

According to Detroit's corporation counsel, Lawrence Garcia, the site is not zoned for use involving the storage of garbage trucks or sanitation equipment.

February

◆ Crime in 2017 is reported higher than the previous year. Despite an



Three houses on Washington in the City were destroyed by fire in March.

increase in total crimes reported, Part I Index crimes — considered the most serious — saw a decrease to an all-time low.

◆ The City applies for a state of Michigan grant to improve safety around Maire Elementary School.

The upgrades include improved signage and crosswalks, relocating the sidewalk adjacent to the school on Cadieux further away from the road, installing bike racks and helping Maire administrators create an educational program to promote walking and biking.

◆ The City appeals Detroit's rescission of the conditional approval for the proposed new

Department of Public Works facility on Canyon Road.

The appeal claims Detroit's decision to rescind the approval was "unwarranted and improper both factually and legally."

March

◆ Posterity Framing and Printing in The Village announces a name change and adds new services, including custom printing, in-house graphic design and illustration, art classes and ready-made frames and mats, along with its well-established custom framing.

◆ Council terminates the purchase agreement to buy the Canyon Road property after Detroit rescinds its approval for the City to locate its Department of Public Works there.

◆ Three houses on Washington are destroyed in a multi-alarm fire. The fire started approximately 10 p.m. in the 500 block. No injuries were reported, but all three houses were total losses.

April

◆ The City is the first to sign the plan to bring Rocket Fiber to Grosse Pointe. Council unanimously votes to form a consortium with the four other Grosse Pointe communities, Harper Woods, the Grosse Pointe Public Library and public school system.

◆ Amid heavy resistance from the community, due diligence begins for The Village hotel. Pedersen Development Co. and the city work on the fine details for the proposed hotel.

◆ The cause of the March Washington fire is deemed inconclusive by state police investigators.

May

◆ After the Washington fire, which destroyed three homes, the Public Safety Department receives criticism over the quality of training its officers receive.

◆ The City begins to explore alternative options for its proposed DPW.

Partners in Architecture proposes three options, all of which keep the DPW on its current site, but feature a fully-enclosed building.

◆ Koi Nu Asian, The Village's newest restaurant, opens its doors.

June

◆ The new proposed public safety and works facilities move one step closer to reality as council votes to approve the preliminary plans. Public safety will be located on Mack at St. Clair and public works will stay on Maumee and feature a fully enclosed building.

◆ The City terminates its preferred development agreement for The Village hotel, killing the plan.

July

◆ Council and community hear an update on the proposed public safety and public works building. Residents near the proposed DPW on Maumee are upset with the city's plan to keep the DPW on its current site. The city says they have no other choice after



FILE PHOTOS

Iron Man and Spider-Man visited with Maddie Johnson during Winterfest last January.

Detroit rescinded its site plan approval for a facility in Detroit in January.

August

◆ The Department of Public Safety building on Maumee, which was set to be torn down to make way for the new DPW, is saved after residents push council to reconsider the demolition. Instead, the building will be updated and used as the new court facility.

◆ Council approves the purchase of a new fire truck for \$590,000. It will take approximately one year to build. It will be delivered when the new public safety building is completed on Mack.

September

◆ City council approves the site plan for the new Department of Public Works facility on Maumee. The facility will be 26,000 square feet and fully enclosed.

◆ The City signs a three-and-a-half year contract with MedStar to provide ambulance service to the city. MedStar has provided the city with service since August 2017 when Beaumont Hospital — which had been the city's EMS service for eight years — said it would no longer do so.

◆ The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office denies a warrant for former City public safety officer Matthew Pater, who was accused of sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl almost 20 years ago. Ellie Scandirito, now in her mid-30s, says Pater forced her into multiple sexual encounters when

she worked as a receptionist at a Detroit nursing home in 1999.

The prosecutor's office denied the warrant because it is barred by the statute of limitations.

October

◆ Council approves the guaranteed maximum price of \$12,627,250 for the new DPW, DPS and courthouse projects.

◆ The city looks to replace aging parking equipment in The Village. Council approved \$12,700 for an engineering report and inspection of the municipal parking structure. It also will look at system-wide upgrades.

November

◆ A community favorite, the 43rd annual Santa Claus parade rolls down Kercheval.

◆ The City begins the process to rezone Mack. The project will be the last to make the zoning code consistent with the master plan. It aims to create a seamless mix of commercial uses along the corridor.

December

◆ Public safety officers train in the house and commercial business on Mack which will be torn down to make way for the new Department of Public Safety building.

◆ Council unanimously approves a new ordinance prohibiting marijuana establishments in the city. In the November general election, voters in the state voted to legalize recreational marijuana.

◆ The class action lawsuit against the city for the 2016 flood is settled for \$1 million.



Grosse Pointe South High School's band helped open this summer's Music on the Plaza in June.

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Madison and Kinsley O'Neill visited with Ollie, the snowman from "Frozen," during The Village tree-lighting event in November.



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2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

A historic year in the Farms

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

From the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe celebrating its 10th year to Therese Joseph's resignation from council and the appointment of Sierra Leone Donaven, this is the Farm's year in review:

January

◆ Three public safety officers — Sgt. John Bruno and Officers Katie Gacobelli and Stephen Puckett — retire from the department. They take with them 89 years of combined experience. Bruno served 25 years in the Farms and Gacobelli and Puckett both served 32.

◆ The water filtration plant's underdrain system is inspected, which hasn't been viewed since 1995.

◆ Services for Older Citizens appoints Peggy Hayes as its new executive director.

◆ Farms teen, Emilea Zingas, 15, earns second



Mary Beth Nicholson plays the bagpipes at the closing of the Memorial Day celebration at the War Memorial in May.

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place at the 2018 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Nationals competition in San Jose, Calif.

February

◆ Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe celebrates its 10th year in business with a private party for friends and family hosted by owner Gretchen Valade.

◆ Council approves the investigation of the city's sewer interceptors along Lakeshore Road. The investigation will help officials locate and fix areas in the system with excessive infiltration and inflow.

March

◆ The wrongful death civil lawsuit filed by the family of JoAnn Matouk-Romain is dismissed by U.S. District Judge Linda V. Parker. Matouk-Romain disappeared in January 2010 following a service at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. Matouk-Romain's family alleged Farms and Woods officers failed to investigate her death as a murder. They also accused Tim Matouk — Matouk-Romain's cousin and a Harper Woods officer in 2010 — of involvement in the disappearance.

April

◆ The annual public safety report shows a decrease of 35 percent in Part I index crimes in 2017.

◆ Five-year-old Hudson Brown is surprised by a Camaro-led escort to his last proton therapy treatment. Michigan State Police, Farms police and 19 Camaros escorted Hudson and his family to Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, where he got to ring a bell signifying his last day of treatment.

May

◆ Therese Joseph steps down from council. After serving 16 years on the board, Joseph said she no longer has the time residents deserve to dedicate to the post.

◆ The War Memorial hosts its annual Memorial Day ceremony on the back lawn, including a flyover by Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Approximately 200 people attended the cere-



The All Pointes Daddy Daughter Dance took place at Grosse Pointe South High School in March.

mony.

June

◆ For the first time since 2015, the beach at Pier Park closes due to high E. coli counts.

◆ The 66th annual Regatta and Family Fun Weekend is held at Pier Park.

July

◆ Sierra Leone Donaven is appointed to fill Therese Joseph's vacant city council seat.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Historical Society announces its plans to construct a new 5,038-square-foot structure on Kercheval. The new structure will be a permanent home for historical documents and the society's offices, among other improvements.

August

◆ Sierra Leone Donaven is sworn in as the city's newest and first African-American councilmember.

◆ A day after a 61-year-old St. Clair Shores man goes missing in Lake St. Clair while swimming with his fiancée, his body is recovered.

◆ Two public safety officers are promoted. Antonino Trupiano is given the rank of detective lieutenant and Thomas Shimko is pro-

moted to sergeant.

September

◆ The 11th annual Concours d'Elegance is held at Pier Park. The event showcases old and interesting cars hiding in Grosse Pointe garages.

◆ Former mayor and current councilman James Farquhar is honored with a plaque at Pier Park for his years of dedication to the city.

October

◆ Services for Older Citizens changes its name to The Helm at the Boll Life Center. While the name changes, the services stay the same and will expand.

◆ U.S. Senate candidate John James visits the Eastside Republican Club ahead of the November general election. James looks to unseat incumbent Democrat Debbie Stabenow.

November

◆ The city sends a corrective action plan to the state after it is determined two retiree health-care plans were underfunded.

December

◆ Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services receives two new buses from SMART thanks to the Community Partnership Program.

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with the relative.

The incident was reported to the police nearly two hours later, Niehaus said.

"We were made aware of it by a couple people who came here and we called the school," Jensen said.

South identified the students and police officers went to the students' homes to begin their investigation.

"The important thing is that all the responsible parties have either been interviewed or are in cus-

tody," Jensen said. "And in capital letters, there is no threat for any other students. Although we will keep a presence in the immediate area just so parents are reassured of that."

According to Hamka, the student who held the gun has been suspended from South pending the outcome of the district investigation.

"We are committed to enforcing the code of conduct to ensure the safety and security for all," he said in his announcement. "Additionally, the police are following up on any potential criminal/legal charges.

"I want to thank the students

who came forward and reported the incident to police," Hamka continued. "This serves as a great reminder that if you see something, say something immediately by calling 911 and notifying the nearest adult.

"As a school community, we have navigated difficult situations in the past. I have always been impressed by our resiliency and response in the face of adversity. Let's finish the week strong and remain committed to our daily routines, studies and support of one another."

Anthony Viola contributed to this story.

FLOOD:

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said.

The lawsuit in the City stemmed from a flooding event in August 2016. Approximately 180 homes and a few businesses saw basements flooded with sewage during a heavy rain. The plaintiffs' attorneys, Liddle & Dubin, argued the sewage system was improperly maintained and caused excessive rainwater inflow and infiltration, which ultimately overloaded the system.

"As I told the city council nearly two years ago, these types of lawsuits don't make a ton of sense to me," Gillooly said. "And the reason they don't make sense to me is because the residents are suing themselves. There's no insurance covering the City of Grosse Pointe for this event, certainly a very unfortunate event. Nobody likes to have water in their basements. It affects a lot of people's lives. It takes time away from the things we like to do. However, the residents are suing themselves. Really the only ones that make any money are the attorneys and specifically the plaintiffs' attorney."

Park City Manager Dale Krajniak echoed Gillooly's sentiments.

"For the community itself, it's difficult when you're undertaking litigation with your own residents," said Krajniak. "It really doesn't suit anyone's best interest."

The law firm of Liddle & Dubin has overseen

more than \$7 million in flooding settlements from three Grosse Pointes in the last few years. In 2017, it settled a \$4 million suit against the Farms for a 2011 flood and now the two settlements from the City and Park.

Steven Liddle did not return multiple requests for comment.

In the Park, the city's insurance carrier — Tokio Marine — handled the suit and according to Krajniak will bear the cost of the settlement, except for the city's \$10,000 deductible.

The 2016 flood in the Park affected more than 500 homes. It was caused when the city was forced to shut off its pumps in the pump station as water levels threatened to damage transformers.

Since the flood, Krajniak said the city has invested approximately \$500,000 in upgrades to the system, including raising the transformers to a mezzanine level.

"A lot of it was bringing up to speed the equipment, likewise the automatic controls," he said. "Everything is automated now. It was changed as far as the upgrades included relocating transformers from where they were originally placed in the '60s to a higher level, a mezzanine level, so the threat of flooding within the building itself can be avoided."

Krajniak also said pumps were upgraded and a number of parking lots still connected to the sewer system were separated.

"Once more, requesting residents disconnect downspout connections

where they are connected," Krajniak said. "I would say the majority of residents have been very responsive in undertaking that step and there are exceptions where, in some cases, it is not practical. But that is another item we'll continue to pursue."

Krajniak said the increased severity and frequency of storms — with 100-year events more and more common — have been problematic.

"I think it's a good settlement for all parties just to move forward," Krajniak said. "We'll continue to undertake upgrades or any steps which will further assist us. But, again, the con-

cern has been the nature of these storms that we've experienced over the last three years have really been problematic. But the best we can do is to continue to invest in the infrastructure and continue to dry out the system."

Gillooly also recommended residents make sure downspouts are disconnected. He also said residents should have their lateral sewer lines televised and snaked from their house to the street every year.

"And," Gillooly said, "install a backflow preventer. ... A couple hundred dollar fix can prevent sometimes thousands of dollars in clean up costs and hassles."

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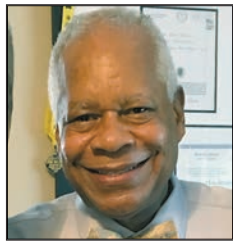
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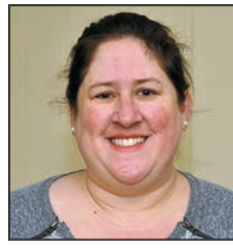
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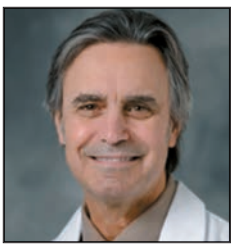
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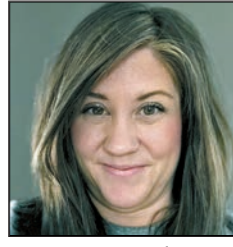
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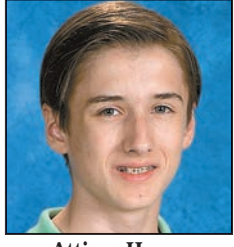
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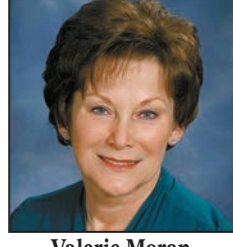
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Nothing to report.

— Anthony Viola
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Grosse Pointe Park

Package thieves

Two packages were stolen from a porch in the 1200 block of Audubon at 3:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17.

Four unknown subjects in an older, silver vehicle with damage to the hood and front driver's side quarter panel stole the packages, which contained a Corvette cover and dance tights.

Tab taken

A registration tab and part of a license plate were taken from a vehicle in the 15000 block of Mack at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Jewelry stolen

A resident in the 700 block of Middlesex reported that during the last two weeks an unknown person stole a \$6,000 tennis bracelet and \$10,000 diamond earrings from their bedroom.

A suspect is unknown,

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but the resident reported various people were in the home during that timeframe.

Confessed

A 19-year-old Detroit man confessed to a home invasion in the 1400 block of Kensington in October while in custody for a separate crime in the City.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Counterfeit car-buyer arrested

Early Wednesday, Dec. 19, police arrested the suspect in the theft of a 2011 black BMW from a resident on Colonial Road.

The theft resulted from a fraudulent transaction occurring Saturday, Dec. 15, when the suspect used \$10,000 in counterfeit \$100 bills in exchange for the car's title.

With the arrest of the 30-year-old Detroit man, the car was recovered.

The suspect, who is accused of similar crimes in Madison Heights and Royal Oak, is in custody and awaiting arraignment.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

What's that noise?

A resident in the 2100 block of Hampton reported at 9:29 a.m. Monday, Dec. 17, an attempted home invasion.

He told officers he and his wife were on the upper level of their home when they heard a noise on the main floor.

He investigated and found the upper portion of a kitchen window open.

Through another window the man saw a subject running from the rear yard along the side

of the house to a late 2000s silver sedan. The vehicle then traveled east on Hampton toward Mack Ave.

The man described the subject as a black male in his late teens to early 20s with a thin build, standing approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall and wearing a green hoodie.

Lock your doors

A resident in the 1700 block of Littlestone reported her vehicle broken into between 10 and 11:40 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18.

She discovered the driver's side front door ajar and items from the center console strewn over the front seats.

Nothing appeared to be missing other than loose change. The vehicle was left in her driveway with the doors unlocked.

Who left the door open?

Residents in the 1700 block of Stanhope reported finding the door to their detached garage open at approximately 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19.

A coat was left behind and nothing appeared to be missing.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Don't forget your wheel

A 23-year-old Farms woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 12:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at Mack and Moross.

Officers responded to the area regarding a possible single-car accident.

When they arrived, officers observed a white SUV on the southwest corner.

The vehicle sustained heavy damage, including a missing tire which was in the roadway.

The driver and 17-year-old female passenger were in the 911 caller's car awaiting police.

Officers noted an odor of intoxicants while interviewing the driver and conducted a field sobriety test. She failed

the tests and a preliminary breath test resulted in a .22 percent blood alcohol content.

The passenger was issued a minor in possession charge after she admitted to drinking at a bar using a family member's ID. Her blood alcohol content was .23 percent. She was released at the scene to her mother.

Nice Christmas bonus

A resident in the 50 block of Meadow Lane reported a belated larceny which occurred at his house between Monday, Nov. 19, and Monday, Dec. 17.

The resident said an unknown person stole \$10,000 in cash from an unsecured filing cabinet. He discovered the money missing when he went to pay for an in-house massage.

The resident is compiling a list of people who were in his house in that time frame.

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

PROHIBIT:

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juana establishments within its boundaries," section 18-288, paragraph 3, of the ordinance reads, "and has determined that prohibiting marijuana establishments is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare at this time."

With no commercial district in Grosse Pointe Shores, the ban on marijuana establishments targets those wanting

to launch a home-based operation for growing and distributing marijuana.

During Public Safety Director John Schulte's report earlier during the Dec. 18 council meeting, Councilman Bruce Bisballe asked, with recreational marijuana use legal, how do public safety officers handle traffic stops of drivers who consumed the drug before or while driving.

"There's a zero tolerance for THC in your system at this point,

right?" Bisballe asked.

"We're still waiting for directives from the legislature," Schulte said, "and these nanogram thresholds. It's all brand new, so I've been consulting with Brian Renaud in regards to some of the changes for us.

"My understanding is — obviously we don't have a commercial district here in Grosse Pointe Shores — we cannot prevent, even though there was an attempt with legislative efforts to stop the grow-

ing. You can't stop them from growing, but we can stop them from selling."

Bisballe asked if there is a field test for

measuring THC available to police.

"Not yet. It's being developed," Schulte said. "It's not standardized yet. It's not avail-

able yet."

The modified ordinance goes into effect Wednesday, Jan. 2, or 15 days after council's approval.

THREAT:

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his department's response to the threat.

"Knowing (the threat) was most likely false," he said, "we treated it as legitimate and were able to obtain an explosive-detection K-9 from the state police. We did a sweep of the building. There were 51 employees and guests in the building at the time, so we needed to take it very seriously."

Those with information about the threatening email messages are urged to contact the Michigan State Police

Michigan Intelligence Operations Center, (855) 642-4847.

— Melissa Walsh

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OUR VIEW

New year,
new hope

Downtown Birmingham, like hospitals, knows something we don't know here in Grosse Pointe — grow, adapt or be left behind.

A recent edition of Crain's Detroit Business devoted nearly its entire front page to development plans for downtown Birmingham. The plans included a half-dozen projects totaling "well north of \$250 million," including "a new luxury hotel, swank condominiums and apartments, tens of thousands of square feet of office, trendy upscale retail and additional parking."

Also on the front page of Crain's was a story on the The Townsend Hotel owner's investment of \$10 million over the past five years to keep "(professional) athletes, execs, celebs coming back." In Grosse Pointe, we can't even agree on one hotel and where to put it.

Meanwhile, the inventory of homes for sale here remains low, our schools are suffering declining enrollment and the possibility of closing buildings is real.

We can think of no economy that grew when population was declining. If Grosse Pointe is to remain viable and affluent, we need to adapt; we need to grow.

If the parking lot on the north side of Kercheval in The Village is not the right site for a hotel, how about the former proposed Sunrise senior living site south off Kercheval? Yes, we know the residents have real concerns about hotel patrons peering into their bedrooms and living rooms, but surely an inward, courtyard-facing hotel could prevent that.

We further recommend a hotel near Ascension St. John Hospital and, if it's not too much to ask, at Eastland under its new owners and in partnership with the city of Harper Woods.

If we can't grow out, how about up? According to Crain's, Birmingham is growing "five stories at a time," the downtown's height limit.

Attorney James Bellanca, who manages 12 properties (40 percent of The Village), proposed adding a second story to an entire block on the south side of Kercheval to accommodate a prospective tenant, but was turned down. That was short-sighted.

At the turn of the century — this century — the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council wisely followed the advice of retail guru Robert Gibbs and changed its height requirement in The Hill commercial district to allow a third story to buildings there. Builder Ed Russell's beautiful adaptations of buildings at each end of the block attest to the wisdom of the Farms council's decision.

Now, if the Grosse Pointe council could follow suit, we envision not just a hotel, but also apartment and condominium buildings five stories tall with the top floors and roof offering beautiful views of Lake St. Clair.

Pie in the sky? Perhaps, but it's a new year with new hopes, wishes and optimism. Needless to say, we are looking forward to an exciting new year!



PHOTO BY JOHN MINNIS

Pure Grosse Pointe

The Roostertail went "over the top" decorating the Marine Room for the Grosse Pointe News' holiday office party last week. The Marine Room at the Roostertail was transformed into a Winter Wonderland as only the Roostertail could do. A field of silver and gold and ice-blue decorations hung from the ceiling. The tables and chairs were elegantly dressed. The party featured champagne, strolling hors d'oeuvres, a "bacon station," a full buffet with two carving stations and enough meatless items to make the vegetarians among us feel special, a coffee and doughnut bar and a full premium bar. Thank you, Tom and Diane and Michael Schoenith and the staff at the Roostertail for making our event so "enchanted." Now we know how Willy Wonka felt when he first entered the chocolate factory! Grosse Pointe News Publisher John Minnis and Tom Schoenith agreed, if it's not "over the top" it wouldn't be the Roostertail.

Meet the STAFF

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

Shelley Owens

RETAIL ADVERTISING MANAGER

◆ Years at the paper:

I've been with the Grosse Pointe News since August 2017.

◆ Describe your position at the paper:

I oversee a well-seasoned and capable staff of four. I also work closely with our other departments including editorial, classified, circulation and our very best friends — production!

◆ Do you have any hobbies?

Photography is a hobby I have enjoyed for decades.

◆ Tell our readers a bit about yourself:

I enjoy an active lifestyle including biking, working out, walking with my golden retriever Jessie, golf and gardening. I also love to travel and consider the Rocky and Great Smoky mountains, New England and



northwest Michigan as favorite destinations. Atlanta, Ga. is a second home due to family in the area.

◆ Favorite thing about working at the Grosse Pointe News:

As a lifelong Grosse Pointer, I consider myself very fortunate to work at the community newspaper I grew up with. Community newspapers remain relevant and important watchdogs, offering neighborhood information and coverage not found elsewhere.

LETTERS

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

A standing ovation

To the Editor:
Grosse Pointe Theatre would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the numerous contributors, donors, supporters and volunteers who made our Golden Age Holiday benefit on Dec. 16 a success.

More than 250 guests attended the sold-out event, which brought in \$40,000, making this one of Grosse Pointe Theatre's most successful fundraisers to date. Proceeds from the event will help offset operating costs for our main-stage productions.

The success of our Golden Age Holiday ben-

efit would not have been possible without the outstanding support from our community.

More than 50 businesses and individuals generously donated amazing items to our silent auction, as well as printed materials, beverages, decorations, favors, costumes and set pieces.

Our cast, crew and volunteers freely donated their time, talents and resources to present this special holiday event to a very enthusiastic audience.

Guests had the opportunity to bid on 22 exciting silent auction packages, with the top winning bid being two tickets to the Ellen DeGeneres Show, airfare

and hotel accommodations. There was also a 52-Card Raffle with the winning prize being two tickets to "Hamilton" the musical in Detroit, along with a \$500 gift card to the London Chop House.

In addition to the exquisite silent auction packages and the 52-Card Raffle, the showstopper of the evening was the Golden Age Holiday performance, the brainchild of Grosse Pointe Theatre member Don Bischoff who assembled a star-studded cast that brought down the house with their incredible voices, dance abilities and comedic energy.

Performing 34 musical numbers from the '30s, '40s and '50s, including several holiday favorites, were Bischoff, Stephanie Butler, Christine Campbell-Cormier, Danielle Caralis, Catie Hauff, Lindsey Tychoziz-McKiddy, Robby Mullinger, Tom Pagano and Tom Woodman.

Others who helped with the performance were Kyle Bischoff, Peter DiSante, Cheryl Faba, Stan Harr, Nick Marinello, Amy Ricker, Arlene Schoenherr and

Bill Tuthill.

We are extremely grateful for the outstanding generosity of all those who attended, donated to and supported our Golden Age Holiday fundraiser, as well as all our patrons who purchased a ticket to witness the magic of live theater at Grosse Pointe Theatre year-round.

Your enthusiastic response validates why, after 71 years of serving our community and region, Grosse Pointe Theatre looks forward to continuing to do what we love — entertain, educate, impact, engage and inspire through the performing arts.

Our heartfelt gratitude.

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Patience key, Lions hopeless



As we get ready for the new year, what should we sports fans look for in our four professional teams?

Let's start with the teams currently playing.

The Detroit Red Wings. I can tell you they won't win the Stanley Cup in June. They will be lucky to make the playoffs in the National Hockey League's Eastern Conference.

However, the Red Wings do have a roster of younger, exciting players such as Andreas Athanasiou, Dylan Larkin, Tyler Bertuzzi,

Anthony Mantha and Danny DeKeyser.

Head coach Jeff Blashill has had his ups and downs during his couple of years behind the bench, but I think they will get better as the youngsters mature into good NHL players.

Be patient with the Red Wings. Think next season for the playoffs. They will improve and give fans something positive to talk about.

The Detroit Pistons. I can tell you they won't win the Larry O'Brien trophy as NBA champions in June.

However, I like new head coach Dwane Casey and watching veteran Blake Griffin. He is good for at least one highlight dunk every game and he did score 50 points in a game earlier this season.

Andre Drummond is a

rebounding monster. He can grab 20 or more rebounds on any given night.

Stanley Johnson, Luke Kennard and Reggie Jackson have glimpses of greatness, but they aren't consistent.

One thing holding back this franchise is the owner, Tom Gores. Just because he is a wealthy business owner doesn't mean he can effectively run a professional sports team. If only Pistons fans can get an owner who knows how to run a team?

Reminds me of another owner of a local team, our Detroit Lions. The Ford family has owned the Lions for way too long.

The last playoff victory for the Lions came in 1992, 38-6 over the Dallas Cowboys. Since then, they have lost their

last nine playoff games, all but one in the wild card round.

The losses came against Washington, twice, Green Bay, twice, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia, Dallas, New Orleans and the latest in 2017 to Seattle.

It's been decades of losing, decades of poor coaches, bad players, interesting ways of losing games and lousy quarterbacks.

Winning franchises start at the top, the ownership. Pittsburgh and New England win Super Bowls because of their owners, Art Rooney II and Robert Kraft.

A New Year's wish would be for the Ford family to sell the team to someone who can actually lead a franchise to the Super Bowl instead of the toilet bowl.

Get rid of Matthew

Stafford and get a quarterback who can actually win a big game. The defense is taking shape as a solid unit, but the offense has a long way to go.

Good luck Lions fans. They need to finish 5-11 this season and get a high draft pick. Maybe the franchise quarterback is in this draft.

In February, spring training starts for the Detroit Tigers. I love baseball and the Tigers, but it looks like a 100-loss season is in the works this year.

An aging Miguel Cabrera is an anchor for this franchise, as well as below par players. Nicholas Castellanos is a great player. He hits for average and drives in runs.

Other young guys I'm anxious to watch this summer are Jeimer

Candelario, Christin Stewart and JaCoby Jones.

The pitching stinks, but two worth watching are starter Michael Fulmer and reliever Joe Jimenez. I hope Fulmer is healthy, but it looks like he will be traded for prospects by the end of July.

The Tigers are in a major rebuild. The Houston Astros and Chicago Cubs stunk before their young players developed into World Series winners. I hope the same can be said of our Tigers.

The Tigers have some solid players in the minors and I'm sure will be given a chance to grow with the big-league club later in the summer.

I'm going to be patient with the Tigers.

I wish everyone a safe and happy New Year.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

PARENTS HEAR FROM SOLDIER BELIEVED DEAD: A tiny postcard carrying only two or three brief notes brought a Park couple the happiest Christmas of their lives.

The card was from their son whom they had been mourning as lost in the war ever since they received a formal notice from the War Department more than 18 months ago that he was "missing in action."

The postal was from their boy, signed by him but limited in information. He said he was a prisoner of war of the Japanese in Burma and that he was well and getting along all right.

BLACK MARKET CASE WILL BE CLOSED SOON: Helen Gale How Wright, indicted last August by a federal grand jury on 11 counts involving black market operations in her Pointe food store, is expected to enter a plea of guilty before the federal district attorney within the week.

She faces maximum penalties of one year in jail and fines of \$10,000 on each of seven counts

and one year in jail and fines of \$5,000 on each of the other four counts.

1968

50 years ago this week

CITY POLICE GET PAY RAISE: The City of Grosse Pointe and the Grosse Pointe City Police Officers Association, representing the city's patrolmen, have entered into a new two-year collective bargaining agreement providing for increased wages and fringe benefits.

The agreement, which runs through June of 1970, provides a top salary for patrolmen of \$9,300 retroactive to July 1968, \$9,500 beginning in January 1969 and \$10,150 from July 1969 through June 1970.

GPUS AND LIGGETT HOLD DISCUSSIONS FOR MUTUAL HELP: Grosse Pointe University School trustees have announced they will delay the construction of the new 14-classroom middle school at least until the summer of 1969, since a new element has affected their planning.

Recently, discussions between trustees of GPUS and Liggett School indicated it may be in the

interest of both schools to explore ways in which their academic, administrative and physical resources can most advantageously be used to strengthen each other and to improve independent education in the community.

Obituaries: Grace Follis, Mildred Speed Freeman, Irene Grabow, Walter B. Hartness, Elizabeth Unti, Philip I. Worcester

1993

25 years ago this week

WOODS COUNCIL BARS TICKET "CAMP OUTS": The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council has passed an ordinance making it illegal to camp out overnight outside businesses that

sell entertainment tickets.

ADDED SPACES HAVEN'T RESOLVED HILL'S PARKING WOES: Anyone shopping on The Hill this holiday season has probably noticed a lack of places available to park.

There are roughly 700 more spaces than existed a decade ago, and a couple more buildings; however, parking seems to be harder than ever to find.

The Hill Association and Grosse Pointe Farms are working to find a solution to the problem caused by the change in the types of businesses on The Hill and the number of employees needed to operate those businesses.

Obituaries: John T. Addison, Louis J. DePerro Jr. D.D.S., Sidney S. Hall, Dorothy J. Hollister, Margaret A. Johnson, Jewel Baker Kuhn, Ruth Trupiano, Louise P. Wilt

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2008

10 years ago this week

SLEDDING INJURY: A 14-year-old boy was injured while sledding on Vernier Hill by a piece of metal protruding from the ground.

LAKESHORE CLOSED: Public works crews closed southbound Lakeshore at Vernier due to dangerous road conditions around 11 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 19.

Several motorists were stranded and stuck in heavy snow about 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20.

Wayne County road crews informed Shores officials they would be in the village later that day to plow the turnarounds.

Obituaries: Francis P. Blake D.D.S., Theresa Buccellato, Marian Callouette, Frederick Kipp Cody Jr., Elizabeth Holton Ford, Joseph Leonard Warchol

— Karen Fontanive

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Chicago Sun-Times

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North students deliver coffee and smiles

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Pouring the water is Jacob Dall's favorite part of Grosse Pointe North High School's Coffee Club. Making coffee and putting in creamers is Torre Jackson's favorite and taking money and giving change is what Jai Lynn Fuller enjoys most.

"Mine is the smiles," said school psychologist Christine Kuhl. "It's the best way to start Friday."

Coffee Club was started by speech and language pathologist Sarah Hunter three years ago as a way for students with special needs to combine social skills with job skills while engaging with the larger North community.

"Something our students are always working on is transition skills and what they're going to do after high school, so I thought it would be a wonderful idea to work on not only their communication goals with me in this functional environment, but also all of those job skills," said Hunter. "They get to do some money skills as well as getting out in the building and interacting with other teachers that they may not come across on a daily basis."

The administration supported the idea and, with the cooperation of Peggy Bonbrisco, student activities director — "We



Back row, from left, Christine Kuhl, Michael Burleson, Sarah Hunter and Sheila Doss. Seated, from left, Jai Lynn Fuller, Josh Young and KNOTS peer-to-peer leader Natalie Boutell.

couldn't do it without her," Hunter said — the club operates out of the student union Friday mornings.

Teachers place their coffee and tea orders the day before via email on a Google survey, including their choice of sweetener and creamer and where they will be first hour so students can deliver directly to them.

The students print the labels Friday morning and prepare the orders accordingly before making their delivery rounds.

In the past, money raised has supported a camp for students with special needs. This year,

proceeds will fund special activities and events for the KNOTS peer-to-peer program, in which students from the general education population work with students with special needs, helping them navigate getting to class or spending time with them at lunch, for example.

Three KNOTS leaders assigned to the Coffee Club are integral to the process, Hunter said, working with students to make the coffee, prepare and deliver orders and make change.

Students in Sheila Doss's Career Decisions class have embraced the

club. In addition to writing resumes and conducting interviews, a focus of the class is customer service. Many students in the class have autism and struggle with social skills, Kuhl said. The club gives them the opportunity to practice their social skills while exploring food service as a career option.

"It's a great way for them to practice initiating a conversation or closing a conversation or making small talk — some things that may be more challenging for them," Kuhl said.

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, students enjoyed a visit from two professionals in



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From left, Shannon Moin, Torre Jackson and KNOTS peer-to-peer leader Meg Pangborn.

the coffee industry. Jennifer Schram, store manager at the Starbucks Kercheval location, and Sarah Whitney, a shift supervisor at the Mack and Radnor location, shared background information about the company, requirements of the job and insider tips of the trade in response to the students' questions.

Inviting Starbucks representatives to the Career Decisions class was Kuhl's idea.

"I chose Starbucks to reach out to because they've always been an inclusive employer," said Kuhl. "They've done a lot of work about employing students with special needs or adults with special needs, specifically autism. So I was really inspired by that."

On Friday, Michael Burleson, store manager

and Radnor location, joined the students in making and delivering the coffee. Students were given Starbucks cups, lids and sleeves and even Starbucks aprons to wear. As an added treat, students were given scones to offer their customers with their coffee.

Dall, as the main barista for the day, was in charge of making the coffee, engaging in his favorite activity of pouring the water into the machine. Burleson helped him measure consistent proportions so each cup tasted the same, Hunter said.

"Michael said this looks very similar to what (they) do at Starbucks with the labels and making each order delivery — and service with a smile," she added.

Bond oversight committee brings diverse range of skills

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Five community members emerged from a pool of 24 candidates as the top choices for the Grosse Pointe Public School System bond oversight committee.

A licensed architect, contract specialist, senior information technology architect, senior communications technology consultant and licensed professional engineer pro-

vide a diverse set of skills and expertise to assist the administration and Board of Education in managing the \$111 million facilities and security bond approved by voters Nov. 6.

The board approved the creation of the oversight committee at its regular meeting Nov. 26. According to the resolution, applicants with recent architectural, construction or technology experience were preferred.

Board President Brian Summerfield, Treasurer Judy Gafa and GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus reviewed all applications, interviewed finalists and recommended committee members to the board at a special meeting Dec. 17. The board voted 6-0 to approve the committee selection. Trustee Ahmed Ismail was absent.

"All of the candidates have the preferred experience that was set forth in the resolution," Summerfield said, adding, "They were all outstanding. We got a lot of good applications from the community members, but these members we felt would best serve the committee. They all understood the purpose of the committee and what their role was."

"I was surprised by the number (of applicants) we had that met the qualifications, but also the five that we've selected have a wide

variety of experiences and knowledge and expertise that'll help us when we get down to the final contracts and drafting of plans," said Niehaus.

George Bailey is a licensed architect in Michigan, Ohio, Florida, New York and New Jersey, with nearly 20 years of experience in the architecture and construction industry. He is the owner of Bailey Built PLLC, a small architecture and design company based in Grosse Pointe Woods.

He has experience in the design and construction of commercial, institutional, residential and education projects at K-12 facilities in both public and private schools. In addition to understanding the project from design to construction, Bailey has expertise with older buildings.

Since moving to Grosse Pointe Woods two years ago, Bailey said he and his wife, Clarissa, have gotten involved in the PTO at

both Parcels Middle and Grosse Pointe North High schools, where their children attend.

"We like to do our share for the community," he said. "That's part and parcel why I volunteered to do this. If I can use my expertise to help the bond projects be successful, that's why I'm here."

Matthew Jewell, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident with two children at Ferry Elementary School, is a contracts manager for the Department of the Army, handling approximately \$10 billion in contracts and supervising team leaders and contracting officers. His background includes 10 years as a financial planner.

"In army contracting, one of the most important parts is assessing that the taxpayer got what they paid for," Jewell said. "So as far as developing what we refer to as a quality assurance surveillance plan and measuring

against the scope of work to ensure that they met the needs, that's what I do on every contract. I've been doing that for 12 years. ... This is what I live every day — helping customers develop their requirements and then ensuring that what they intended is what happened."

Jewell is excited to work with the other members of the team who bring a diverse set of skills and perspectives to the table.

"Diversity always wins," he said. "Diversity always comes up with the best solution no matter what the problem. Study after study shows this. ... Having some people that are familiar with systems and design — that diversity will produce a superior product."

Wilson Moin, a senior information technology architect at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, is responsible for the design

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Giving

Richard Elementary School students collected toys to be donated to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation Snowpile program, which allows parents of hospitalized patients to "shop" for presents for their child and siblings. Pictured from left are Richard mascot Ricky Raccoon, third-grader David Roberts and Principal John Kernan.

Teacher of THE WEEK



Haleigh Sluschewski



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School: St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School
Years at St. Paul: 3
Grade/Subject: 6th-grade religion and social studies and 8th-grade literature and English
Nominated by: Tina Forsythe, principal
Principal's quote:

"Haleigh has a love for teaching and cares for each and every one of her students. She meets every student where they are at and has mastered differentiated teaching. Haleigh's high and positive energy is contagious, which carries over to the students."
What do you enjoy most about teaching?

"I absolutely love taking an active role in shaping the future. It is my goal to create contributing and compassionate members of society, and being able to witness this growth firsthand is beautiful. I am fortunate to teach amazing people, who are the voices of tomorrow, and I am confident that the world is a better place with them in it. Challenging students to reach their utmost poten-

tial is the most fulfilling aspect of my career and I would not change my role.
Describe a teaching accomplishment you're proud of or a "teachable moment" you experienced.
 I would have to say that my greatest accomplishments come after students leave my classroom, whether it is at the end of the hour, end of the day, end of the year, or end of junior high. When a student leaves my room a better person than when they entered, I know I have done my job. If I have ignited a love of lifelong learning, a passion for understanding and acceptance and self-confidence in their preparation for the future, I am fully rewarded.
Please share a book or person that has inspired you or your teaching.

My students inspire my teaching every day. They encourage me to be the best version of myself, for them. Their learning and engagement motivates me to show up and show out

and pushes me to do whatever I can to make sure they are successful. We often lose sight of how much we, as teachers, can learn from our students and they are a constant reminder for me to be creative and imaginative, unapologetically myself, that laughter is the best medicine, and to never lose the light of my spark.
Favorite quote:

"And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you, because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it."
 — Roald Dahl

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and implementation of highly available, scalable and secure computer and network systems. In addition to his design expertise, he also ensures technology solutions follow the company's enterprise architecture principles and security standards. His 20 years of experience include infrastructure design, system integration and project management.

Moin, who lives in Grosse Pointe Woods and has two children at Grosse Pointe North and one who graduated, applied for the committee because he "saw it as an opportunity to potentially put my work experience to use to help make sure the bond money is well spent," he said.

Garrett Myers, a 33-year resident of Grosse Pointe Woods whose children, now graduated, attended Grosse Pointe schools, is a senior communications technology consultant with Gateway Group in the City of Grosse Pointe. His experience includes strategic and tactical tech-

nology application planning, acquisition, project management, vendor negotiation and owner-agent responsibility. Particularly relevant was his role as a contract member of an Albert Kahn Associates project in which he was responsible for design, specification, acquisition, support and owner-agent oversight of telecom, security and audiovisual systems for a \$500 million Detroit Public Schools upgrade.

Myers said he applied "because I think we need all the minds and resources that we can to help the school board and organization to spend the bond money effectively and I have some expertise, particularly with Detroit Public Schools, that I believe will be helpful."

Myers is semi-retired with "adequate time to properly serve the needs of GPPSS," according to his cover letter.

David Walenga has been working in the construction field his entire adult life, starting as a laborer for a commercial glass company, transitioning to internships with multiple general contractor and structural

engineering firms while in college. Since college, he has worked for engineering firms located in Michigan reading and preparing construction documents and drawings more than 20 years. For nine of those years, he worked as a structural design engineer.

In 2014, Walenga transitioned to forensic engineering. In this role, he provides "an expert opinion on the why and how a building or an aspect of a building has failed," according to his cover letter.

Whether a building project succeeds or fails "is often rooted in the quality, or lack thereof, of the construction documents," he wrote.

Walenga and his wife, Lindsey, have two children and live in Grosse Pointe Park.

"Since my daughter started school, I've been looking for a way to help the schools and be involved and this seemed like a perfect fit for me," he said.

At the special meeting, the board approved French-Ehresman Architects as the architect/engineering firm to work

with owner's representative Plante Moran Cresa on the bond program.

Critical needs will be completed in multiple stages, with relevant documents provided to the bond oversight committee at each stage, from design through construction, to determine if they're consistent with the scope of

work. The committee will advise the facilities committee of the board of its determination and, based on recommendations from both the bond oversight and facilities committees, present to the board actions to approve. A master list of ongoing and completed critical needs projects will be available

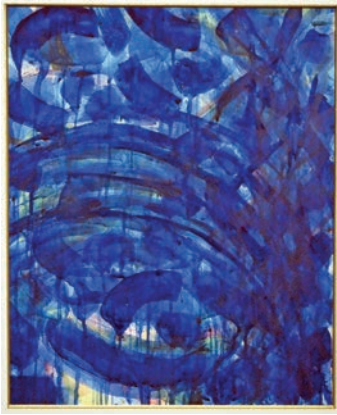
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At its first regular meeting of the year Jan. 14, the board will vote on a resolution authorizing the sale of the first series of bonds not to exceed \$68 million and the appointment of JP Morgan Securities LLC as the lead underwriter for the bond sales.

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A work in progress

Mural project a 'gift to the community'

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association wants to celebrate the progress being made not just in Grosse Pointe Park, but in the city of Detroit as well.

That's why the association recently collaborated with muralist Nicole Macdonald on AlterCrossing — a mural installation project at Kercheval and Alter.

"The topic on the table is not Grosse Pointe Park's plans or what they did there," said Karen Pope, president of the association. "The topic is to unite the progress on both sides. You can question decisions all the time, but this is just to celebrate the progress on both sides and create some synergy."

So far, two murals — of Aretha Franklin and Marvin Gaye — have been installed on the Kercheval side of a corner building owned by Jason Jackson. A third mural will be installed on the Alter side as well.

"The concept is being



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Above, artist Nicole Macdonald and her team began installing the Marvin Gaye mural Saturday, Dec. 15. Right, Grosse Pointe South High School students Violet Whitmore and Bridget Clark work on the Aretha Franklin mural in artist Macdonald's Midtown Detroit studio.

worked on by students," Pope said, noting students from Grosse Pointe South and Martin Luther King high schools have a hand in the project. "The building has an inset doorway with two little

panels around the doorway. We're thinking about doing those, too, to keep the continuity going."

The project has been talked about since late last winter, Pope said.

"An older lady who was on the (planning) group said Grosse Pointe would be so much more hip if they had murals," Pope said. "In some ways it's true. If you look at the success of Wynwood (Business Improvement District) in Miami — it's a very hip place — they have murals. The Philly murals (Mural Art Philadelphia) are very popular. The Eastern Market murals, too."

The association put out a request for proposal and teamed up with Macdonald. It was in



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PHOTO BY KAREN POPE

Top, Martin Luther King High School students Desaray Gatewood and Jaylon Jackson prep the Marvin Gaye mural in artist Nicole Macdonald's Midtown Detroit Studio.

Above, the mural installation in progress.

helpful along Mack Avenue. I think sometimes people forget that when you allow edges of the community (to fade) — when you don't pay attention to them — it comes creeping into the community. That's happening on Mack Avenue at the end of the Park.

"I'd really like to have this spread on the other side of Alter, because ... murals have proven to be so successful in other places," she continued.

Pope cited a study done by the creators of Mural Art Philadelphia, which found that public art has a positive impact on the economic, cultural and social life of the area. It increases walkability and commercial vitality, reduces crime and increases community identity and pride, the study found.

While AlterCrossing was funded by the association, Pope said it always is in search of donations to fund its many other community projects.

"This is the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's gift to the community," she said. "Following the lead of high-profile mural projects in Detroit and across the country, we hope this bridges the divide between Grosse Pointe Park and its neighbors in Detroit, celebrating and supporting the progress being made on both sides of Alter. ... I hope someone will see fit to say we can use their building, too."

Right, the project so far, at the corner of Kercheval and Alter. Below, mural admirers stop to take selfies.



PHOTOS BY KAREN POPE



talks to install murals at a different location near the Detroit/Grosse Pointe border, but the building owners backed out late in the game.

Jackson, whose building at Kercheval and Alter includes second-floor apartments, is supportive of the project, Pope said.

"The murals depict the power of art and music to bring out the best in everyone, to get them talking," Pope said. "I was there when they were being installed. Lots of people stopped and rolled down their windows" to share their support. Someone walking by took a selfie, "which is exactly what we want — people to walk up and down Kercheval."

It's been nice having an experienced muralist in the picture, too, she said.

Macdonald, a Kresge Arts in Detroit 2017 Visual Arts Fellow, attended Grosse Pointe South High School and lives in Detroit.

"She is not only a great artist and technical person — she knows murals, she's done so many — but she really was a team leader," Pope said. "She understood what we wanted to do. I couldn't have asked for anyone better than Nicole. She really took this to heart and made it work."

The work was done at Macdonald's Detroit studio and involved collaboration with Grosse Pointe South High School students Violet Whitmore and Bridget Clark and Martin Luther King High School students Desaray Gatewood and Jaylon Jackson. The students continue to meet to decide a topic for the remaining panels, Pope said.

Once this project is completed, Pope has high hopes for others along the avenue and elsewhere.

"I'd like to see us go up and down Kercheval," Pope said. "If we prove ourselves, we could be

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Cornwall-Slominski

Paula and Christopher Cornwall of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Alexa Mighion Cornwall, to Trey Slominski, son of Carrie and Don Slominski of Northville.

A September 2019 wedding is planned.

Miss Cornwall earned an economics degree from the University of Michigan. She is a business analyst for IBM.

Mr. Slominski earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan. He is a certified public accountant with Ernst & Young.



Trey Slominski and Alexa Mighion Cornwall

Huntsman-Miller

Kevin and Colleen Huntsman of the City of Grosse Pointe announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Huntsman to Keith Miller, son of Michael and Beth Miller of Armada.

A June 2019 wedding is planned.

Miss Huntsman earned a degree in neuroscience from Kenyon College. She is a financial consultant at Merrill Lynch in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Mr. Miller earned a degree from Central Michigan University. He is the production manager for Tank Truck Service and Sales in Warren.



Keith Miller and Karen Huntsman

Tuesday Musicale of Detroit presents Jan. 15 concert

Tuesday Musicale of Detroit presents its mid-winter music concert at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

The concert features Maria Meirelles on piano, performing the works of Frederic Chopin, Ludwig

van Beethoven and Cesar Franck.

Additionally, Claudia Fontana, regarded as one of today's finest eurythmists — or, expressive movement artist — also performs. A poem by regarded Cuban poet Jose Marti, with a message of forgiveness and love, will be read by

Grosse Pointe Shores resident and Tuesday Musicale president Dina Winter.

The concert is free; free-will donations are accepted and benefit the St. Clare School music department and band.

Visit tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org or find the group on Facebook.



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Students honored

Several students received the William E. Lacey Memorial Community Service Award at the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary meeting Dec. 11. Pictured from left are Madison Baltimore, University Liggett School; Robert Duker, Rotary Club president; Valentina Giulianelli, Regina High School; Karina Nahra, Grosse Pointe North High School and Sarah Bellovich, Grosse Pointe South High School. Not pictured is award recipient Joseph Pierce, De La Salle High School.

Assistance League receives accolades

The Assistance League to Northeast Guidance Center recently received accolades and honor at the 55th anniversary celebration of Northeast Guidance Center at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Nov. 7. More than 130 people dined and danced to the music of Nick Kuhl and the Gang during the event.

A sisterhood of volunteers — at one time 300 strong and formerly the Junior League of Detroit — was organized in 1964 to become the major philanthropic effort to support the work of Northeast Guidance Center, which helps children on the east side of



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The Assistance League to Northeast Guidance Center includes, from left, Mary Wolking, Andi Mattei, Barbara Stevens, Betty Loeher, Kathy DeMeyer, Stephanie Brady, Kris Grabowski, Sherry McRill, Kathy Heitman, Mary Murray, Mary Berschback, Beth Moran, Cathy Leverenz, Sande Seale and Sandi Cook.

Detroit with counseling services. The Assistance League's commitment and dedication through the years in administra-

tive and creative fundraisers for the center has enhanced and benefited the community in which it serves.

Woods WinterFest reveals new look, location

Grosse Pointe Woods residents will celebrate WinterFest on Saturday, Jan. 26, with a change in location and new activities.

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Citizens' Recreation Commission, WinterFest is moving to Ghesquiere Park and the Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, adjacent to city hall. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

children and adults can have fun with outdoor games, a petting zoo, ice skating (weather permitting), Cook Schoolhouse tours, a photo booth, food trucks, cookies and cocoa, prizes and surprises. A special performance by the Snow Princesses begins at 12:30 p.m., followed by meet-and-greet photo opportunities.

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Finding the Nottingham Door

By Marylou Parthum
Guest Writer

From early in my life, a walk through the front door of my grandparents' Grosse Pointe Park home offered me the people and place of my birth. Once I was no longer able to hold onto them, I continued to want some talisman of the memories formed there.

A chapter of my family closed with the passing of my grandmother, Mrs. Charles F. Parthum Sr., in 1974: the house our great-grandfather John served as unofficial foreman in 1927 to keep the workers on task. Family lore was that he went to the north woods of Detroit to select the very tree to be made into the sinuous wooden bannister of the home.

As years passed, I learned that the elegant front glass door left with the second owners, who'd relocated somewhere in Wisconsin. Their departure set me on a four-decade quest to find the glass door treasure. Having only three clues — Sturgeon Bay, Green Bay, Door County — I spent years traveling up and down the eastern coast of Wisconsin in search of the Nottingham door, visiting B&Bs as my cousin recalled hearing the owners were interested in purchasing.

Christmas found us facing serious health challenges and my mind would wander to escape what lay ahead. One Sunday I idly picked at the keyboard of my computer and typed "1129 Nottingham Road" in the search engine. Up popped an online auction site listing the former Charles and Irene Parthum home being up for auction.

"Impossible," I murmured aloud. It was a Sunday and though no one would answer I dialed the telephone number. A man answered after 12 rings and I tried to keep my voice from quaking.

"I'm interested in discussing the property located in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, on Nottingham Road."

His robust laugh rattled me, but was followed thankfully by an explanation: "Oh, it's not really for sale. ... It's actually the home I grew up in."

I responded, "Well, I got there first."

Tom Wood recognized he was talking to someone with original roots and he shared with me his youth spent enjoying the home on Nottingham Road. I realized after I hung up that I rushed him to ask THE question: "Do your folks still have the Nottingham door?" After all, I knew it had been stolen — twice.

How does a door get stolen twice, you ask?

This elegant Georgian-style home with Ionic columns was victim to burglary one early morning when a Detroit police officer stopped a car heading down



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Jefferson Avenue with its trunk open, with a large ornate door protruding like the fin of a shark. The driver and passengers were stopped and questioned; it was 4 a.m. — an unusual time to move. They were detained, the door impounded and returned to its homeowners on Nottingham Road.

A second burglary occurred and this time the door was taken out to the back alley where it was leaned up against a garage. It was a hot, muggy July night when a neighbor who stepped out for air spied several people in the alley. He telephoned the police. The police staked out the robbery in progress by climbing up a tree which overhung a truck — containing the door. When the robbers returned, the police leaped onto the truck's hood and the precious door was returned without a scratch.

So, I left my telephone number with Tom to pass along to his mom, along with my desire to speak with her.

A month passed and one Holy Saturday afternoon I heard a pleasant voice's mail message saying, "This is Eileen Wood. My son Tom told me about your search for the Nottingham door."

Was it possible that the front door, which I lovingly cleaned every time we vacationed back at Grandma's house, was within my grasp some 58 years later? Only I knew how much the return of the door meant to me. I had kept my quest a secret all of these years as a silent wish, a prayer.

Being an avid fan of PBS' "Antiques Roadshow," I recalled that the market for ornate glasswork had softened, so I needed to do research in order not to insult her with a lowball offer — that was if she would consider selling it to me. So again I went online researching several fine art glass

workshops around the country. I selected one in Sarasota, Fla., which was answered by a gruff-sounding owner. That didn't sound promising to me.

I began to unfold my tale to him: my coming into contact with a formerly family-owned Art Nouveau leaded-glass door that I was desirous to purchase. He responded, "What shape is in in? Have you examined it?"

No, I had not. "Well," he went on, "don't pay too much for it."

He then asked me where the door was located and I vaguely responded, "It came from a 1920s Eastside Detroit home." Small lie.

In the silence, the Punch and Judy Theater, Vernor's Ginger Ale, Belle Isle, Sanders Candies, the gigantic stove at East Jefferson and Grand and St. Ambrose Church flickered through my memory.

Then he repeated back to me, "You've described this ornate door, age over 90, with carved, beveled leaded glass. ... Now, where did it really come from?"

I had hedged up until then, because if I'd said Grosse Pointe Park, I believe he would have thought me wealthy with an unlimited bankroll. I almost whispered my reply, "Grosse Pointe Park." He responded shouting, "I knew that door was no Detroit door — I'm from Detroit. Give me a few days and I'll speak with my wife — she's the expert. Call back and ask for Irene."

Good readers: My grandmother, my aunt and my sister are all named Irene.

I recall time slowed from this point as I made the trip north of Algoma, Wis. — on a road I had traveled many times before. As I meandered some 145 miles northeast of our Milwaukee home, I felt the spirit of my loved ones guiding me past weathered, formerly red barns and unending woods until I was face to face with the owner of the Nottingham door. Eileen was most gracious to this stranger and we ate her homemade pea soup while sharing mutual Detroit connections. I solemnly asked her if she was certain her children wouldn't want to retain the door, but she said they weren't attached to it ... "not like you."

The Nottingham door has now traveled some 672 miles from Grosse Pointe Park to Clay Blanks, Wis., and finally to Milwaukee, Wis. We marvel at its prisms of light that play on the black tile floor in the late afternoon sun. As I clean the glass once again, I think of my grandparents, my cousins, aunts, uncles — all of whom are sheltered behind the Nottingham door once again.

Marylou Parthum is a former Grosse Pointe Park resident and current resident of Milwaukee. She dedicates this story to Eileen and John Wood and Eileen's "generous heart, without whom the Nottingham door would never have returned home."

AREA ACTIVITIES

GPAA

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

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

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

◆ A Morning Out, socializing and art making, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 28, and Jan. 11 and 25.

GPT

The Dec. 31 deadline is fast approaching for submitting plays to Grosse Pointe Theatre's seventh annual Ten Minute Play Festival. Performances are May 13 and 18; there's no fee to enter. Visit gpt.org for more information or contact the festival chair at mellbee@earthlink.net.

PFLAG

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. For information, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Susan d'Olive Mozena, coordinator of adult education at Grosse Pointe

Memorial Church, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross offers a blood drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register at redcrossblood.org.

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at Ram's Horn Restaurant, 23815 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Call (313) 882-9600.

NAMI

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

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Nick Monacelli, reporter for WDIV-TV Channel 4, speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NOS. 435 & 436

Please take notice that the City of Grosse Pointe has adopted the following ordinances:

Ordinance No. 435 amends and adds Sections 18-300 and 42-100 of the Grosse Pointe City Code. This ordinance prohibits marihuana establishments and prohibits the sale and consumption of marihuana in public places and on public property.

Ordinance No. 436 adds Section 90-46 to Chapter 90, Zoning, of the Grosse Pointe City Code of Ordinances prohibiting marihuana establishments in all zoning districts.

These ordinances shall take effect ten days after publication of this notice. If you have any questions regarding these ordinances, please contact City Hall, 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, 313-885-5800, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5 pm.

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OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

Robert C. Nesler

Robert C. Nesler, 80, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018.

He was the beloved husband of the late Beverly; loving father of Mark (the late Andrea) and Kevin; dearest grandfather of Andrew, Kevin Jr., Michaela, Jacob and Markie; dear brother of Larry Nesler, Keith Nesler (Lorraine) and Roy Nesler (Sherry). He also is survived by many loving nieces, nephews, remaining family and friends.

Born Aug. 16, 1938, in McCracken, Ky., Robert was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a coach and board member of the Grosse Pointe Farms/City Little League and also the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association.

A funeral service with military honors was Dec. 22 at Chas. Verheyden Inc., Grosse Pointe Park. Interment is at

Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

Ned Christian Kegler

Ned Christian Kegler passed away Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born May 29, 1948, in Detroit, to Ned and Rebecca Kegler. In 1975, he married Catherine Ann Moody. He was the proud father of two children, Michael Christian Kegler (Joanna) and Katherine Anne Rombauer (Roderick).

In addition to his beloved wife and children, he leaves behind three wonderful grandchildren: Sophie, Lily and Oskar. He also is survived by his brothers, Steve and Paul.

Ned graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and studied dealership development at Northwood Institute. After Northwood, Ned

entered the car business at Roy O'Brien Ford and then began a long association with Pontiac at Higgins Pontiac in Ferndale. When Higgins Pontiac became Belcastro Pontiac, Ned became one of the youngest General Motors sales managers in the country.

Ned then moved to Jim Causley Pontiac GMC Truck in 1975, becoming general sales manager in 1985. Throughout Ned's tenure, Causley was consistently one of the top GM dealerships in the country. Ned was most proud of having mentored and trained many people in the car business, preparing them for successful careers, and in some cases, dealerships of their own.

Ned greatly enjoyed boating on Lakes St. Clair, Huron and Erie and could be seen Saturday mornings making sure that any spiders or fish flies slid off the Knot Again. A former member



Robert C. Nesler



Ned Christian Kegler



Marija Minanova

of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Catawba Island Club, Ned recently relocated to Winter Haven, Fla.

A celebration of Ned's life will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods in summer 2019.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the PAN Foundation at panfoundation.org.

Marija Minanova

Marija Minanova passed away peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018, in Grosse Pointe Farms, surrounded by her loving family. She will be deeply missed by her children, Kristijan and Oktavijan and their wives, Deborah and Alexia; grandchildren, Karstan, Nikolas, Alexander, Markus and Karina, and sisters, Adrijana Randolph and Leposava Shadko.

Marija was born Sept. 14, 1939, in Prilep, Macedonia, in the northwest bedroom on the second floor of her family's home. She was the middle child of George Panoski and Pavlinka Panoska (nee Kalpakoska). In 1969, she immigrated to the United States.

Marija was an incredibly strong woman. She raised her two sons alone and valued education and hard work. Although she spoke no English upon arrival to the United States, she earned a Master of Science degree and teaching certificate from Wayne State University and taught in the Hamtramck Public Schools system for 32 years.

Outside of teaching, Marija filled her life with

classical music, needlework and the study of modern European history. She was an outstanding cook, storyteller and gardener, leaving her family with a wealth of recipes, stories and 40 rose bushes.

Private services were held Dec. 22. Interment is at Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Share a memory at wujekcalcaterra.com.

Shirley Anne Smith Ireland

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Shirley Anne Smith Ireland, 92, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018.

Shirley's parents were Carl and Estelle Sieb Smith. She was predeceased by her only sibling, Marilyn June Smith King. She was married to Robert David Ireland and they had three children, Robert Charles (Cindy), William Cail (Debbie) and Carol Ann Ireland Kortz (Brian). She had many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Shirley was born Nov. 3, 1926, in Detroit. Her family moved to Grosse Pointe Farms in the 1930s to a home they built on Fisher Road. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School, where she won many honors and participated in several sports. She was an especially good tennis player. She briefly worked at the Packard Motor Car Co. during World War II and attended Michigan State University, before her marriage in 1950.

The great tragedy of Shirley's life was the failure of her marriage, due to her unfaithful husband, which left her with



Shirley Anne Smith Ireland

three very young children to raise essentially on her own, but for the moral and sometimes financial help she received from her dear mother, father and sister.

Her great joy was her family. She took wonderful care of her children, never missed a Little League game and taught them important life lessons by example, especially the necessity of perseverance in the face of adversity and to do "the right thing." She worked for the John S. Goodman Real Estate brokerage for many years, a job that allowed her to arrange time for her children. Although she seemed to be an emotionally fragile person, she was innately very tough.

Shirley also loved gardening and won many awards for her roses. She gave more than she received in life and her memory will be cherished by those who knew her. She is deeply missed.

A private memorial will be celebrated at a later date. Her ashes will be interred next to her sister's in the columbarium at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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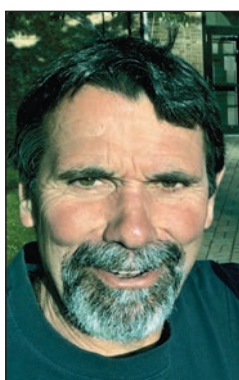
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I install these by installing the tape around the window and then pulling the protective paper off the top rail only. This leaves the sides and the bottom with the protective paper still on the tape. Then I take the film, not unlike thick kitchen stretch wrap, and start at the top to apply the film



Blair Gilbert

in a straight line across the top of the window. The film should hang over the window, allowing the bottom to be stretched a little and applied to the bottom rail. Then do the sides and the film should be straight and square with few wrinkles. I usually do not require much, if any, from a hair dryer to de-wrinkle.

We also sell re-usable tracks to hang the film for those who want to use a heavier gauge over each year.

This is a quick and relatively inexpensive energy-saving project to save money and be much more comfortable for the family during the winter.

Send questions to Blair Gilbert, aka Mr. Hardware, at staff@mrhardware.com or call Gilbert's Pro Hardware at (586) 776-9532. For past "Ask Mr. Hardware" columns, visit mrhardware.com.

Cultivating a mindful holiday season

One person's walk through a wintry wonderland could be another person's nightmare before Christmas, because when reality falls short of the daydream, anxiety can set in.

Ruth Lerman M.D., medical director of the Beaumont Center for Mindfulness, offers suggestions on how to cultivate mindfulness during the holiday season and throughout the New Year.

What is mindfulness? Mindfulness is the awareness that comes from paying attention to what's happening in the present moment, with kindness and lack of judgment.

Although everyone has their vision of the perfect holiday, Lerman said, no Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or other celebration is perfect. Snafus do, however, provide the opportunity to exercise one's flexibil-

ity and resilience.

For example, a half-baked batch of cookies or burned-out string of lights won't ruin the celebration, but might create a treasured family memory. Either way, obsessing about a situation never improves the mood.

"For example, when baking cookies, being mindful means noticing the scent of cinnamon and nutmeg and remembering your grandma teaching you the recipe instead of worrying about how to pay for expensive gifts or capturing the perfect holiday photo," Lerman said. "Mindfulness eases tension by providing the focus needed to effectively address the task at hand."

Research has shown that a wandering mind is an unhappy mind.

"We feel stressed when we feel we don't have the resources to cope with a situation," Lerman said. "Mindfulness enables us to recognize and imple-

'Mindfulness eases tension by providing the focus needed to effectively address the task at hand.'

RUTH LERMAN M.D.
Medical director, Beaumont Center for Mindfulness

ment solutions." Mindfulness also may be used to cope with family members who create stress during the holiday season.

"Let go of expectations and try to notice and feel the stressful person's suffering," Lerman said. "Notice that you are similar to her/him because suffering is part of the human experience. Most impor-

tantly, bring compassion to yourself by easing up on self-expectations, acknowledging your personal pain and remembering that everyone has troubles."

Mindfulness can be used to navigate the stress of shopping, wrapping, hosting and pleasing others, by reminding ourselves, "This too shall pass."

"In the meantime, we can take a few deep breaths, focus on sensations at the low belly to calm our mind, lower our blood pressure and slow our heart rate and breathing," Lerman said.

Here are a few additional tips for working toward a joy-filled and mindful holiday season:

◆ Set realistic expectations. If a child's wish list is beyond your budget, talk to them about realistic expectations and remind them that the holidays aren't about expensive gifts.

◆ Avoid the cycle of overindulging and guilt. Excessive eating and drinking can lead to more than a bulging waistline and high cholesterol. It sets up a cycle of negative self-talk that can chip away at self-esteem. By eating mindfully, one can boost the health of their minds and bodies. Take a moment to observe why you are eating and what you are eating. Don't combine eating with other activities, which can lead to grazing. Take a moment to be grateful for all you have.

◆ Be proactive. If you are concerned about dif-

ficult conversations at family gatherings, plan activities that foster fun and laughter, such as playing a family game or looking through an old photo album.

◆ Take care of yourself. Go-go-go all the time is not an altruistic or realistic option. Be mindful that everyone needs to refuel and schedule in ways to make that happen. Self-care might be a hot bath with lavender, essential oils, candle light and an audio book. It also could be a walk around the block or neighborhood or a night to oneself.

◆ Plan for a mindful year. Consider devoting some time after the holidays to take a deeper dive into mindfulness with classes offered through the Beaumont Center for Mindfulness. Visit beaumont.org/series/center-for-mindfulness or email centerformindfulness@beaumont.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

Christmas Tree Walk, Afternoon Tea scheduled at First English

St. James

St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, holds a Celebration of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, in the sanctuary. The program includes a reading of the Christmas narrative and singing

beloved Christmas carols. All are welcome.

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.

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church invites the community to its 12th annual Christmas Tree Walk and Afternoon Tea, spotlighting the more than 35 lighted and decorated Christmas trees and other seasonal decorations throughout the complex, culminating in an afternoon tea in The Luther Center. The self-conducted walks take place noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at First English, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The tea, chaired by Women of the

Church President Waynette Hostetler of Sterling Heights, includes finger sandwiches and an assortment of sweet breads, cookies and cream puffs along with hot tea.

Visitors' freewill donations and non-perishable food gifts for the pantry will help the Women of the Church accomplish its goals in the community.

Reservations may be made by calling (313) 884-5040 and are appreciated but not required.



Lindsey Tycholiz-McKiddy performs "Santa Baby" to a packed house.

'Golden Age' a golden success

Grosse Pointe Theatre presented its "A Golden Age Holiday" gala benefit performance Dec. 16, at The ARK at St. Ambrose, Grosse Pointe Park.

The sold-out show featured strolling cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and a

musical performance by a nine-member ensemble, who performed musical showstoppers of the 1930s, '40s and '50s.

The cast featured Don Bischoff, who also directed, as well as Stephanie Butler, Christine Campbell-Cormier, Danielle

Caralis, Catie Hauff, Robby Mullinger, Tom Pagano, Lindsey Tycholiz-McKiddy and Tom Woodman. Stan Harr served as musical director.

The performance was a fundraiser for Grosse Pointe Theatre, which has entertained audiences more than 70 years. Funds raised will help offset production costs such as royalties, costumes, props, lighting and other expenses.



Hamming it up for the audience are, from left, Tom Woodman, Don Bischoff and Catie Hauff during the "Friendship" number.



Golden Age Holiday cast member Tom Pagano, right, captivates the audience with fellow cast members during the animated performance of "Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat."



Golden Age Holiday cast member Catie Hauff has some fun with the guys, from left, Don Bischoff, Tom Woodman, Tom Pagano and Robby Mullinger.



Grosse Pointe Theatre's Golden Age Holiday cast members open the second act with a rousing performance of "That's Entertainment." From left are Catie Hauff, Robby Mullinger, Stephanie Butler, Tom Woodman, Danielle Caralis, Tom Pagano, Christine Campbell-Cormier, Don Bischoff and Lindsey Tycholiz-McKiddy.



Danielle Caralis, right, belts out "The Trolley Song" with fellow cast members during the Judy Garland portion of the performance, complete with the Golden Age Trolley. Pictured are, from left, Stephanie Butler, Tom Pagano, Lindsey Tycholiz-McKiddy, Don Bischoff and Danielle Caralis.

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Be a holiday hero: Give the gift of life

American Red Cross urgently needs blood and platelet donations

Emergencies don't take a holiday. The American Red Cross urgently needs blood and platelet donors to make appointments now to give and help ensure patients can get the treatment they need at a moment's notice.

In November 2016, a 100-foot maple tree fell on Mike McMahon, causing life-threatening injuries. He needed 11 units of blood during emergency surgery and another seven units to treat complications after. Six weeks following the accident, McMahon was released from the hospital — just in time to spend the holidays with his family.

"I'm grateful for the donors who gave me such an amazing gift — the gift of life," McMahon said. "I was an occasional blood donor before the accident. Today, I donate as often as I can to help

ensure others receive blood when they need it most."

Now is an important time to give blood and platelets. A seasonal decline in donations occurs from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day when donors get busy with family gatherings and travel. In addition, severe winter weather can cause blood drive cancellations and negatively affect the blood supply.

Make an appointment to donate blood and platelets by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor app, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling (800) 733-2767.

As a thank-you for helping meet the urgent need, those who give now through Sunday, Jan. 6, receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.



Sounds of the season



Young 5's and kindergarteners from Maire Elementary School went to various businesses in The Village Dec. 20, to sing Christmas carols. Above, singing at Starbucks were, front row from left, Amina Lesinski, Matteo Sperone, Maddie Johnson, Emma Mott, Shane Gonzales, Sienna Rimanelli and Marty Lees; and back row from left, Tripp Studstill, Oliver Kidder, Athena Politano, Abigail LaPointe, Grace Williams and Colin Williams. Left, from left, carolers Daisy Eickhorst, Lucas Alvarez Gorman, Emily Thompkins, Kendyl Stokes, Olivia Fosse, Gavin Ahee, Jake Hiller and Joaquin Lopez serenade clients at Loft.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

GP Girls Who Code graduate 10 girls in cooperation with the GPPL

Girls Who Code, a national nonprofit working to close the gender gap in technology, graduated 10 Grosse Pointe girls from its 2018 class Dec. 17.

Throughout the semester, seventh- through ninth-grade girls met at the Grosse Pointe

Public Library Central Branch for 14 weeks. The students completed a computer science impact project using computer science to address an issue they felt strongly about. The Grosse Pointe club chose the topics of literacy and access to clean drinking water for stu-

dents in Detroit schools.

"The girls learned core computer science concepts that form the basis for all computer programming languages," said facilitator Hiroko Dalman.

"All the club members did an excellent job and grew as coders and as individuals," added

facilitator Eliza Hix.

The library is a host site for Girls Who Code and supported the program by providing meeting space, computer equipment, supplies and staff.

"The library supports curiosity and wants to inspire girls to build their self-confidence

and their computer skills," said Jessica Keyser, library director.

All the final projects may be seen at gwclub-mi5361-2018.weebly.com. Anyone interested in learning more about Girls Who Code may visit girlswhocode.com.

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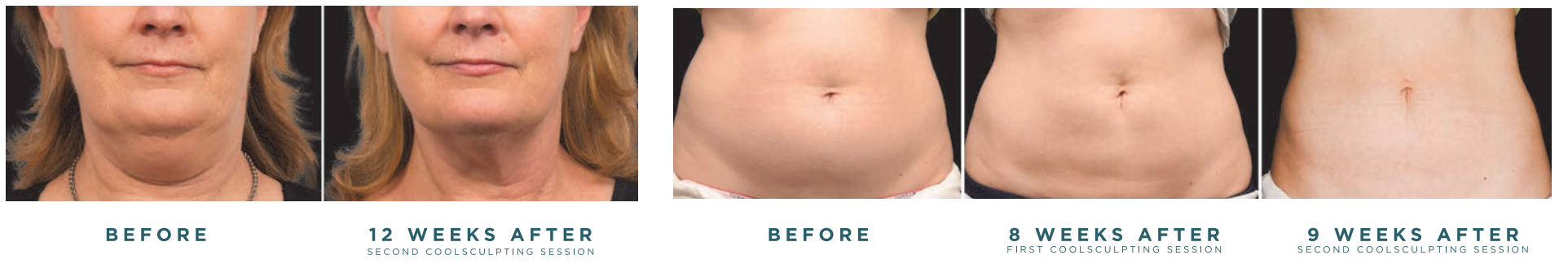
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Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Ladies fly past Port Huron Unified

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team cruised to an easy 140.125-63.275 win over visiting Port Huron Unified last week.

Head coach Kristin Remillet and her team improved to 3-1 heading into the holiday break.

"The girls performed well tonight," she said. "We have so much depth

this season. It's fun watching these talented young ladies work so hard."

Port Huron has limited equipment to work with, so the girls haven't worked on uneven parallel bars or floor exercises yet. This is the reason for the low team score.

Once these teams meet again in the league meet Feb. 13, the scores will be much higher.

Remillet broke her ros-

ter into an "A" and "B" teams.

Leading the way for the "A" team in the first event, vault, was Cate Gagnier with a 9.475. She was followed by Amanda Nguyen with 9.00, Sammy Lucido with 8.65, Kate Ennis with 8.60, Emma Scott with 8.575, Elizabeth Byarski with 8.40 and Ella Maltby with 8.375.

On bars, Gagnier led with an 8.8, followed by

Scott with 8.225, Byarski with 8.0, Lucido with 7.725, Nguyen with 7.70 and Ennis with 5.95.

Each of the seven girls competed on the beam. Gagnier scored a 9.425, followed by Nguyen with 8.75, Scott with 8.5, Ennis with 8.2, Byarski with 7.8, Maltby with 7.575 and Lucido with 7.3.

On the floor exercise, Gagnier had a team-leading 9.65, and Byarski also scored above a 9.0 at

9.225. Nguyen and Scott each had an 8.95, followed by Maltby at 8.875, Ennis at 8.625 and Lucido at 8.45.

The girls on the "B" team finished with a team score of 125.425.

Remillet's lineup for them consisted of Jamison Mlynarek, Alex Bonahoom, Natalie Gatteno, Harmony Gosselin, Maeve Jamieson, Lexi Poulos, Emma Burney and Elise

Charbonneau.

On vault, their scores varied between 8.45 and 7.7, and on bars it was 7.5 to 6.425.

The scores on beam were between 7.9 and 5.5, and on floor they were 9.075 to 7.795.

The two who scored above a 9.0 on floor were Jamieson with 9.075 and Burney with 9.05.

The team is off until hosting a tri-meet Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Late run spurs win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Gary Bennett watched his Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team execute at its best when the chips were down last week in its Macomb Area Conference Red Division opener against visiting Macomb Dakota.

It was the first meeting between the teams since the Norsemen edged Dakota in a regional semifinal game back in March.

The Norsemen trailed 32-26 with three minutes left in the fourth quarter when Bennett called a timeout.

In those final three minutes, the Norsemen played their best basketball of the game to storm back and beat the Cougars 38-34.

"I'm very pleased with how well the girls played, especially down the

stretch," Bennett said. "They played a full 32 minutes tonight. It was an important win, and it's nice to get a win heading into the break."

After the timeout, sophomore Maddie Kohler buried a three-pointer, cutting the deficit to 32-29.

Senior Julia Ayrault stole the ball at mid-court and made a layup to make it 32-31, getting the home crowd on their feet.

The defense forced a missed shot, and on the offensive end, junior Christina Braker hit nothing but the bottom of the net with her three-point shot. That gave the Norsemen a 34-32 lead.

In the final minute, senior Maddie Mills sank two free throws for a 36-32 lead before the Cougars scored on a hoop in the paint from junior Cameron Grant.

Ayrault was fouled



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Grosse Pointe North senior Julia Ayrault goes in for a layup late in the first half against Macomb Dakota.

with only 10.8 left in the game. She made both free throws to ice the victory. The Norsemen led 38-34, and the Cougars missed their final shot. Mills grabbed the rebound and the Norsemen celebrated the hard-fought victory. It

was the Cougars' first loss of the season.

Ayrault led the Norsemen with 21 points, nine rebounds and four blocked shots, while Braker finished with seven points and 10 rebounds.

Mills had four points and seven rebounds, followed by Kohler and senior Evelyn Zacharias with three points apiece.

Each team had 14 turnovers, and the Norsemen led 7-6 after the first quarter and 17-13 at the half. Each squad scored 21 points in the second half with Dakota winning the third quarter 11-6 and North the fourth 15-10, including the game-ending 10-2 run.

Earlier in the week, North defeated host Dearborn Divine Child 46-26 as Ayrault had 27 points.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 in the MAC Red Division and 5-1 overall.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Second half run falls shy

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls basketball team got off to a slow start, but finished strong.

It just wasn't enough to prevent a 44-25 home loss to Plymouth Christian Academy.

"We struggled in that first half, but improved in the second half," assistant coach Amanda Amine said.

The Knights couldn't stop the outside shooting of freshman Anna Fernandez or the inside game of junior Rachel Costello.

Those two dominated the game.

Despite trailing by 20 points early in the third quarter, the Knights bat-

tled back to get within 11 points midway through the fourth period, thanks to baskets from Delaney Garvey, Izzy Brusilow, Mimi Wujek and Olivia Dickey.

They had momentum, but Fernandez hit a big three-pointer to stop the run.

The Knights ran out of gas down the stretch. Garvey led the team with 13 points. Brusilow had four, while Dickey, Wujek, Maria Pas and Ava Said had two points apiece.

Later in the week, ULS lost 46-35 on the road to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood to fall to 2-5 overall.

Garvey led the Knights with a season-high 19 points.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall in Red

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team started its Macomb Area Conference Red Division slate last week, falling 61-47 to unbeaten Port Huron Northern.

Head coach Kevin Richards and his Blue Devils couldn't keep their momentum going after a 4-0 start to their season. The visiting Huskies were a little bit better on this night.

The Blue Devils have two weeks off before hitting the court against Tuesday, Jan. 8, for a league game at Warren Cousino.

Richards said the MAC Red Division is highly competitive, and he was right as the Blue Devils prepare for what will be a grueling five-week stretch of division games against rival Grosse Pointe North, Macomb Dakota and Utica Eisenhower starting the week of Jan. 7.



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Coaches and players from the 2008 girls basketball state championship, pictured above, were honored before the Norsemen's game with Macomb Dakota.

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Cross country

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



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Dynamic duo

University of Michigan cross-country runners Hannah, right, and Haley Meier helped the Wolverines win their third consecutive Big Ten championship in October in Lincoln, Neb. In the Big Ten Championship, Hannah Meier finished 11th with a time of 20:28.8, and Haley Meier was 31st at 20:57.7. In November, the Meier sisters helped Michigan finish fourth in the NCAA Division I Championship Meet in Madison, Wis. In that race, Hannah Meier was 63rd with a time of 20:46.6. The Meier sisters earned All-State recognition in cross country and track and field during their four years at Grosse Pointe South, competing under the tutelage of head coach Steve Zaraneck.

High school competition

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Time for Battle of the Fans

The Michigan High School Athletic Association's Student Advisory Council will host its eighth "Battle of the Fans" contest this winter to award the top high school student cheering section in Michigan, again following an expanded format created a year ago that allows for nine contenders to pursue the championship over multiple rounds of competition.

Buchanan was named last year's champion and presented with a banner during the MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals at Michigan State University's Breslin Center. Sections from Boyne City and Petoskey also were finalists, with Cedar Springs, Charlotte, Munising, Negaunee, Pellston and Traverse City West's sections making the semifinals.

Schools are invited to submit a short video, via YouTube, of their cheering sections in action at a school sporting event. Video submissions should be between 90 seconds and three min-

utes long and explain how that section meets the following contest criteria: positive sportsmanship, student body participation, school spirit, originality of cheers, organization of the group, student section leadership and fun.

The deadline for student-submitted video applications is noon Jan. 12.

Nine semifinalists then will be chosen — three each from Class A, Class B and Class C/D — to partake in a two-week challenge where each will be required to complete 10 tasks further showing why it should be chosen as Michigan's best student section. From those nine, three finalists then will be selected by the Student Advisory Council and visited on a home game night by MHSAA staff and Advisory Council representatives.

The MHSAA will produce a video of that finalist after each visit, with the champion being selected by the Student Advisory Council based

in part on support each section receives on the MHSAA's social media sites.

This year's Battle of the Fans VIII winner will be announced Feb. 22 and recognized March 15 at the Breslin Center.

"We're excited to begin our second year of Battle of the Fans with this expanded format that allows us to keep more schools participating longer — and see them participating in various challenges instead of just during one visit like in the first years of the contest," said Andy Frushour, MHSAA director of brand management and advisor to the Student Advisory Council. "Adding the challenge round last year created more excitement as more schools were competing later in the contest — and their work in those challenges provided us many more examples to share in showing students how much fun can be had cheering for their teams in a positive way."

Rules, directions for

submitting videos, plus links to coverage of finalists from the first seven years of the contest can be found on the MHSAA Website at mhsaa.com/BOTF.

This year's finalist videos, plus the announcement of the 2018-19 winner, will be published on the MHSAA Second Half site at SecondHalf.MHSAA.com.

The Student Advisory Council is made up of eight seniors and eight juniors who each serve two-year terms.

The Council acts as the voice of Michigan's student-athletes; it serves as a student sounding board for the MHSAA's Representative Council, assists in planning Sportsmanship Summits, Captains Clinics and other student leadership events; participates in a yearly focus group about the state of high school sports for Michigan State University's Institute for the Study of Youth Sports and assists with medal ceremonies at MHSAA championship events.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by more than 1,500 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools.

Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract more than 1.4 million spectators each year.

—Geoff Kimmery
Michigan High School
Athletic Association
Media & Content
Coordinator

Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Defense wins game

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team went on the road early last week and posted a 50-44 win over Utica Ford.

"It was an even scoring defensive battle," head coach Andy Ayrault said. "Both teams ran 2-3 zone a majority of the game."

Keeping possessions at a minimum, each team tried to force outside

shooting.

The Norsemen were able to hang on down the stretch with senior Ryan Webb leading the way with 13 points.

Senior Joe Ayrault had 12 points, followed by senior Hunter Levick with 10 and senior Troy Herd with nine.

The win enabled North to even its Macomb Area Conference White Division record at 1-1 and improve to 2-3 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils nearly pull off upset

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team was up against a state giant last week, New Haven.

The Rockets, the 2017 Class B state champ and 2018 Final Four, have won four straight division crowns and have been unbeaten in division play each of those four years.

Head coach Troy Glasser took his Blue Devils on the road to try and pull the upset. Glasser had his team ready to play.

They played a strong game, but fell a little short in the end, 68-62.

In the end the total

free throws attempted were New Haven with 17 and South with six.

"We won three of the four quarters, but didn't get the win," Glasser said. "Our guys don't back down from any opponent. They played hard and were disappointed."

Senior guard Ryan Downey led the Blue Devils with 16 points as South evened its Macomb Area Conference White Division record at 1-1 and is 4-4 overall.

Freshman Will Johnson also had 16 points, followed by sophomore Daryl Houston with 11 and senior Luke Adams with 10.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights fall

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys basketball team dropped a 54-37 road game to Royal Oak Shrine last week.

Shrine used a 17-0 first-quarter run to take control.

However, head coach Solomon Spann rallied his Knights as they played an even final three quarters. Early turnovers led to easy baskets for the home team.

"Right now we're a young team that's learning what it takes to compete," Spann said. "We have to put together four quarters of consistent effort, and tonight we were unable to do that. I do think that our kids are beginning to understand what it will take to be successful on this level."

The Knights were led in scoring by Cameron Strong with nine points and Nolan Ondersma with seven.

Later in the week, ULS hosted Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood and lost 65-33.

Spann told his team after the game that this loss didn't hurt as much

because of the constant effort his Knights played with over the course of the game.

"Right now we are playing for effort, execution and growth," Spann said.

Freshman Alex George paced the Knights with nine points off the bench, while Strong added seven.

ULS is 1-5 overall.

Middle school

The University Liggett Middle School varsity boys and girls basketball teams play Our Lady Star of the Sea at 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at Little Caesars Arena.

Fans who purchase tickets can watch the Detroit Pistons host the Los Angeles Clippers at 5 p.m., and then stay for the ULS middle school games. Fans also receive a free Pistons item with the purchase of a Pistons ticket.

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V	I	S	A	O	A	R	B	A	S	E	
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Lather
 - 5 Diner order, for short
 - 8 Unwanted email
 - 12 On
 - 13 Always, in verse
 - 14 Patriot Nathan
 - 15 Irrational suspiciousness
 - 17 Artillery
 - 18 Follow relentlessly
 - 19 1984 Tom Hanks movie
 - 21 Flightless bird
 - 22 Knoll
 - 23 Energy
 - 26 North Pole staffer
 - 28 Surveys
 - 31 Leading man?
 - 33 A mere handful
 - 35 Cry
 - 36 Sweat outlets
 - 38 Sweet potato
- DOWN**
- 1 Enervates
 - 2 Western state
 - 3 Nickelodeon's "Explorer"
 - 4 Card symbol
 - 5 Grendel's slayer
 - 6 Island souvenir
 - 7 Garbage
 - 8 Not deep
 - 9 Like some lines
 - 10 Charitable donations
 - 11 Netting
 - 16 City in Alaska
 - 20 4-Down, e.g.
 - 23 Tase
 - 24 Altar affirmative
 - 25 Eden
 - 27 "30 Rock" cast member
 - 29 Shelter
 - 30 Hot tub
 - 32 Busybody
 - 34 Fluctuated
 - 37 Scale member
 - 39 Actress Sorvino
 - 42 Old photo tint
 - 44 Microwaved, slangily
 - 45 Existed
 - 46 Acknowledge
 - 48 Lima's land
 - 49 Sawbucks
 - 50 Undo a dele
 - 53 — Baba

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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6	7	2	3	8	1	4	9	5
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