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School district reconfiguration planning begins

By Mary Anne Brush
 Staff Writer

Deputy superintendents Lisa Abbey and Jon Dean presented the administration's first iteration of possible scenarios for rightsizing the Grosse Pointe Public School System at the regular meeting of the Board of Education Monday, Jan. 14.

The presentation, compiled by central office administration using data from the blue ribbon facilities committee work last year and the GPPSS strategic plan, was in response to a board request when 2018-19 enrollment numbers presented at the Nov. 26 regular meeting met parameters triggering a

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A rendering of the new Department of Public Works facility set to go in on Maumee. Monday, Jan. 19, council approved a temporary relocation plan for the DPW, court and council chambers while the new DPW facility is built.

Behrens lays out deficit elimination plan

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council approved City Treasurer Cathy Behrens' recommendations for eliminating deficits showing in three funds during its Jan. 7 meeting.

Behrens' recommendations followed a "Notice of Intent to Withhold State Payments" memorandum the city received Friday, Dec. 28, from the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The state requires local governments that end the fiscal year in a deficit condition to formulate a deficit elimination plan.

Three Woods funds were in the red: Solid Waste Disposal Fund with a deficit of \$89,830; 2015

Road Bond Debt Service Fund at \$5,511; and Capital Improvement Fund at \$85,545.

The Michigan treasury department gave the city 30 days to respond with corrective actions planned for eliminating these deficits.

"These deficit elimination plans are really not a huge problem with the state, unless it's for the general fund," Behrens told council. "These secondary funds, such as we're showing, it's not such a big deal."

Behrens explained the Solid Waste Disposal Fund deficit balance was the result of the \$344,128 purchase of two tractors during the last fiscal year — July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018.

She added the tractors were slated to be purchased with proceeds from the capital improvement bond. However, building improvement estimates were higher than expected, drying up that budget.

Council authorized a seven-year repayment schedule from the Solid Waste Fund into the General Fund, plus interest. Therefore, auditors assessed the tractors' expense as a liability over

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City's relocation plan approved

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — As the municipal building projects — the new public safety, public works and court facilities — shuffle closer to commencing construction, the city has approved temporary relocation plans for the DPW, court and council chambers.

Construction of the new DPW on Maumee is scheduled to start in March and last approxi-

mately 10 to 12 months.

While that is occurring, the DPW will operate out of Lot 4, behind CVS near the cell tower, and the pump station at Charlevoix and Neff, said Director of Public Works Pete Randazzo.

In Lot 4, the city will take over approximately 50 parking spots in the back corner. Randazzo said no Village businesses will be affected. Currently, only hospital employees use that portion of the permit lot, he said.

"The vehicles, the salt, the storage of all our stuff is going to be at Lot 4," said Randazzo. "... In doing so we'll have to extend the fence further out into the lease parking area."

The estimated footprint is approximately the same size as the current DPW yard on Maumee.

Randazzo also said an electrical line will have to be run along the fence line to power vehicles and other equipment.

"The pump station will

house our street supervisor's offices and that will also be our temporary facilities for the DPW crew, for the restrooms, their lunch breaks and stuff like that," Randazzo said.

Cost for the relocation will be approximately \$8,800, said Randazzo.

"The pump station already has heat," he said. "It has internet, but we have to do some IT work for the computers for the

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City appoints Alcorn deputy chief

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City's public safety department has a new deputy chief.

Although he assumed the role in November, on Monday, Jan. 14, Director of Public Safety Stephen Poloni introduced John Alcorn to council as the new deputy chief.

"One of the jobs of any administration, or good administration, is to prepare always for a transition," Poloni said. "And not that I'm leaving anytime soon, but it's my job that we are prepared for that transition when it is time to take place."

Alcorn has served in the department 18 years. A second-generation City of Grosse Pointe public safety officer, Alcorn

graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School and Central Michigan University. He completed Macomb Community College's basic detective school in 2002, earned a certificate in criminal justice from Madonna University in 2012 and graduated from Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in 2013.

Along with serving in the detective bureau since 2017, Alcorn has served as a field training officer within the department and is the city's fire instructor. He also worked as an instructor at the police academies and volunteers with the Detroit Fire Department, said Poloni.

"He has 100 percent of our



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Newly-appointed Deputy Chief John Alcorn, left, with Director of Public Safety Stephen Poloni.

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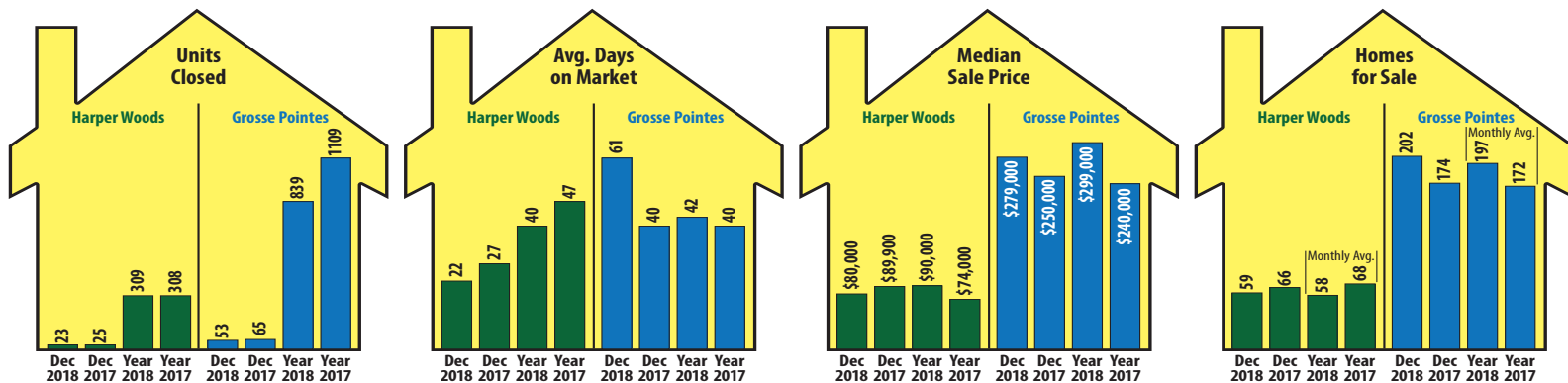
December market data shows slow down in home sales

December 2018 housing data has been released by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors.

Market data for Grosse Pointe suggests that while prices have continued to climb, the time it takes to sell is increasing and sales units have declined. All this is indicative of a market where lack of inventory is preventing people from finding homes to buy.

In Harper Woods, while inventory has declined, sales remain steady year after year and prices are increasing as well. This would suggest that while there is perhaps less inventory than one might like, it is not noticeably restricting sales.

Inventory data also



suggests that relief from low inventory may be around the corner. Year after year, inventory has increased by approximately 10 percent. While this will perhaps reduce the pressure for prices to rise, it will make more homes available for those looking to purchase their first home, as well as those moving up

or downsizing.

"This should generate a rebound in unit sales for 2019 along with still slowly increasing prices," said Ursel Mayo, president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. "We have been looking for an increase in inventory for some time hoping that with it would come more opportunity

for house-hunters. This could be an indication it is finally occurring."

Additionally, the current government shut-down, while impacting many, should not impact real estate sales in either the Harper Woods or Grosse Pointe markets.

"The only area where we are getting reports of an impact is with Rural

Development loans, which, because the Department of Agriculture is closed, cannot be processed or funded," Mayo said. "This is not a mortgage source that would likely be used in either community.

"The nuances of the market will be very important to understand

as we approach the spring market," she continued. "Those who have a trusted adviser that understands the specifics of Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe will do best. Now more than ever it is critical you engage the services of a Realtor who is an expert in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods."

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reduction in the district's footprint.

For the past 15 years, according to Dean, GPPSS has experienced declining enrollment, with that decline projected to continue through 2021-22. The purpose of the presentation was to present possible scenarios to address that decline.

Dean was clear what the presentation was not.

"This presentation is not a formal proposal," he said. "We are not asking you to vote on anything."

Nor did it list any school by name, attempt to prioritize schools within a

level against one another, provide a detailed plan including itemized costs or advocate for schools of choice, he said.

The seven configurations included in the presentation are available at gpschools.org under "Headlines and Features." Included with each scenario are a description, the new footprint, number of facilities to be closed and pros and cons.

The focus of each configuration, according to Dean, was "expanding educational opportunities for all students while maintaining excellence." Since a major goal is reducing fixed costs, plans that included annual operational sav-

ings of less than \$1 million were not included.

All seven scenarios are based on assumptions GPPSS will continue to offer K-12 education for general education students; birth to age 26 education for students with special needs; and a community tuition-based pre-K program.

Moreover, there are no proposed changes to high school boundaries and Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South will remain as high schools. Each scenario included the closing of the administration building at 389 St. Clair.

Some of the configurations presented new concepts such as a "large

elementary school" or "gravity school." For purposes of the presentation, Dean defined a large elementary school as one that houses 500 to 700 students.

A gravity school provides a specific program or approach — "Think STEM, year-round schooling, multi-age, STEAM, the arts, humanities, some other specific focus," Dean said. Gravity schools do not have a neighborhood defined attendance area "other than it would draw kids from within the district. Once again, this is not schools of choice."

Exploring the concept of a gravity school is "important work of the

community from an input perspective and educators and administrators," he said. "... If the gravity school concept takes hold in some way, fashion or form, then that's a further conversation in the coming months."

Recommended next steps are reconvening the blue ribbon facilities committee to provide the board and community a report by April 30. The administration and board will host a series of town hall meetings to discuss the report with the community in April and May, with the board recommending a reconfiguration plan with options in June. The plan would start no earlier than the

2020-21 school year.

Several board members applauded the administration on the comprehensiveness of the presentation.

"I couldn't be more confident that with the level of community involvement we have we're going to get to something that will emphasize the best educational opportunities for our kids," said Trustee Christopher Profeta.

"It was extraordinarily helpful as a jumping off point and I think that the plan to reconvene the blue ribbon committee and take it to the community through public meetings is excellent," said Secretary Kathleen Abke.

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DPW staff. We're gonna add another bathroom at the pump station. The plumbing is already there. We just have to get the fixtures for it and some electrical work will have to be done."

Two storage containers — one at each site — also will be purchased to house

smaller equipment. Randazzo estimates they will cost \$4,300 and will be resold once the project is over.

After the DPW is completed, all operations and materials, including the materials which have been stored at the cell tower for some time, will be moved to the permanent facility on Maumee.

During construction, the current court, which

also acts as council chambers, will be demolished. The public safety building on Maumee will then be renovated to house both.

In the meantime, for council meetings, City Manager Peter Dame said the Neighborhood Club agreed to let the city use space for free.

The court, on the other hand, "is a lot trickier," Dame said. "They need multiple rooms, bathrooms, ADA accessibility, technology access. ... The kicker is it has to be within the City of Grosse Pointe limits because under state

law you have to have the municipal court within the borders of the district."

Dame said they found space across the street at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church to hold court two days a month.

"It's right across the street," Dame said. "It's cheaper. The court staff feels that it will be more functional. The judge likes it because he can sit up higher. ... It will be closer for prisoner transport because we will still use the holding facility here, which is part of the

original building, not part of the part that's being torn down. I think it will be less confusing to people, because if they happen to come to the traditional court, there will be signs out there pointing them across the street.

"The only tricky part is there will be very little parking," he said.

While court is being held, Dame said they will rely on on-street parking.

"It will almost all be on-street parking," Dame said. "It's about 30 cars at a peak. We'll have to try

and get the city staff to park further away and then allow on-street parking for the people coming to court."

Cost to rent the three necessary rooms at the church is \$17,340 annually or \$722.50 per use.

Construction of the new public safety building, which will be at the corner of St. Clair and Mack, is scheduled to start in the next couple months. Randazzo said demolition of Alger Deli & Liquor and the house behind, is expected by the end of the month.

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the next six years on the city's balance sheet.

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recommended council authorize a one-time transfer from the General Fund balance into the Solid Waste Disposal Fund, thereby eliminating the Solid Waste Disposal Fund deficit in fiscal year 2018-19.

Behrens also reported the 2015 Road Bond Debt Service Fund deficit showing June 30, 2018 resulted from a fiscal year 2016-17 balance of -\$33,213, a consequence of the city having to reimburse Wayne County for delinquent taxes "for the city's top taxpayer and additionally not receiving the 2016 delinquent tax on this same property." The

amount the city received later in delinquent taxes paid to Wayne County did not fully cover the original deficit, leaving the city with the balance of -\$5,511.

Behrens projected a surplus budget in the Solid Waste Disposal Fund in fiscal year 2018-19, which will eliminate the 2016 Road Bond Debt Service Fund.

Behrens explained the Capital Improvement Fund balance of -\$85,545 resulted from the city not receiving capital improvement bond proceeds until one month into fiscal year 2018-19. She added a \$14,972 capital-improve-

ment budget surplus is projected for fiscal year 2018-19.

The city's unassigned fund balance projected for the end of fiscal year 2018-19 is \$2,878,568.

Responding to council's questions about transfers made between funds to cover deficits in the past, Behrens explained, "You have to file a plan with the state. This isn't something a transfer can do, because a transfer is a gift. So we are gifting that \$89,000 to the solid waste fund. We are never going to get it paid back to the general fund. And that's exactly the way it's supposed to be."

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confidence in taking over as deputy chief," Poloni said.

According to Poloni, Alcorn also started the Seniors And Law Enforcement and Protect And Nurture During Academics community programs. SALE pairs public safety officers

with seniors who wish to keep themselves, friends, neighbors and family informed on local events, community projects and crime trends that might affect the community. With PANDA, officers are sent to Maire Elementary School every day to interact with the students and provide security and community outreach.

"Grosse Pointe City police department is a

great team," Alcorn said. "I'm excited to stay a part of it and branch out a little bit."

Alcorn said he will continue his duties within the detective bureau as well as take on more administrative roles.

"John, great work," Councilman Andrew Turnbull said. "It's always good to see talent get promoted and stay within the organization."

Community input needed for master plan

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — As the planning commission moves forward with updating the city's master plan, some residents are worried the commission is not doing enough to engage the community.

A commission subcommittee currently is working on producing a first draft of the master plan, or "vision" of the community. The subcommittee is made up of commission members David Gaskin, serving as chairman, Mike Fikany and Malik Goodwin. They seek to have a draft completed before the next commission meeting Wednesday, April 24.

So far, the subcommittee has met with city administrators and commission Chairman Fred Olds also asked each commission member to go to various other city commissions and committees to solicit ideas on any changes.

Once a draft is completed, Olds said the commission plans to hold three public hearings at various times to receive public input on the project.

"As soon as we have some-

thing people can comment on, we organized it so there would be a morning, afternoon and evening session to try and accommodate everybody's schedule," Olds said.

Resident Amy Chesterton said that isn't enough.

"Some of the things I've heard that have scared me a little bit are the intention for public input," said Chesterton, the director of urban planning at Rosetti. "Usually it's the planning commission's objective to get really meaningful public feedback. So just posting it on the website and finding in the weeds where someone can post input is really not the way to do meaningful public engagement."

She said the city should be asking the community the topics they feel are important to include in the document. To find out those topics, she said the city could hold open houses, work with focus groups and the local schools or send out surveys to solicit ideas and find out what is important to the community.

"There's a million ways to do it, but it can't just be, 'I dare you to find me on the website,'"

Chesterton said.

"It's been my experience that you don't really need to solicit much interest in the community because everybody's interested," Mayor Pro Tem and commission member Daniel Clark said. "That's one of the unique things about the Park is that everybody is very involved and public spirited."

Chesterton also said she is worried about the scope of the revision.

"For this master plan to be on the bones of the old one, I think we are maybe treading into some really bad territory for this to truly be just a refresh when we have so much change and opportunity and economic catalysts that are happening in this area, massive changes from a residential standpoint," Chesterton said. "For it to be just sort of another box check and a return is, I think, a huge missed opportunity."

Gaskin said he believes a complete revision isn't necessary and the plan simply needs an update.

"Looking at the existing master plan and looking at the city, we are a fairly mature city — and I'm not trying to quash any

great ideas that anybody has, including you (Chesterton), as to what we might put out — but personally in looking at it, it's not a bad master plan in terms of what it is," Gaskin said. "It needs to be updated. ... We have our ideas and we are hoping to get more from these other commissions and committees that have worked with the city, but we certainly want to engage the public. But in terms of some complete revision, starting from ground zero, personally I don't see the reason to do it. But, maybe it's there. I personally just don't see it myself."

"Master plans contain a million things that are not specifically related to actual places," Chesterton said. "It's what your mission is as an organization."

Chesterton said a master plan should contain — along with future land use — the city's stance on public transportation and public spaces, among myriad other topics.

"This is your platform for where you make decisions," she said. "This is your platform for how we spend future dollars. This is your platform for whether or not you want to

include complete streets legislation. This is your founding document for all the decisions you make."

Olds said the current process is a "stepping stone." The state requires cities to update their master plans every five years. The Park last updated its plan in 2013. Olds did not throw out the idea of a complete revision, but an update to the current plan — to comply with the state's mandate — is necessary before moving forward, he said.

"I personally would like to see us get this done in this format," Olds said. "That would hold us over for say two years or so, so we can begin to do master planning on basically a year-by-year basis, where if it needs to be updated we have even greater community input doing it. But we need a base to start from."

"We are engaged in this process at the moment," Goodwin said, "but that does not mean that this portends on how we will move forward with updates to the master plan or even to the extent as you (Chesterton) talked about, doing something wholesale and much more comprehensive."

Park, City host community winter festivals

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK AND CITY — It looks like the weather will be fitting Saturday, Jan. 19, with snow forecast as the Park hosts its annual Chilly Fest and the City its Winterfest at their respective parks.

"Depending on the weather, I have a feeling this will probably be our biggest and best yet just because we are adding so much stuff for a fun-filled day," said Park Parks and Recreation Supervisor Chad Craig. "That's what we are really going for — a fun, family-friendly event that has something for everybody."

The Park's Chilly Fest runs noon to 4 p.m. and takes place at both Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe, and Patterson Park, 16006 Essex.

The event is open to all Park residents and their family and friends. Cost is \$5 per car or family who enters together and can be paid at either park. The trolley will be running as well, shuttling people between Windmill Pointe and Patterson.

The event features the third annual Chili Cook-Off, which Craig expects to be the biggest yet. The chili is all donated by residents and local restaurants, Craig said, and can be tried, two for \$1.

A panel of judges as well as the community will vote on their favorites and winners will receive prizes, including a half-off Tompkins Center rental, a free three-month gym membership to the Meade Fitness Center and movie tickets, among others.

Along with the Chili Cook-off, the concession stand and beverage station are all cash only.

Other activities include camel rides, live ice- and wood-carving demonstrations, arcade games, a petting zoo and pony rides, demonstrations from Moosejaw and Bikes, Blades and Boards and balloon twisting by



FILE PHOTO

Joe Allemon and his daughter, Addison, roasted marshmallows during last year's Chilly Fest.

Grosse Pointe South's balloon-twisting club.

There also will be a live skating demonstration by the Fraser Figure Skating Club and Onyx-Suburban Skating Academy at 2 p.m. at Patterson.

For more information and a full list of activities, visit grossepointepark.org.

The City's Winterfest begins at 1 p.m. at Neff

Park, 17150 E. Jefferson. The event is free to all city residents with valid park passes. Normal guest privileges apply.

This year, Director of Parks and Recreation Chris Hardenbrook said the city is bringing back some favorite activities and adding a few new ones.

Among the favorites, Hardenbrook said, is the catered meal for \$5 and curling on the ice rink. There also will be ice-carving demonstrations, broomball, a hockey shootout, petting farm and, new this year, a 6-hole frisbee golf course around the park, said Hardenbrook.

There will be warming fires and complimentary hot chocolate, said Hardenbrook, as well as costumed characters for the kids.

Although Hardenbrook said the park will remain open until about 7 p.m.

with the ice rink, once the food is gone, it's gone, so it is best to get there early.

For more information about Winterfest, visit grossepointecity.org.

"Having snow on the ground and snow falling really does make for a more festive Winterfest

and obviously with that the whole idea is to get our residents out of the house and outside, down to the park and get some use out of the park. And with it being forecasted for snow," Hardenbrook said, "it really is very, very pretty down at the park."

The Week Ahead

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

- ◆ Park Chilly Fest, noon to 4 p.m. at Patterson Park, 16006 Essex, and Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe.
- ◆ City Winterfest, begins 1 p.m. at Neff Park, 17150 E. Jefferson.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 8 a.m. at village hall, 795 Lakeshore.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

Winter Fest moves to Ghesquiere Park

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — This year the annual Woods Winter Fest moves from Lake Front Park to Ghesquiere Park and the nearby Woods Community Center at 20025 Mack Plaza.

The Citizen's Recreation Commission, which sponsors the event, changed the venue to attract more visitors.

The 2019 Winter Fest will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26.

Stix & Stone Pizza and National Coney Island will provide food trucks.

Visitors also will be treated to cookies and hot chocolate and have the chance to win door prizes. Children may

meet young animals at the event's petting zoo.

Weather permitting, visitors can bring along their skates and ice skate at the park.

Other attractions include a photo booth, outdoor games and tours of the historic Cook Schoolhouse.

A special feature is a 12:30 p.m. performance by the Enchanted Princess Party's "Snow Queen" and "Snow Princess," followed by a meet and greet and photo opportunity from 1 to 3 p.m.

Reservations are not required for this event, open to Woods residents and their guests.

— Melissa Walsh

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PE teacher/coach focuses on skill development, commitment

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Athletics build many lifelong skills, according to physical education teacher and basketball coach Kevin Richards. One is being prepared — something Richards says is especially important among the first- through eighth-graders he teaches and the middle schoolers he coaches at The Grosse Pointe Academy.

Being responsible, learning how to work together as a team and fighting through adversity are others.

His GPA boys' basketball team, for example, kept fighting the other night even though they were down 22-2.

"We battled back," Richards said. "I was proud of them. They kept fighting."

Time management — another important skill — hits close to home. With five children — Kamryn, a freshman at Grosse Pointe South High School; Karter, a seventh-grader at GPA; Kooper, a fourth-grader at Trombly Elementary School; Korver, a first-grader at Trombly; and Keke, a 4-year-old at GPA's Early School — and a job coaching girls' varsity basketball at South that begins when he completes a full day of teaching and coaching at GPA, Richards has had to learn to juggle his own and his family's sometimes overlapping school

and sports schedules, which includes coaching son Karter's AAU basketball team.

Time management "is something I have probably struggled with my entire life, but I'm learning," Richards said. At the same time, he recognized, "As an athlete, I always did better when I was involved in athletics than when I had free time."

Having left his teaching position at Powell Middle School in Romeo, where he taught physical education, health and healthy living since 2005, to join the staff at GPA this fall, Richards — a Grosse Pointe Park resident — at least cut a commute out of his busy schedule. But coaching the middle school boys and girls at GPA after school means running practices at South from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

In his office at GPA, where he serves as athletic director and head of physical education, is a whiteboard calendar with the schedule for the month.

In an upcoming five-day week, Richards is coaching eight games and five practices. A typical seven-day week may include as many as 14 games.

"Obviously I've got a very supportive wife," he said, adding he and his wife of 16 years, Kara Richards — a special education teacher in Warren Consolidated Schools — "often go out



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Richards family members all have first names beginning with "K." Pictured with parents Kevin and Kara are, back row from left, Karter, 12, Kamryn, 14, and Keke, 4. Front row, Kooper, 9, and Korver, 6.

at 9:30 on a Wednesday night and just have a drink and meet up and talk about the week or the kids. Just because we don't really see each other a whole lot right now."

The couple met at Marysville High School, where Kara was two years ahead. A high school and college volleyball player, she attended Central Michigan University as a physical education major. The two didn't begin dating until the final semester of Kara Richard's senior year at CMU.

"She kind of got me on the straight and narrow and my family was forever thankful of her getting me focused," Richards said.

After graduating from Marysville, Richards played basketball at St. Clair Community College two years with the goal of coaching basketball. When offered a position teaching and coaching basketball at Coleman High School, he transferred to Central Michigan, majoring in physical education. He began as an assistant coach on the boys' JV team and then the girls' varsity position opened up.

"I was 21 years old coaching varsity girls' basketball," Richards said. "I thought I knew it all and I knew nothing."

"I'm still learning," he added. "Especially now coaching middle school."

His 18 years of basketball coaching experience include four years at L'Anse Creuse North High School and 12 years as South's girls' varsity head coach.

Arriving at South in 2007, Richards turned around a struggling program and led the Blue Devils to back-to-back Class A state final appearances. In addition to being named Macomb Area Conference Coach of the Year multiple times, he was the Detroit News Dream Team Coach of the Year in 2012 and the Associated Press Coach of the Year in 2013. His teams have won four district and two regional championships.

Most recently, Richards incorporated into South's practices Noahlytics, a basketball shooting technology that measures the arc and depth of every shot while providing instant feedback to the shooter.

South was the first public school in the state to acquire the technology, according to Richards, with Richards hosting a GoFundMe account supported by former parents and players to pay for the system.

At GPA, where his focus in daily physical education classes is fitness, he was instrumental in the purchase of new equipment, including a Vertimax training system, plyo box, dumbbells, fitness bands, medicine balls and BOSU balls, which help with core strength.

"I want it to be a special experience for kids here and hopefully that draws people in," he said. "We're doing things on a daily basis to build better athletes."

His goal is to work with each student on setting personal goals and tracking progress.

"It's been fun watching them improve," he said. "We're taking data on all the kids. I always tell the kids, it's not where you start, it's where you finish."

It's not all work and no play, however. Out of daily PE classes in lower school and five out of every six days in middle school, Richards sets aside three days for team sports days, the remaining two slated for fitness. Even sports days, which focus on skills in addition to playing games, include push-ups and core activities during warm-ups.

The experience of coaching younger boys and girls while maintaining the rigorous pace of a high school coaching position has taught Richards a number of things, chief among them

patience. Sometimes he admits he has to pull back on his intensity level with the middle schoolers, although knowing he's passionate about athletics isn't always a bad thing.

"Hopefully the kids and the parents recognize the passion I have for not only basketball, but athletics," he said.

The rewards of watching skill development are the same, whether it's his varsity players improving their shooting arc or a girl on his fifth- and sixth-grade JV team making a reverse layup for the first time.

He particularly enjoys witnessing "the joy that it brings them. ... something little, but it's big to them."

His biggest goal is to build the skills necessary to prepare his middle school athletes for the next level — making the team and competing in high school.

A player's individual commitment is key to achieving that goal, he said.

"They say the best ability is availability. Being there. Show up. That's what I'd like to see improve is just commitment level."

"I want the kids to know if you commit to something — and not just athletics — there's bigger things down the road for them," he added.

He admits he has come a long way since he began coaching nearly two decades ago.

"Back then, I was more consumed with winning," he said. "Now I would tell the 21-year-old Kevin: worry about building relationships and recognizing effort. Sometimes winning and losing isn't the end-all, be-all. You're going to run into teams that are just better and you can't beat them, but can you compete? Can you give it your best effort? I see that more now."



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Kevin Richards celebrates a moment with an Academy student with a high-five.

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Stolen vehicle

A 2017 black Jeep Grand Cherokee was stolen in the 16000 block of St. Paul sometime between 7:05 and 8:35 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13. The owner said she parked the vehicle in the street and locked it. She also said no one else had keys to the vehicle.

Just a few more blocks

A 70-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 11:50 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, on Mack at Neff.

While stationary, an officer heard a thumping sound approaching and then observed a vehicle being driven on a flat tire. The officer conducted a traffic stop.

The woman said she was aware of the flat tire and was driving to her mother's house in Detroit. According to the police report, the woman had slurred speech and said she'd had one drink. She failed the field sobriety test and the preliminary breath test resulted in .18 percent blood alcohol content.

What light pole?

A 64-year-old City woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated in the 400 block of Cadieux at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12.

Officers received a phone call concerning a driver who hit a light pole and drove off. Officers were notified the driver pulled into the Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe Emergency Room parking lot and was waiting for a patient.

Officers found the woman parked in front of the ER doors and turned on their lights to effect a traffic stop. When the lights were activated the woman began to drive off. However, officers were able to stop her in the lot.

While interviewing the driver, officers noted she appeared to be intoxicated with slurred speech. They also observed heavy front-end damage to the vehicle with the bumper hanging off. She said she was not aware she hit a pole.

She failed a field sobriety test and the preliminary breath test resulted in .16 percent blood alcohol content.

Dinner set

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church invites the community to its Italian Dinner 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the parish, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A variety of Italian foods, beverages and a dessert table, sponsored in part by the PTO, are available.

Tickets are \$12 for ages 13 and older, \$6 for children.

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

Tickets are available at the parish office. Call Dennis at (313) 884-2549.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Fresh breath

A 50-year-old Detroit man was caught stealing more than \$300 worth of products from The Village CVS at 3:50 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10.

An employee witnessed the man leaving the store with odd-shaped bulges in his jacket. When the man went through security, the alarm was activated. The employee said he left on bike traveling north on Neff.

Officers located the man on Lakeland. He had the items from CVS without any proof of purchase and was arrested.

He stole an electric toothbrush, two deodorant sticks and two 20-count whitening strip packages.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Vindictive thief

A 15-year-old Park juvenile is suspected of stealing a pair of shoes from a house in the 40 block of Harbor Hill the evening of Saturday, Jan. 12.

According to the police report, the juvenile showed up with a friend uninvited to the house and was asked to leave.

When everyone was leaving later that evening, two pairs of shoes were discovered on the lawn and the victim's pair of Yeezys were missing.

Drunken driving

A 33-year-old Romulus woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 3 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, on Lakeshore at Provencal.

Officers pulled the woman over after observing her drive approximately 48 mph and cross the line multiple times.

While interviewing the woman, officers noted an odor of intoxicants, slurred speech and bloodshot and glossy eyes. She failed a field sobriety test and a preliminary breath test resulted in .14 percent blood alcohol content.

Punctured tire

A car tire was punctured on a vehicle in the 400 block of Manor between 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, and 1 a.m. Jan. 11.

According to the report, the owner parked the vehicle in front of the residence and discovered the tire completely flat later that night.

A 19-year-old Park man is suspected.

Hot shoes

A pair of Yeezys was stolen at gunpoint at 8:50 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, in a Grosse Pointe South High School parking lot. Four juveniles were arrested.

According to the report, an 18-year-old Park man and 18-year-old Roseville woman were selling the shoes on Snapchat and went to meet two people at South. When they arrived, the two men were shown the shoes but said they didn't have enough money to purchase them. The two sellers left, but received a text message shortly after from one of the buyers — a 17-year-old Woods man — saying he would borrow the money from a friend.

When the sellers returned, the Woods man ran up to the car door and pointed a silver handgun at the driver. Eventually the Woods man was able to grab the shoe box and left the scene in a car with three other passengers.

The car was tracked down to Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Kerby where a traffic stop was initiated.

The four suspects were taken into custody without incident. The gun was discovered to be a BB gun. Three juveniles were booked and released to their parents and the Woods man was taken to Wayne County Jail.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Unwelcome guest

A 25-year-old Harper Woods man was arrested

for resisting and obstructing police at 2:47 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the 1100 block of Wayburn. The man was at a house and refused to leave. According to police, he also refused to follow officer's orders.

Suspended license

A 23-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license and warrants at 11:09 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at Bedford and Mack. Officers stopped the man for driving without headlights and with tinted windows. The driver was found to have a suspended license and warrants from multiple departments.

Tabs stolen

◆ A license plate tab was taken from a vehicle in the 1300 block of Maryland overnight between Thursday, Jan. 10, and Friday, Jan. 11.

◆ A license plate tab was taken from a vehicle in the 1400 block of Lakepointe overnight between Friday, Jan. 11, and Saturday, Jan. 12.

Caught in the act

An unknown person was seen stealing a catalytic converter from a vehicle in the 1000 block of Wayburn at 4:50 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12. A neighbor heard the sound of cutting metal and witnessed the suspect underneath the

neighbor's vehicle. The suspect fled in a tan minivan after the neighbor yelled. It was discovered the suspect stole the catalytic converter.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Garage invasion

Officers arrested an 18-year-old Detroit man suspected of unlawfully entering the garage of a house in the 1300 block of Lochmoor at 7:11 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7.

Officers were dispatched when a resident of the home called 911 at 7:02 p.m., after observing a strange man in the attached garage.

On route, officers noticed the subject running across Mack and arrested him in the median near Oxford.

Prohibited visitor

Officers arrested a 33-year-old Shelby Township man following a call to 911 by his ex-girlfriend, reporting that he was banging on the windows of her home in the 2100 block of Roslyn.

Officers arrived to find the man, who appeared to be intoxicated, trying to enter the residence. He also was in violation of his parole.

A preliminary breath

test following the man's arrest showed his blood alcohol content at .188 percent.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Away from a manger

A resident on Greenbriar Lane reported an 18-inch-long, light-up baby Jesus stolen from her front yard. She first noticed the Nativity-scene piece missing Saturday, Jan. 5.

No insurance

◆ A 20-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was arrested for driving with expired vehicle insurance in the 1000 block of Lakeshore at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8.

◆ A 40-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving without vehicle insurance on Lakeshore near South Deeplands at 11:34 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11.

◆ A 45-year-old Brownstown man was arrested for driving without vehicle insurance on Lakeshore near Lochmoor at 9:56 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12.

— Melissa Walsh
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OUR VIEW

Alfred R. Glancy III

Sons of highly successful men many times never live up to their potential, living their lives in the shadow of their great fathers, never making their own mark on the world. That was not the case for Alfred R. Glancy III, who died Jan. 10 in his Grosse Pointe Woods home attended by family. He was 80.

Mr. Glancy descended from “Detroit business royalty,” according to Detroit Free Press writer John Gallagher. Mr. Glancy’s father, Alfred Glancy Jr., was a prominent financier and real estate developer who once claimed the Empire State Building as one of his holdings.

Born March 14, 1938, in Detroit to Alfred Jr. and wife, Betty, young Glancy III spent his childhood years in Grosse Pointe, perhaps enjoying his father’s elaborate trainscape now at the Detroit Historical Society.

During his tender years, he went by the nickname “Robin,” perhaps because of his middle name, Robinson. However, upon boarding the train to The Hill School in Pottstown, Pa., he dropped the nickname and went by “Al” the rest of his days.

In fact, the first mention we have of the young lad comes from the March 15, 1956, Grosse Pointe News:

“ALFRED R. GLANCY III will leave Hill School on Saturday, accompanied by his classmate, PETE DIENER, of Chicago. The pair will fly first to New York, thence to Bermuda to visit young Al’s grandparents, GEN. and MRS. ALFRED R. GLANCY of Atlanta, Ga., at the senior Glancy’s home there.”

In the Nov. 7, 1957, Grosse Pointe News, we have word that Alfred Glancy III is studying at Princeton University, his father’s alma mater, from which he graduated in 1960. In 1962, with an MBA from the Harvard School, Mr. Glancy joined Michigan Consolidated, where he would spend his entire career.

He became chairman, president and CEO of MichCon in 1984. When MichCon was spun off from ANR in 1988, Mr. Glancy grew the new holding company, MCN Energy Group, from a company of less than \$1 billion to nearly \$5 billion when it merged with DTE Energy in 2001. He served on DTE’s board until finally retiring in 2009.

As successful as he was in the energy sector and in commercial real estate, Mr. Glancy is remembered locally as the man who saved the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

According to the Free Press, when Mr. Glancy was named DSO board chairman in 1992, the orchestra was fighting for its life, burdened by a more than \$8 million deficit and the aftershocks from two musicians’ strikes in the 1980s. Among other things, Mr. Glancy negotiated labor agreements with musicians, resolved the DSO’s outstanding debt burden and raised money. Mr. Glancy and his wife, Ruth, personally donated \$1 million to the orchestra.

Yet despite his tremendous success, Mr. Glancy was known as a “kind, unassuming” man. He was a common man doing uncommon things. He loved reading crime novels, taking them everywhere he went, including rafting down the Colorado River.

“Al Glancy was patrician to the soles of his beat-up feet,” said his friend of 40 years, author Kurt Luedtke; “he was Princeton and Grosse Pointe incarnate.”

Mr. Glancy is survived by his wife of 56 years, the former Ruth Mary Roby; half-brothers, Rick and Larry Ramstrum, Michael, Terrance and David Glancy; children, Joan Courts Glancy “Jody,” Alfred R. Glancy IV “Rob” and Andrew Roby Glancy and daughter-in-law, Leigh Douglas Glancy. He is predeceased by his half-brother, Peter Glancy and son, Douglas Glancy.

Mr. Glancy’s grandchildren — Tucker Noble Scott, Alfred R. Glancy V (Quin), Matilda Glancy Scott, Ruth Roby Scott and Payson David Glancy — all called him “Bapa” and he doted on them to their delight.

The funeral will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, in St. Paul’s Cathedral. The family would appreciate memorial gifts to Princeton’s Alfred R. Glancy III, Class of 1960 Scholarship Fund and to The Detroit Symphony Orchestra.



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Grosse Pointe past

First-grade students at Cadieux School in 1909 included Joseph Vogt (front row, far left); Harold Rivard (front row, second from right); John Vogt (second row, far left); and Cornelius Blondel (back row, fourth from left).

LETTERS

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Our View: North Coach – Round Two is totally brutal, unfair and one-sided

To the Editor:

In the editorial published on Thursday, Jan. 10, you made a series of statements that were critical of the Grosse Pointe North High School administration and Michelle Davis, the athletic director and assistant principal, in particular. You have taken on one of our administrators in a way that is difficult to understand and unprecedented. It cannot be allowed without a strong rebuttal, apology or letter to the editor to share our perspective.

You have never talked with me about Frank Sumbera, Michelle Davis, Kate Murray or the decisions that were made. We have never talked about the hiring of the head baseball coach at Grosse Pointe North High School.

You have taken on the Grosse Pointe North High School administration and athletic department when you had the FOIA fully given to you and the Grosse Pointe News. You had the same information that we used to make a determination. I made the final recommendation with the advice of our district attorneys. We made a difficult decision for the right reasons.

As a fellow Rotarian, two of the Four Way test statements are 1) Is it fair to all concerned? and 2) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? It is absolutely not FAIR to attack a building administrator like you did. You can take me on since I hire and evaluate all GPPSS administrators. You can ask for the other side of the story. Local journalism should be fair, unbiased and beneficial to our community.

More importantly,

who does this Our View editorial benefit? The Norsemen football players, coaches and staff are criticized for their record. WHY and for what benefit? Now you are forecasting a similar fate for the Norsemen baseball players. WHY? Our Norsemen will always give their best for Grosse Pointe North. The coaches and student-athletes deserve and need our community support.

You have doomed the Norsemen in a way that will not be tolerated. We are #OneGP! When you tear down one school, you damage the entire community. The Norsemen pride and fight will be a motivator to overcome your doom and gloom. I fully support the Grosse Pointe North administration, student-athletes and coaches who work hard to make us proud.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet and talk about your editorial.

GARY C. NIEHAUS
Superintendent

Department chairs weigh in

To the Editor:

Last week’s News included an unsolicited, unwarranted and personal attack against members of the Grosse Pointe North administration and coaching staff. We denounce these claims as unsubstantiated acts of journalistic impropriety. We seek only to do what’s best for our kids, and will not stand to have our actions unfairly and inaccurately attacked.

You say that the athletic department is “doomed” under the leadership of Michelle Davis. You question why coaches would want to come to this district. We offer top programs to our students, as evidenced by the notable performance of eight teams within the past 12 months. You say “quali-

fied applicants” should come with a long record of success. Our new football coach, with 22 years of experience, changed the culture of the athletes on our team, despite playing in a more competitive division.

You questioned the process that North utilizes to hire applicants. Our district is committed to transparency when adopting everything from textbooks to staff members — parents, students, teachers and administrators play a role.

Years of service alone do not qualify someone to work with our most precious commodity: our students. Applicants for positions in our schools are never “obvious.” We strive to hire the most qualified talent for our students. This process requires the involvement of all our stakeholders, especially students, with whom these individuals will work. How could we gauge an applicant’s effectiveness in working with kids if we never see them working with kids before we hire them?

For more, visit bit.ly/GPNEditorLetter.

DEPARTMENT CHAIRS
Grosse Pointe North High School

North pride

To the Editor:

As a parent of two college students who attended Barnes, Ferry, Parcels and recently had a terrific capstone experience at Grosse Pointe North High School, I was appalled by the personal attack that comprised the Jan. 10 “Our View” column.

I was dismayed by the personification of Grosse Pointe North’s administration as a “cast of characters” who make “hasty decisions,” “hellbent” on pursuing their choices. And I can only assume that the reference to “young administration” was intended to be an insult. Why would anyone want to teach, coach or lead for a school that is so poorly treated and vilified by the Grosse Pointe News?

Because this “column” does not in any way describe the experience that our family and hundreds of others have had with Grosse Pointe North.

We are fortunate to live in a community that cares about its schools

and who are, in most cases, respectful. The Grosse Pointe North administration is comprised of thoughtful, considerate advocates for our students and athletes. These educators and professionals respect their role in the community. They are moving forward and making the best decisions they can on behalf of our students and families.

Kudos to Ms. Murray, Ms. Davis and the entire team at Grosse Pointe North. They do not have an easy job, yet they show up every day with energy and enthusiasm. It’s not said enough: Thank you.

MS. RYAN BOWERS
Grosse Pointe Woods

I Say

To the Editor:

As an older senior citizen I don’t know why I’m so concerned about the high cost of college education.

Maybe it’s because of certain citizen responsibilities. And I do wonder why a writer like Anthony Viola (“I Say: College Ball: When’s Their Payday?” Jan. 10) would want to bring up the topic of paying wages to college student ball players.

At a time when student loan federal indebtedness is huge and still growing, it doesn’t seem like Viola is even aware that the cost of additional bureaucracies needed to administer such new payrolls would be considerable alone. Does he realize that a paid ball player program, as with numerous scholarships, would largely add to the already high student tuition bill?

But above and beyond that, the mere speculation in the mainstream press about this possibility brings way too much seriousness to a place where it shouldn’t be serious. What happened to the sheer fun of it all, bringing relief to a setting where seriousness predominates because of its high cost?

Regarding his commentary on the 2015 boycott at the University of Missouri (unmentionably resulting from the Ferguson riots), which raised school responsibility issues racially, Viola rates applause, but there again he holds

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I SAY By Jody McVeigh

Baking? Brits? My must-see TV



Her follow-up text declared, "I like baking shows and British shows, so this is the best of both."

She was not wrong. Since November, any time an hour can be spared, I've watched it. I'm amazed by the creativity and comforted by the failures of the amateur bakers who compete each season merely for the recognition; unlike so many American reality TV competition shows, there is no monetary reward, only an engraved-glass cake stand and enormous floral bouquet.

The show has even provided a bit of inspiration — rekindling in me a lost fondness for baking.

Besides that, who can

deny the charm of a British accent?

"The Great British Baking Show" pits average Joes against one another in three challenges each episode. A Signature Challenge allows them to make a tried-and-true favorite recipe; a Technical Challenge tests their skills by issuing surprise recipes with minimal instruction; and a Showstopper Challenge allows them to show off their talents on big-ticket bakes they've practiced at home.

It's not for everyone. My husband immediately declared it "the stupidest show I've ever seen," even though he's never watched more than 30 seconds of any given episode. And what he's seen has been while

passing through the room only to make said declaration.

He should be grateful. He's on the receiving end of my rekindled inspiration.

He should be grateful things aren't what they used to be.

Our dinner table during our first year of marriage largely saw his spaghetti sauce or marinated chicken, or my mealtime contribution — and the extent of my skill set — Hamburger Helper.

A desire to eat a healthier and wider variety of foods — not to mention feed my stepsons — led me to learn how to cook. Not that I'm a master of anything, but I do make a mean turkey chili and oft-requested Reveillon

Tourtiere.

But my willingness to learn in those early kitchen days led me to discover my prowess for baking. I enjoyed it so much so that at my former job, I would bring in new treats every Monday morning. It was a practice that eventually grew old and of which I dispensed when I joined the Grosse Pointe News staff; I longed for the break. But without those weekend bakes, I lost the fervor for such fun.

"The Great British Baking Show" has brought it back, evidenced this Christmas.

At my request, my brother took me on a shopping spree for baking supplies, and I talked my husband into a food processor upgrade. Using gift cards after the

holiday, I purchased and anxiously await a macaron-making kit.

I also recently dusted off a hand-me-down 1984 bread cookbook — buried for ages in a stack of similar rarely-used treasures from my mom — to attempt my first challah. I failed miserably, but will not give up.

I've only got one season of "The Great British Baking Show" left to watch, but I understand Netflix has added "lost episodes" that have only aired in the United Kingdom, as well as a holiday special.

As long as I can turn on the telly and see Paul Hollywood's twinkling blue eyes and the batter-smattered smocks of frazzled Brits, my days of baking bliss have merely just begun!

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1944

50 years ago this week

GREAT BUILDING BOOM AT WAR'S END SEEN FOR GROSSE POINTE: Grosse Pointers who are in a position to know are convinced that this area is headed for the biggest building boom in its history — just as soon as the war is over and labor and materials are again available.

There is a great house shortage among the better class of buildings and when the moment arrives when building operations can be started again, these observers figure thousands of pairs of eyes of prospective home builders will turn to the Pointe area.

One concern alone recently acquired 96 lots in the Trombly-Harcourt neighborhood.

THREE STOLEN CARS HAD KEYS IN LOCKS: Grosse Pointe Park police noted that all three cars reported stolen over the weekend had been left unlocked with the keys in the ignition.

1969

50 years ago this week

500 ATTEND CONVENT MEETING: An emotion-filled group of over 500 parents and interested citizens filled Fries Auditorium to capacity to discuss the recent decision of the New York Province of the Society of the Sacred Heart to close its Grosse Pointe school.

The general attitude of those present was one of disbelief and abandonment.

The audience suggested alternatives to closing the facility and a committee is being formed to pursue the possibility of establishing a lay school owned and operated by Catholic laymen.

FIRE DESTROYS \$50,000 HOME BEING BUILT IN THE SHORES: A two-alarm fire completely destroyed a nearly completed new home under construction in the 1000 block of Lakeshore. All that remained was the brick chimney and the house foundation.

The cause of the fire was attributed to an exploding oil burner on the first level of the house. Flaming oil splattered over the walls and floor, and the fire caught quickly.

Obituaries: Albert E. Beaupre, Mary E. Hutzell, Lorne L. McConachie, Trent McMath, Josephine McNally, Grace C. Metsch, Arthur L. Wittig, Casimir Ziokowski

LETTERS:

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back on some of the truth.

However, we align with the suggested righteousness of having U-M (Missouri) president Tim Wolfe lose his job over this. The fact is that since that date of November 2015, this school has suffered substantial loss of students in their dorms and classrooms.

Perhaps to a top journalist college like this, besides racial sensibility and possibilities of student-proposed pro athletes, there is a need to

bolster economic programs with "someone has to pay the bill."

HENRY ELDEN
St. Clair Shores

Sign regulation in the Farms

To the Editor:

I believe that the Grosse Pointe Public Library administration needs to respect Grosse Pointe Farms' sign regulation at Central Library.

"What's good for the goose is good for the gander." That is to say, one person should be treated the same way another person or situation is treated: Follow regulations of the town!

What Grosse Pointe Farms council determines to be good for Grosse Pointe Farms should be good for Central Library. Special privilege for some is not fair or just.

Why give special privilege to Central while other citizens in GPF don't (receive) derogation of the common right.

Let's have rule of law respected in our town. I have experienced special privilege on many fronts. Sean Connery quote: "I just think the most difficult thing to displace is privilege."

ELLEN
WULLSCHLEGER
Grosse Pointe Farms

Meet the STAFF

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

Karl Juergens

CIRCULATION

◆ Years at the paper:

I have worked for the Grosse Pointe News since Dec. 26, 2018.

◆ Describe your position at the paper:

As part of the Circulation Department, my duties include taking payments for renewals and new accounts, updating account information and answering questions our readers may have concerning their subscriptions.

◆ Do you have any hobbies?

I enjoy hiking, road trips, cinema and video editing.

◆ Tell our readers a bit about yourself:

I graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in hospitality management in 2015. Since then I have been fortunate enough to work at and explore our National Parks, specifically Grand Teton and Yellowstone. I



also enjoy video editing and maintain a YouTube channel for my work.

◆ Favorite thing about working at the Grosse Pointe News:

Despite only working for the Grosse Pointe News for a few weeks I have met so many great people. So I'd have to say the people, as well as the warm, welcoming atmosphere.

1994

25 years ago this week

PARK TO BUY LAKEPOINTE OLDS BUILDING: After years of trying to find an appropriate buyer for the empty Lakepointe Olds building on Jefferson, the Grosse Pointe Park City Council took matters into its own hands and agreed to purchase the building and property.

It had been a car dealership from the time it was built in 1929 until about nine years ago.

The property next to the building has been considered for condominiums and it might be possible to include the Lakepointe property in any plans.

FARMS GETS TOUGH ON SOLICITORS TO CURB DAYTIME BURGLARIES: Giving the city's soliciting and peddling ordinance some teeth, the Farms council added an amendment designed to take a bite out of the number of daytime burglaries that have occurred during the past year.

The amended ordinance requires anyone selling any goods or services to have permission from city council.

Obituaries: Myra K. Halsig, Stanley Allan Johnston, George Koloveas, Esther Jeanette Coon Phelps, Sherod B. Scott, Joan C. Schucker, Pauline Sebastian, Mary Ann Start Stamman, George J. Tilton Jr.

2009

10 years ago this week

HILL BANK ROBBER FLEES WITH NEARLY \$10,000: A man with a white scarf wrapped around his face got away with almost \$10,000 in \$50s and \$100s from Bank of America on The Hill.

The armed robber, described as an old man using a cane, wearing a hunter-type hat with ear flaps, approached a teller around 1:30 p.m. and demanded money, saying he had a gun. When the teller asked if he was joking, he threatened to shoot her, though no weapon was produced.

HICKEY'S WALTON PIERCE SET TO SAY GOOD-BYE: They've spent decades dressing up customers at the downtown Grosse Pointe staple that has been the site of changing fashions, evolving colors and top trends.

But next month, Bill and Mary Jo Huntington will forever close the doors of Hickey's Walton Pierce, ending 34 years in the retail business on Kercheval Avenue, in favor of retirement.

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Restorative practices focus on accountability and change

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Whether a student is the cause of harm or the victim, they have a voice and play a role in resolving issues and effecting change, according to a behavioral approach focused on building relationships and creating a positive classroom culture.

Known as restorative practices, this new field of study has its roots in restorative justice, a way of looking at criminal justice that emphasizes repairing the harm done to people and relationships rather than only punishing offenders.

“The fundamental premise of restorative practices is that people are happier, more cooperative and productive, and more likely to make positive changes when those in positions of authority do things *with* them, rather than *to* them or *for* them,” wrote Ted Wachtel, founder of the International Institute for Restorative Practices.

Foundation

In a follow-up to training in September, teachers, administrators, counselors, social workers and school psychologists representing all 14 schools in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, started the new year with two full days of training in restorative practices Jan. 9 and 10. All district administrators also underwent training in August, with the cost of training — including substitute teachers — paid for by Title II and Title IV federal funding earmarked for professional development.

Held at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center — Center for Learning Technology in Harper Woods, the training was facilitated by Bill Boyle, a 31-year educator, coach and administrator who retired 2 1/2 years ago to serve as an IIRP instructor and licensed trainer.

For Boyle, the foundation of learning is set when schools serve as places of belonging. This concept lay at the core of the training, which included small and large group discussions and role-playing.

Boyle posed the question to participants: Why do most of us do the right thing most of the time?

The answer, he said, is, “We do the right things because we’re in relationships and we value those relationships and we want to belong to those rela-

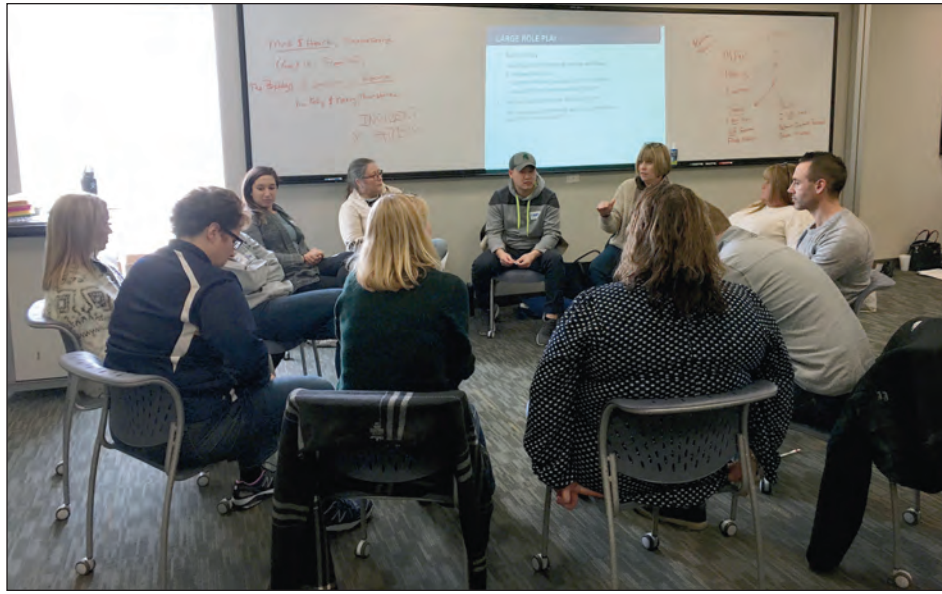


PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Educators in the district participated in a restorative conferencing role play during training in restorative practices.

tionships. We’re in communities and we value those communities and we want to belong to those communities.”

The purpose of restorative practices — and restorative conferencing, the specific focus of the two days — is to restore students to that community while holding them accountable for their actions.

Reintegration

The biggest misperception about restorative practices, according to Boyle, is that they let students off the hook.

“When we punish kids, we don’t hold them accountable to anything,” he said. “We hold them accountable to suspension. You’re out ‘x’ days and then you come back. What’s changed? ... How are you different? What did you learn and how can you show that? None of those questions are part of the equation. We’re missing all that learning opportunity when we don’t listen.”

On the other hand, when teachers “build a classroom community where kids are seen and honored ... they don’t misbehave as much,” he said.

Boyle differentiated between “stigmatizing shame” and “reintegrative shame” used as a means to call out the harm, help people understand the impact of the harm and give them the opportunity to make things right.

“When we stigmatize people, we push them out of the community and we label them,” Boyle said. “The offender is now a bad person who committed a crime or a harm. This label may follow them their whole lives. Since the offender is pushed out of their community, it encourages their participation in a criminal subculture.”

With reintegrative shame, the approach is to allow the offenders the opportunity to acknowledge the harm done while making amends to those people directly impacted by their actions.

“Reintegrative shame expresses disapproval, but does not push the offender out of the community,” Boyle said. “This type of shame rejects the act, but not the person and allows the person to be reintegrated back into the community. Because when kids don’t feel they belong, they detach from our values and they’re going to find different places to belong which won’t be as healthy or productive.”

Boyle also drew a distinction between shame and guilt.

“Shame is ‘I am bad,’ Boyle said. “Guilt is ‘I did bad.’”

Restorative practices focus on acknowledging guilt and repairing the harm while avoiding the long-term impact of shame.

Conferencing

Restorative conferencing, a specific protocol of restorative practices, brings the offender together with victims or others impacted by the harmful action along with supporters and trained facilitators.

By watching a video of a restorative conference and participating in role-playing, participants learned how to conduct restorative conferences when major disciplinary events occur. Participants also were given a copy of Wachtel’s handbook on restorative justice conferencing.

For everyday behavioral issues that crop up in their classroom, recess or elsewhere, educators learned a series of restorative questions to ask in response to that challenging behavior (see sidebar).

“Kids who misbehave are trying to meet unmet

needs, although their strategies may not be very effective,” Boyle said. “We can look at this behavior and ask ourselves, what needs are they expressing through this behavior and how can we get to the root of it rather than how can we superficially fix that behavior?”

Restorative Questions

To respond to challenging behavior:

- What happened?
- What were you thinking of at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you need to do to make things right?

To help those harmed by others’ actions:

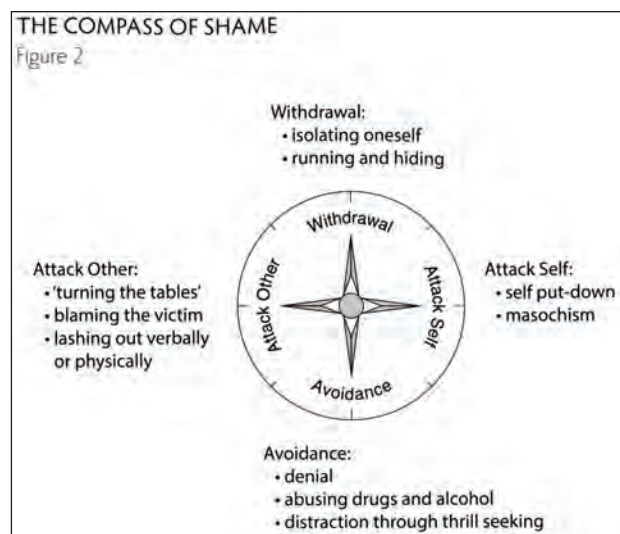
- What did you think when you realized what had happened?
 - What impact has this incident had on you and others?
 - What has been the hardest thing for you?
 - What do you think needs to happen to make things right?
- *International Institute for Restorative Practices*

The questions provide a means to understand that behavior, with a focus on both accountability and change.

“Conflict is going to happen, but combat is optional,” said Keith Howell, director of pre-k through elementary instruction. “This is a conflict resolution process and it gives a facilitator tools to be able to get to the bottom of the causes behind what harm someone might do to someone else and really restore relationships between them.”

A continuum

In the past, according to Director of Secondary Instruction Maureen Bur, when discipline was enforced by the principal and the teacher wasn’t part of the process, the



FROM “RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CONFERENCING: REAL JUSTICE & THE CONFERENCING HANDBOOK”

Jenny Sherman, who chairs the counseling department at Grosse Pointe North, said learning about the compass of shame helped her understand how “normal reactions, in excess, (can be) very destructive and create a narrative that alienates the student from the mainstream society. My takeaway was about how powerful that visual is in understanding student reactions better — no longer seeing denial as a student not caring, but really responding to the shame in a way that helps the student make amends and restore their sense of belonging in the school community.”

perception when the student returned to the classroom was “nothing’s been done. What this does is it makes it visible and we’re all involved in this process.”

“There’s a wide continuum of restorative practices,” Bur continued, from restorative circles for minor issues to restorative conferencing for more serious offenses. “It doesn’t have to be a really formal thing or something different; it’s just embedded into what we are already doing. It just gives us a structure.”

Reading specialist Lori Woznicki said she and fellow teachers at Poupard Elementary School already noticed an improvement since employing some of the strategies and techniques learned from the training in September.

“Kids are listening and felt like they are being heard now and I think it’s made a difference in our school and our culture,” she said, adding giving students the opportunity to hear the point of view of their peers has changed the classroom dynamic.

It isn’t just about problem-solving, either, said Karen Gallagher, a fourth-grade teacher at Poupard. “It’s allowing the children to get to know each other and get to know the teacher and build a community.”

Moreover, according to Brandy Rokicki, a social worker at Poupard and Mason Elementary School, it offers students a way to solve their own problems.

“Students come up with the idea, which is very powerful because they’re much more likely to follow through on things and learn from it if they’re coming up with the ideas themselves,” she said.

Sustaining the training

At the conclusion of the training, each participant offered some-

thing he or she learned, realized or was surprised by during the sessions.

Shelleyann Keelean, principal at Monteith Elementary School, learned, “It’s not another program. It’s just a way of thinking.”

“I’m surprised by how much of this is already woven into what we do,” said Doug Roby, a social worker at Grosse Pointe South High School.

“Relationships change kids, not programs,” said Nicole Filiccia, a kindergarten teacher at Defer Elementary School. “I really think this is a relationship building piece, not a program.”

“I’m surprised how much empathy this whole process brought,” said Poupard second-grade teacher Angela Whateley. “I think it’s a lot more humanizing than maybe people thought it would be.”

School psychologist Christine Kuhl said she is looking forward to incorporating strategies into her work at Grosse Pointe North High School and is planning to start small with the language she uses, hoping to reach students in the counseling center as well as classrooms and build from there.

“I think everyone who is in this space is ready to take this to the next level,” said Poupard Principal Hussain Ali.

As teachers and administrators prepared to return to their schools the following day, they acknowledged the importance of imparting what they learned to their colleagues. It’s a matter of changing the culture, they agreed.

“Restorative practices is not another thing. Everything we do is inextricably bound to the network of our relationships,” Boyle said. “If that’s the case, we don’t have to do anything different; we just do things differently.”



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Norsemen defend their own

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Norsemen pride was on display at the regular meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Monday, Jan. 14. Teachers and administrators dressed in Grosse Pointe North, High School apparel to show solidarity and several made public comments in support of the school’s administration.

The comments were in response to the Jan. 10

Grosse Pointe News “Our View” editorial — “North Coach, Round Two.”

The editorial criticized hiring practices in North’s athletic department, including the departure of longtime football and baseball coach Frank Sumner, the hiring and then firing of a replacement for the head baseball position after offensive tweets came to light — “character flaws” that were not revealed as part of the

screening process — and the 1-8 record of the football team under the leadership of the new coach.

Following the swearing in of newly elected trustees Dr. Christopher Lee and reelected trustee Brian Summerfield — reelected trustee Margaret Weertz was absent — GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus opened his superintendent’s report by reading a rebuttal to the editorial, printed in this week’s Letters to the Editor.

Other speakers, including parents and board members, expressed dismay at statements they alleged were unfairly targeted against North Athletic Director and Assistant Principal Michelle Davis and North Principal Kate Murray.

Sara Delgado, Kerby Elementary School principal, read a statement in her capacity as president of the Grosse Pointe

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Administrators Association.

"When negative and derogatory statements are made in the news media regarding specific members of our organization, it only hurts the entire Grosse Pointe community," she said. "In today's society, divisiveness is trendy. We have the ability, however, as members of the school board, central office administrators, principals, teachers, school staff, parents and community members, to work together to establish a different trend in Grosse Pointe, one of collaboration and mutual respect. The GPAA believes that this is what will make a difference for our students — your children — and the future of the Grosse Pointe community.

"Every choice we make as adults is an opportunity to model for our youth how we believe that they should behave," she continued. "We work diligently to create a culture that discourages bullying within our schools, yet behavior from adults in our community does not always echo the same message."

Mike Rennell, president of the Grosse Pointe Education Association, responded to the editorial by reiterating support for North's administration.

"It is very dangerous journalism to come to conclusions without all the facts," he said, yielding his remaining time — generally spent sharing "good news items" — to North business and technology department chairman Sean McCarroll.

McCarroll read a letter signed by all North department chairs "to protect our house from the malicious words published in an editorial in the Grosse Pointe News last Thursday.

"As instructional leaders in the building, North's department chairs want to address these claims and unilaterally denounce them as unsubstantiated acts of journalistic impropriety," he said. "When community leaders such as the editor of the news publish personal criticisms against members of our school community, they unjustly impugn the entire Grosse Pointe public school district, from our values to the service that we provide to the community. As in all matters, we seek only to do what's best for our kids and will not stand to have our actions unfairly and unjustly attacked without setting the record straight.

"You sit behind your desk and question the decisions that are made in our building without even bothering to understand our values and procedures," he concluded. "We question your professional motives and stand in unity as we support our school, our administrators, our coaches and our kids — because that is what we do here."

President Brian Summerfield expressed his support of the Grosse Pointe administration on behalf of the board and also used his board time for public comments — as did trustees Christopher Profeta, Kathleen Abke and Judy Gafa — to reiterate personal support.

"Certainly the owner of the Grosse Pointe News is entitled to his opinion," Summerfield said, "but

— I've said this before — I think what we need as a community is to think about what the effect is on our messaging. It's always better to be positive and to look at things in ways we can work together to make our community better."

Said Gafa, "As the mother of three children who went through North with Kate Murray, I cannot speak highly enough of her. ... At the end of the day, I stand with North."

Abke, also a North parent, said she appreciated the speakers, including three North parents, saying "what was brave and true" and noted several North students were present before the meeting to offer their support.

"The kids said they wanted to speak, but they take care of kids." Michelle Davis said, "But you have midterms in the morning." She encouraged them to go home because they need a good night's sleep and they need to take their midterms. That is what they do there — they take care of kids."

Grosse Pointe News publisher John Minnis, who did not attend the Monday night school board, said the paper stands by its editorial.

"It is not uncommon for a newspaper to be critical of decisions made by a public school official or officials," he said. "In this case, the summary firing of the longest and winningest coach in Grosse Pointe North history after 49 years with the district, deserves scrutiny — as does the hiring of a young replacement with only three seasons of post-college coaching experience, none as head coach. We can, and should, do better than that."

Teacher of THE WEEK**Rachel Neumann**

School: St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School

Years at St. Clare: 1
Grade/Subject: Third- and fourth-grade blended classroom

Nominated by: Ann Tonissen, principal

Principal's quote:

"Rachel is a dedicated and talented first year teacher and a perfect addition to our extraordinary school staff. Rachel has enthusiasm and passion for her students. She has the energy to excite every child's ability and interest in learning. Rachel can successfully reach each of her students by teaching them interactively and creatively within their various levels of academic development. Rachel demonstrates an elevated level of professionalism when working with both

students, parents and colleagues."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I enjoy all of the students and families that I cross paths with. I love connecting with my students and helping them grow in all aspects of their life, not just academically.

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

I am most proud of the way I continue to adapt my teaching so that the students in my classroom are successful. I try my hardest to make learning fun so that my students want to come to school every day.

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



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I have a lot of amazing mentors in my life, including my family, teachers and principals who have helped me get to where I am right now. I wouldn't be the teacher I am today without all of their support.

Favorite quote:

"Character is doing the right thing when nobody's looking."

— J.C. Watts

Winter spectacular tickets on sale

Grosse Pointe South choirs are preparing for competition. The public is invited to a sneak peek during the Winter Spectacular, a one-night only event 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The event is sponsored by Vogel Advisors.

The Winter Spectacular features the Pointe Singers, Tower Belles and

South Singers, all presenting their latest numbers as they prepare to compete against other nationally ranked high school choirs.

The Pointe Singers, Tower Belles and South Singers will compete at Huntington North High School in Huntington, Ind., Feb. 8 and 9, and the Pointe Singers and Tower Belles will compete at Bishop Leurs in Fort Wayne, Ind., on March 1 and 2, where the Pointe

Singers will defend their grand champion status and the Tower Belles will defend their first place status in the women's division.

Tickets, available at gpsouthchoir.org and Duffey & Co., 15120 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, are \$10 for main floor and balcony seats and \$8 for students and senior citizens. Gold cards are accepted at Duffey & Co. and at the door.

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How Stephen Ministries are making a difference

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

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

Stephen Ministers are members of a congregation who have been trained to provide one-on-one Christian care to people experiencing a difficult time. They provide a listening ear and show care receivers that no matter the difficulty, they are not alone.

Such ministries are available at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church and St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church — but their services are available to any member of the community, churchgoer or not.

“Everybody goes through stuff sometimes,” said Sue Buckley, a Stephen Leader at St. Clare in Grosse Pointe Park. “Sometimes it’s one too many things that pile on that plate.”

“Everybody, in a sense, is a Stephen Minister to someone in their life,” she continued. “You’re the person they depend on who they can say whatever to. But you need somebody outside of your circle — somebody there to listen and that’s it. You can say whatever you want. It’s a very freeing experience.”

Stephen Ministers are trained to not judge, Buckley said. Whether or not the minister agrees with the situation is irrelevant.

“Whatever is said to you stays to you,” she said. “The idea is there is no judgment. They’re struggling. My job is to let them know whatever it is, I’m here with you.”

Buckley said it’s important to note that Stephen Ministers don’t take the place of a pastor or priest, rather help ease the workload.

“When a crisis happens — a funeral, fire, loss of a job — the pastor walks with you initially, but then has to go to the next person,” she said. “Stephen Ministry allows, if the person is willing, us to tell them we have a ministry that might be helpful to them. ... The



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From left, newly commissioned Stephen Ministers Leslie Martin and Ted Huebner, Stephen Co-Leader Debby Owen, newly commissioned Stephen Ministers Bert Ross and Martha Fordon, and Stephen Co-Leader Lois Ann Hernquist.

pastor, who’s got to run the parish, can say, ‘This will be helpful.’”

Making an impact

Stephen Ministry has made an impact at Memorial Church, according to its Director of Pastoral Ministries Carol Marks, who’s worked at the Grosse Pointe Farms church 31 years. Stephen Ministry has been in place there since 1991.

“As soon as Stephen Ministry began here, things got better,” she said. “It takes a while for people to become comfortable with Stephen Ministry ... but it has been such a blessing. These folks have been so very helpful.”

“The way it’s affected this congregation is there is this wonderful peace and joy knowing people are getting one-on-one care around the most difficult times of their lives,” she continued. “There is not a night I go home where I don’t wish I could have seen 10 more people on any given day. It gives me joy our people are getting that care.”

Memorial’s ministry is co-led by Lois Ann Hernquist and Debby Owen.

“I’ve been active in Stephen Ministry at Memorial for about 11 years and it’s been more rewarding than I could

have imagined,” Hernquist said. “It’s a privilege to work with our staff liaison, Carol Marks, co-leader, Debby Owen, and a group of dedicated Stephen Ministers.”

Owen has been involved with the ministry eight years and has been a co-leader six years.

“Over and over again we have seen the power of this program, and the dedication of our Stephen Ministers have a positive impact on the lives of so many women and men,” she said. “The cornerstones of the program are the ability of our Stephen Ministers to be good listeners and to respect and keep confidentiality. Our care receivers need to know that they can discuss anything with their Stephen Minister and that it will not be shared.”

As the congregation has gotten used to the ministry at Memorial, Marks said, more and more parishioners have come forward to say someone they know may need a Stephen Minister.

Memorial also has no shortage of Stephen Ministers, with around 30 available.

“Every one of the



Stephen Ministers are just amazing people,” Marks said. “They are sort of the face of God to people. It’s not about any one of us. It’s about sharing the love of God and being a non-judging presence.”

Added Marks, “There are almost always friendships. The crisis has passed. Say it was an illness. After two years, the person becomes well. Then it becomes a different kind of relationship. You have closure where the Stephen Minister will say, ‘I don’t think we need to meet every week, but we are friends forever.’”

Building bonds

Stephen Ministry pairings are kept confidential, as is what’s said during weekly meetings.

“The support group meetings that the Stephen Ministers have once a month focus on the Stephen Minister and their care, not the care receiver,” Owen added. “No names or details of the care receivers are shared.”

That intimacy often has led to lasting friendships, even after the wound has healed.

Buckley said one of the beautiful results she’s seen since St. Clare started its Stephen Ministry just more than a year ago is that many of the pairings turn into friendships.

“Relationships as minister and receiver come to an end, but a friendship is there,” she said. “And many who receive care decide to become ministers.”

Buckley at St. Clare, who was happy to pair one of her Stephen Ministers with a parishioner from GPUMC.

The ministry is meant for anyone, Sullivan said. “We love to help family and friends we know,” she said, “but we also feel so much value to provide comfort to someone we don’t know. ... We provide care for people outside the congregation, too. We don’t care if you’re not in the congregation. We don’t care if you’re a Christian or not. We just want to provide it.”

Healthy response

All of the Stephen Leaders said the ministry has gotten a great response from their respective congregations.

“It’s a neat thing for the congregation,” Marks said. “(Stephen Ministers) all say they get more out of it than they give.”

“And we have had care receivers take training to become Stephen Ministers because they know how much it’s meant to them,” she continued. “This is one of my favorite programs at the church because it touches people in profound ways. It’s all about love. The power of love is pretty amazing.”

Buckley said she found commonality among St. Clare Stephen Ministers who were asked why they went through training.

“They said either they had a need that wasn’t met and they don’t want others to experience that or they had a need that was met and they want to give back,” Buckley said.

Such experiences are what led Sullivan to become a Stephen Minister; that and her mother served as one for 31 years.

“At 50, she was widowed and someone called her and said, ‘I’d like to see you,’” Sullivan said. “She said, ‘No thanks, I’m fine.’”

However, the caller persisted and eventually Sullivan’s mother gave in.

“It really helped her grieving,” Sullivan said. As a result, her mother became a Stephen Minister. “We talked about it all the time. I

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One of the projects Racing For Kids to the Hill supports is the Heart Monitoring Program at Children's Hospital of Michigan. From left are Dr. David Turner, CHM pediatric cardiologist; Pat Wright, CEO of Racing For Kids; Dr. Richard Humes, chief of pediatric cardiology at CHM; and Colette Squire RN, coordinator of the CHM Heart Monitoring Program.



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Racing For Kids to the Hill beneficiaries announced

All the proceeds from this summer's Racing For Kids to the Hill event will remain in the metro Detroit community helping children in need of medical care.

Recipients of event proceeds include:

- ◆ Ascension St. John Hospital, to support therapeutic toys and games for the Pediatric Oncology Department.

- ◆ Henry Ford Health System, to support the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities.

- ◆ Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, to support Neonatal Oral Motor Feeding Therapy, Serial Casting Intensives and Schroth Physical

Therapy for Scoliosis. ◆ Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, to help underwrite cardiac monitors for the Home Heart Monitoring Program for High Risk Infants.

The funds also will help finance the Racing For Kids Hospital Visit Program, which visits children's hospitals around the country, bringing celebrity racing stars to the bedsides of sick children and brightening their days with hats, coloring books and racing toys.

Tom Buhl, who along with Ed Russell has co-chaired the event 12 years, said, "We work closely with each of

these hospitals to find the best way for us to help them help sick children in our community. They gave us their suggestions and we're more than happy to help fund these worthwhile programs."

"This is such an entertaining and exciting event that it has grown in popularity each year," said Racing For Kids Executive Director and CEO Pat Wright. "It's really nice for our guests to realize they are actually doing really good work while having all this fun."

The 2019 30th anniversary Racing For Kids to the Hill takes place Aug. 28.

AREA ACTIVITIES

LWW

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

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Drew Van Culin, rector at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross offers the following blood drives:

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

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

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

Register at redcrossblood.org.

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.

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

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

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 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. 22, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Ty Hinton, the economic and community development director for Harper Woods, discusses the redevelopment of Eastland Mall.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts Business After Hours at The Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Graig Donnelly, chief strategy officer at

TechTown Detroit and assistant vice president for economic development at Wayne State University, speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

The Helm

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

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

- ◆ Individual Nutritional Counseling, 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, with facilitator Andrea Hageman, a registered dietician with Beaumont Health System.

- ◆ Play for Fun — Beginning Piano Lessons, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 23 to March 6, with Evola Music. Cost is \$49 for 10 weeks, plus a \$20 book.

- ◆ Play for Fun — Continuation, 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 23 to March 6, with Evola Music. Cost is \$49 for 10 weeks, plus a \$20 book.

- ◆ Keeping You Fit at Home — Winter Safety Tips, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, with physical therapist Keith Finley.

- ◆ The movie "Oceans 8" is shown 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25. Cost is \$2.

- ◆ An open house, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, includes refreshments, a free raffle, brain fitness exercises, tai chi, ping-pong and more.

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From left, Velda Kelly, Jacqueline Csurgai-Schmitt and Nadine Deleury.



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Concert planned

Chamber Music at the Scarab Club continues its 21st season with a concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, in the sanctuary of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

The program features music for piano, oboe, clarinet and strings, per-

formed by chamber musicians Eliot Heaton, concertmaster of the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra; Brian Bowman, Michigan Opera Theatre principal clarinetist; and pianists Jacqueline Csurgai-Schmitt and Eduard Perrone. Other performers include violinist

Velda Kelly, cellist Nadine Deleury, oboist Geoffrey Johnson, violist Ran Cheng and double bassist Robert Rohwer.

Selections include a piano quintet by American composer Amy Beach; a winds and strings quintet by Sergei Prokofiev and a piano trio by Italian composer Marco Bossi.

Each piece will be introduced by one of the musicians and the concert will be followed by a reception.

Tickets are \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance and \$10 for students. For tickets, call (248) 921-3193, email chambermusic@scarabclub.org or visit scarabclub.org/chambermusic.

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Supplemental security income for special needs children

Q: How does my special needs child qualify for supplemental security income and what can I do to get these benefits for my child?

A: If your child is younger than age 18 and has major health problems affecting his/her functioning, either physically, mentally or both, the first thing to determine is whether the family unit where the child lives meets the income threshold for benefits. If the parents' monthly income plus existing assets are above the threshold set by law, it won't matter how seriously disabled the child is. The claim will be denied. Typically, if the household is eligible for state assistance such as food assistance and Medicaid, the financial threshold is met.

Assuming the financial limits are met, just how seriously disabled must the child be to qualify for benefits? The child must be suffering from a condition both marked and severe, lasting or expected to last one year or more. There are two steps to proving a condition is both marked and severe. First is through the Social Security Administration's Listing of Impairments, which sets forth exact proof that must be met for the specific disease or condition of the child. The second step is to show the child's poor health is so severe it is functionally equal to the listing.

If your minor child's claim was denied, you have the right to a hearing in front of an administrative law judge. The written request for a hearing must be filed within 60 days from the date of the denial. It will take many months before the hearing is scheduled. Use that time to strengthen the case by developing evidence to support the claim. Most awards happen at the hearing level after a judge hears live testimony and considers the evidence developed during the preceding time frame.

Once your child turns 18, he or she will be re-evaluated that same year. That evaluation will apply the adult standards of disability to determine whether the claimant meets those requirements for continuing benefits. These standards are vastly different than the standards for children.

When a child reaches age 18, the family income is no longer attributable to him or her. However, the child must still meet the financial threshold

on his or her own. And the disability standard is no longer marked and severe, but rather based on whether he or she is "unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable impairment lasting or expected to last 12 months or more or resulting in death." In other words, can the person work? Substantial gainful activity for a non-blind person in 2019 means the ability to earn \$1,220 or more per month. Proving disability is a five-step sequential process for adults.

The steps broken down are: 1) Is the person working, earning substantial gainful activity? 2) Is the condition severe? 3) Does the condition meet or equal a listing? 4) Can the person return to any past relevant work? 5) Can the person adjust to other work? If these steps are met, then a finding of disability will be issued.

Ideally, you should discuss your child's claim with an experienced attorney prior to filing. It cannot be stressed enough how important it is to have a plan in place for covering all the elements necessary to prove disability for your special needs child before filing the application, and to have the proper mechanisms in place once the award is made, such as special needs trusts and the like.

Attorney Mark A. Aiello, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, is managing partner of Esper Aiello Law Group and of counsel to the Social Security Counseling Center. He is a member of the National Advocates Top 100, recognizing him as one of the Top Disability Attorneys in Michigan. Aiello concentrates his practice on disability law, estate planning-elder law and workers' compensation claims. His main office is located at 3031 W. Grand Blvd., Ste. 440, Detroit. He can be reached at (313) 964-4900 or esper.aiello@lawgroup.com. Esper Aiello is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals.

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Phire & Ice fundraiser for Phoemale

Phoemale, Grosse Pointe's all-women grassroots charity, hosts its fourth annual Phire & Ice fundraiser at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at Bayview Yacht Club. This year's theme is "Bootlegger



Bash," a nod to Detroit River history. Attractions include live music, a silent auction, food and a cash bar. Tickets are \$50 — and in keeping with Phoemale's founding pledge, 100 percent of the proceeds go to the women the group helps.

Phoemale was founded in 2016 by a group of friends who wanted to provide direct, personal help to women in difficult situations, but with a plan of action to improve their lives. During its short history, it has distributed more than \$33,000 in cash, multiple in-kind contributions and hands-on labor to women around metro Detroit.

Phoemale works with various social-service agencies, who nom-

inate women in need of help. The group looks for those who are survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, homelessness and human trafficking. They should be ready and willing to make a change in their lives, have a plan in place to do so, but have a gap in resources.

In the past, Phoemale has purchased cars for women lacking transportation; paid rental deposits for those fleeing abusive partners; and, in 2018, helped upgrade a house with badly needed cosmetic and structural improvements for a mother and her young son.

The group remains small — just 12 members — but has big ambitions. The Phire & Ice fundraiser is Phoemale's main event of the year. In 2018, it brought in \$15,000 — all of which went to women in need.

Tickets may be purchased online at phoemale.org on the "Events" page.



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Phoemale member Lanna Young paints the kitchen of a client, the mother of a young son. Both had been homeless before a relative left them a house in serious need of repair, which Phoemale arranged and carried out.



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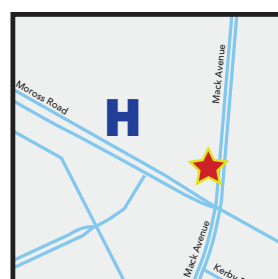


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OBITUARIES

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Marilyn Masurat

Marilyn Masurat, nee Sultzman, 61, of San Jose, Calif., former resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed peacefully Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018, at home in the arms of her family, following a courageous and amazingly graceful battle with cancer and the side-effects of cancer treatment.

Born in Detroit, Marilyn graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1975. Following one year at Northern Michigan University, her passion for skiing took her west, where in Lake Tahoe she met the love of her life, Ken Masurat, of San Jose. They bonded over a mutual appreciation for powder skiing, ski racing, gardening, camping, fishing, backpacking and the wild outdoors. After marrying in 1983, they settled in San Jose and raised two daughters, instilling their spirit of hard work and a thirst for lifelong learning. Marilyn was a kind and loving person; highly organized, wise, vivacious, tactical, capable, optimistic and caring. She could conquer any challenge while putting everyone around her at ease.

With her husband, Marilyn became an expert gardener highly involved in the American Dahlia Society (ADS). Together they grew award-winning dahlias and introduced new hybridized varieties including "Martha Lee" for Ken's grandmother and "Snow Grandma" and "Dr. Carl" for Marilyn's parents. She was secretary and cofounder of the ADS John Stowell branch in San Jose, serving as judge at local and national shows. She deftly organized the 2002 and 2011 National Dahlia Shows for the South Bay area as site chair and welcomed hundreds of international visitors into their beautiful home garden on Mt. Hamilton.

Every year Marilyn grew a wide variety of produce, from heirloom tomatoes, vegetables and squash, to pumpkins, which were sought after by area families in October. Whatever wasn't cooked, canned or sold at her cozy honor-system roadside stand was donated to the local soup kitchen. Friends and family eagerly awaited her apricot jam, pumpkin bread and much more at the holidays.

Marilyn enjoyed a long career in hospitality with memorable stints at Mackinac Island; Claremont Resort, Berkeley, Calif.; the Hyatt, San Jose; and a management career at The Beverly Heritage Hotel in Milpitas, Calif. She then earned both finance and teaching degrees from San Jose State University while working at the San Jose Country Club. Most recently teaching at Stratford School for exceptional students in San Jose, she blossomed. Her uncanny ability to connect with people made her a favorite of

both students and colleagues.

Marilyn is mourned by Ken, her husband of 35 years; daughters, Cristina Marcalow (Robert) of San Mateo, Calif., and Nicole Masurat (Nelson Lee) of Bellingham, Wash.; father, Dr. L. Carl Sultzman (Joan Hines) of Grosse Pointe Farms; sisters, Marjorie Sultzman and Nancy Sutton of Grosse Pointe Woods; brothers, Carl Sultzman (Irene) of Solomons, Md. and David Sultzman (Linda) of Granville, Ohio. She will be interred in the memorial garden at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 Jefferson, Detroit, alongside her mother, Frances Sultzman.

A remembrance celebration will be at 1 p.m. Feb. 9, at the San Jose Country Club, 15571 Alum Rock Ave., San Jose, CA 95127. Flowers may be sent to this event or contributions may be made in Marilyn's name to JW House, 3850 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA 95051 or at jwhouse.org. This home away from home was of invaluable help to Marilyn's family and relies solely upon donations.

Margaret Enamark Graham

Margaret Enamark Graham, 97, of Grand Haven, passed away Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, at Christian Haven Home.

She was born Feb. 4, 1921, in Aarhus, Denmark, to Carl and Marion (nee Enamark) Jensen and emigrated to the United States with her parents at the age of 4. In February 1945, she married John S. Graham at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms; he preceded her in death Aug. 6, 1996.

Margaret graduated from Grosse Pointe Public Schools, earned an education degree from Michigan State University and master's degree from Wayne State University. She was a dedicated teacher in the Grosse Pointe Public School System more than 30 years.

Margaret was an avid golfer and talented oil painter. She also enjoyed bridge and was a Scrabble shark. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake.

Margaret, to those who knew her, was a woman of grace, integrity, intelligence, tolerance and compassion, who will be greatly missed.

She is survived by sons, Robert Graham (Martha) of Ferrysburg and Tim Graham (Marie) of Spring Lake; daughter-in-law, Judy Graham (Altman) of Orchard Lake; grandchildren, Christie Favenyesi (Darrell Beckman), Thomas Favenyesi (Sheri), David Favenyesi, Kenneth Graham (Heather Monte), Kimberly Adami (Bruce), Sarah Barnes (David) and Brian Graham; great-grandchildren, Austin Graham, Mallory

Graham, Toby Favenyesi, Alexander Favenyesi and Calvin Favenyesi and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her son, John E. Graham in 2007; daughter, Ann Favenyesi in 2016 and sister, Ann Homire.

Visitation will be 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at Sytsema Funeral Home, 620 Washington Ave., Grand Haven.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 406 E. Savidge Street, Spring Lake. Visitation also will be held one hour prior to the service at church.

Donations may be made to Christian Haven Home at christianhavenhome.org; Hospice of North Ottawa Community at noch.org. or Grand Haven Area Public Schools STEM program at ghaps.org.

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Nancy McCaffrey

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Nancy McCaffrey passed away peacefully, and in the presence of loved ones, Monday, Jan. 7, 2019, at the age of 82.

She was born Nancy Claiborne Spruell May 17, 1936, in Memphis, Tenn., to Martha Lucille Claiborne and Dr. Hugh Spruell. She grew up in Memphis and Russellville, Ala., with her siblings, Martha, Hugh and Andrea and graduated from the University of Alabama. She also earned a master's degree from Michigan State University.

In 1959, Nancy married West Pointer William James McCaffrey, with whom she raised four children. After 20 years of military service, including 15 residences both domestic and abroad, the family settled in Grosse Pointe Farms.

As a lifelong educator, Nancy taught at Dominican High School and 24 years at Oakland Community College. Her life of personal sacrifice and volunteerism included membership in the Bon Secours Assistance League and Meals on Wheels. She was a devout Catholic, a bridge Life Master and enjoyed ballroom dancing and gardening. She spent precious moments later in life with her extended family, in particular hosting sleepovers with her grandchildren, taking them to the park and teaching them how to lose graciously at cards, checkers and board games.

Nancy is survived by her sons, Bill (Patti) and Mike (Tricia); daughters, Celia Schmidt (Chris) and Michelle Bresser (Pat) and grandchildren, Keegan and Kendall McCaffrey, Keely, Quinn and Owen McCaffrey, Christopher, Casey and Cole Schmidt and Kelsey, Patrick and Brendan Bresser; step-grandchildren, Ashley Arena, Kelsey Rupley and Ashley



Marilyn Masurat



Margaret E. Graham



Nancy McCaffrey



Marjorie O. McClure



Thomas Guibord



Rosalba Arabia

Schmidt.

She was predeceased by her former husband of 33 years.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 12 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to Full Circle Foundation, 17006 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Marjorie O. McClure

Marjorie O. McClure, 91, died peacefully Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019, after a short illness.

Marjorie "Midge" was born in Detroit Jan. 23, 1927, the youngest daughter of Reece and Margaret Oberteuffer. She was predeceased by her parents; sister, Frances McDonnell and husband, Douglas T. McClure.

Midge was a graduate of Pine Manor Junior College in Boston and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arizona. She and Doug were married in 1951 and she outlived her beloved husband by six years. A resident of Grosse Pointe Farms her entire adult life, Midge was the devoted mother of three children and grandmother of seven.

Midge was actively involved in community activities throughout her life. She was an avid bridge player, enthusiastic golfer and tennis player and long-time member of the Garden Club of Michigan, Tau Beta Association and Junior League of Detroit. She enjoyed escaping Michigan winters for the sunshine at the Lost Tree Club in North Palm Beach, Fla.

Midge is survived by her sons, Douglas Jr. (Leslie) of Rye, N.Y. and Peter (Alecia) of Superior, Colo.; daughter, Julie Chandler (Richard) of Philadelphia and grandchildren, Douglas McClure III, Lindsay, Reece, Lauren and Margaret Chandler and Kyle and Evan McClure. Her greatest joy was watching her children and grandchildren grow and succeed.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made in Midge's memory to St. Jude Children's

Research Hospital, Att: Memorials Processing, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Thomas Guibord

Thomas Guibord, 85, passed away Friday, Jan. 11, 2019.

He was born Oct. 27, 1933, in Detroit, to Eudore and Monica (nee Mosseau) Guibord. Mr. Guibord proudly served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Alaska for two years during the Cold War. He earned both Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Detroit. Thomas married Ann Hebert Aug. 1, 1969, at St. Jude Church in Detroit. The couple enjoyed 49 blessed years together.

Mr. Guibord taught seventh- and eighth-grade history and religion for 38 years at St. Peter School in Harper Woods from 1960 until 1998. He worked during summers in the recreation department at Metropolitan Beach in Harrison Township for 36 years. He also volunteered at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe the last 20 years. Starting in 1998, Thomas audited a class each semester at Macomb Community College.

Thomas will be remembered for his quick wit. He let God guide his life and his classroom motto was "They will know we are Christians by our love." He was a longtime member of St. Peter the Apostle Church and more recently St. Louis Church in Clinton Township.

Thomas was a world traveler spending time in the Caribbean, Alaska, Australia, Europe and Israel. In his spare time, Thomas enjoyed reading, playing cards, spending time in the casinos and trips to Las Vegas. His biggest love in life was his family.

He will be missed by his loving wife of 49 years, Ann. He was proud of his son, John and thought of Michelle as a daughter. He adored his grandson, Sean, and granddaughter, Beatrice. He was predeceased by his parents; sister, Jackie Gabel and brother, Robert Guibord.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 15 at St. Louis Church, 24415

Crocker, Clinton Township.

Donations may be made in his memory to Beaumont Grosse Pointe Chapel Fund, 468 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Rosalba Arabia

Rosalba Arabia passed away Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019.

"Bina" or "Ro," as she was known to family and friends, was the daughter of the late Carlo Arabia and Gaetana Arabia (nee DeSantis); sister of the late Andrew Arabia; sister-in-law of Judy Arabia; aunt of Mary Kassouf (Raji) and Andrea Nazelli (Christopher) and great-aunt of Olivia, Gabriel, Eugenie and Noah.

Rosalba was born in Cosenza, Italy, in 1933. She moved to the United States with her parents and brother in 1936. She attended Bishop McDonnell High School in Brooklyn, N.Y. After, she attended St. Joseph's College and pursued a career as a secretary in both the business and legal fields.

In the late 1970s, she moved to Detroit to be with her family. After retirement, she stayed active, pursuing various interests including taking care of her home and attending many neighborhood activities and gatherings. She also was extensively involved with the Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan, where she coordinated and hosted many garage sales to raise funds for the organization. She also fostered many golden retrievers in her home.

Rosalba was a dedicated daughter and sister. She was present for her nieces, sharing their interests and taking them on trips. She also enjoyed spending time with her grandnephews and grandnieces, taking them to local festivals and contributing mementos to their various collections.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon, Saturday, Jan. 26, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Barbara M. Griffin

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Barbara M. Griffin, nee Miesch, 92, passed away Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019 at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. She had been living at American House in Roseville.

Born Dec. 25, 1926, in Detroit, to Irene C. and Fredrick W. Miesch, Barbara graduated in 1944 from St. Ambrose High School. After marrying Joseph Griffin Sr. Oct. 1, 1949, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park, Barbara, as many women of her generation, worked at home raising her family and volunteering her time.

Barbara was a Eucharistic minister at the chapel at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and St. Ambrose Catholic Church. She enjoyed volunteering, traveling and playing bridge.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Griffin (the late Roger Weber); sons, Timothy Griffin, Terrence Griffin, Joseph Griffin Jr., Brian Griffin (Sandi) and Jeffrey Griffin Sr. (Cristina); grandchildren, Erin Griffin Jean, Emily Griffin, Casey Griffin, Lauren Griffin, Lindsey Griffin and Jeffrey Griffin Jr. and sister, Suzanne Verbiest.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph; daughter, Mary Pat Griffin and sisters, Mary Jane Van Hooren, Elizabeth Weins and Audrey Hollerbach.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe chapel, 468 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe. Interment will be in the St. Paul on the Lake columbarium in the spring.

Donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Sheila Costello Getz

Grosse Pointe Park resident Sheila Costello Getz, 96, passed away Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019.

She was the loving wife of the late Arthur Henry Getz Sr.; beloved mother of Arthur Getz Jr. (Betsy), J. Michael Getz (Kathy) and Charles Getz (Marna); dear grandmother of Arthur Getz III (Quinn), Christopher Getz (Nicole), Megan Bakken (Richard), Allison Sullivan (Kevin), J. Michael Getz Jr. (Sabrina), Mary Sheldon (Oliver), Maxwell Getz (Eliza), Bronwyn Fromm (Remy), Ashley Melichar (David), Heidi Brown (Stewart) and Charles Getz Jr. (Maggie); and cherished great-grandmother of 23.

She was predeceased by her siblings, Patrick Costello, Barbara Gosselin, Monica Diener and Eunice Costello.

Sheila was lovingly devoted to her family and her faith. She graduated from St. Paul High School in 1941. She was a member of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Parish.

Visitation is 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300

Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Rosary recitation is at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Saturday, Jan. 19, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to St. Paul Education Trust, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Julie Bourgeois

Julie Bourgeois, nee Lock, passed away suddenly Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019, at age 49.

Raised in Grosse Pointe Woods, Julie was a loving mother, selfless friend and looking forward to starting her new career at Elite Airways.

Julie will be lovingly remembered by her children, Brian, Sarah and Jack; parents, Jerry and Mary Ellen Lock; sisters, Molly Chan, Kate Quinn and Laura Rumble; brother, Tim Lock; former husband and cherished friend, David Bourgeois and many nieces and nephews. She also will be remembered by countless friends who adored her and the numerous children Julie taught at Assumption Nursery School in St. Clair Shores.

A funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at St. Mary Church, 157 High St., Williamston. Visitation begins at noon at the church.

Donations for the benefit of Julie's children may be made to Julie Bourgeois Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 21036, Lansing, MI 48909-1036.



Barbara M. Griffin

Carolyn Elizabeth Hanley

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Carolyn Elizabeth Hanley, nee Rosier, passed away Monday, Jan. 14, 2019. She was 74.

Born in Birmingham, Carolyn graduated from Immaculata High School and Northwood University. She was employed at Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors "on The Hill," where she warmly welcomed anyone who came in the red front door.

She was predeceased by her parents, John F. Rosier Jr. and Rosemary B. Rosier; brother, John F. Rosier III and sister, Suzanne M. Rosier.

Carolyn is survived by her daughters, Christie Zinn (Pahl) and Jennifer Hanley (Jason) and grandchildren, Kate, Luke, Kendall, Aiden, Addison and Tag, and sister-in-law, Helen Rosier of Jacksonville, Ala.

A funeral service will be at noon Saturday, Jan. 19, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to the American Lung Association at lung.org.



Sheila Costello Getz

Werner Vethacke

Werner Vethacke passed away peacefully Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019, at age 75.

Born Feb. 28, 1943, in Detroit, to Theodore and Hedwig (nee Schultz) Vethacke, Werner graduated in 1961 from De La Salle Collegiate High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from Lawrence Technological University while working at Dodge Main Assembly. He continued his career spanning more than 50 years with Chrysler as a senior design engineer.

Werner loved cars and car shows. He had an innate ability to fix just about anything. He was the life of the party. He was a humble, gentle giant whose stature was as big as his personality. Werner loved spending time up north, anywhere near Lake Michigan. His other interests included boating, working on anything mechanical and his dogs. His biggest love of all was his family.

He will be remembered for his strength, integrity and loyalty.

Werner leaves behind his loving wife, Suzanne. He was proud of his son, Karl (Carey) and his late daughter, Laura Wortman (Paul James). He adored



Julie Bourgeois



Carolyn Elizabeth Hanley

his grandchildren, PJ Jr., Elizabeth, Harper and Emma. He will be missed by his sister, Marianne Seguin and stepchildren, Karen Kill (Lee), James Barnes, Kristen Barnes and Stephanie Barnes.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, Honorarium Department, P.O. Box 214182, Auburn Hills, MI 48312; De La Salle Collegiate, Development Office, 14600 Common Road, Warren, MI 48088; or University of Michigan Heart Failure/Heart Transplant Program, Fund No. 316227, 1000 Oakbrook Dr., Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

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Alfred R. Glancy III

Alfred R. Glancy III, a Detroit corporate and community leader more than four decades, died January 10 after a long illness. He was 80 and died at home in Grosse Pointe Woods attended by family.

A man whose dry, gentle humor belied his powerful leadership positions, Mr. Glancy led the Detroit Symphony Orchestra through financial crisis, while at the same time, overseeing Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.'s business empire. He also was proud of the role he played in the success of Unico Properties LLC, a Seattle-based privately owned commercial real estate company. Real estate was part of his heritage; his father, Alfred R. Glancy Jr., a co-founder of Unico in 1953, took him to his first board meeting at age 15 and once co-owned the Empire State Building.

A graduate of Princeton in 1960, Mr. Glancy was close to the university throughout his life and died surrounded by reminders of his happy time there.

Mr. Glancy is survived by his wife of 56 years, the former Ruth Mary Roby; half-brothers, Rick and Larry Ramstrum and Michael, Terrance and David Glancy; children, Joan "Jody" Courts Glancy, Alfred R. "Rob" Glancy IV and Andrew Roby Glancy and daughter-in-law, Leigh Douglas Glancy.

He was predeceased by his half-brother, Peter Glancy and son, Douglas Glancy.

Mr. Glancy's grandchildren Tucker Noble Scott, Alfred R. Glancy V (Quin), Matilda Glancy Scott, Ruth Roby Scott and Payson David Glancy all called him "Bapa" and he doted on them to their delight, taking pictures with the many cameras he accumulated, although his daughter, Jody, lovingly joked he "often forgot to focus the lens."

He was an avid reader. Crime novels were always stacked up at his bedside and he went everywhere with a book. A friend recalled his reading a paperback throughout a trip on a raft down the Colorado River in the 1960s. While the Grand Canyon walls got deeper and the rapids more fierce, he bounced along with his nose in a book, enjoying the ride and the read.

Kurt Luedtke, a friend of 40 years, said, "Al Glancy was a patrician to the soles of his beat-up feet; he was Princeton and Grosse Pointe (the Farms) incarnate. Effortlessly and without an ounce of striving, he belonged to everything and knew everybody who was deemed to be anybody and in the '70s and '80s, not much happened in the struggling Detroit renaissance without his participation or blessing. He was a kind and gentle and unassuming man."

Mr. Glancy and his wife, Ruth, were considered a notable couple in Detroit's charitable community, not the least because Mrs. Glancy led the Detroit Zoological Society through many years of improvements.

Mr. Glancy spent most of his career in the energy business, joining MichCon in 1962 soon after he earned an

MBA from Harvard Business School. He worked his way up within the company, eventually becoming chairman, president and chief executive officer in 1984, serving as CEO until 1992 and chairman until 2001.

MichCon was spun off from its former parent, American Natural Resources System, in 1988 and formed its own holding company, MCN Energy Group Inc. MCN grew from less than \$1 billion to nearly \$5 billion in assets over the years in exploration and production, pipeline and processing, storage and marketing, electric power production distribution businesses throughout the U.S. and several emerging countries, primarily India.

In 2001, MCN merged with DTE Energy Co. Mr. Glancy was chairman and CEO of MCN for its entire existence. He retired in 2001, then served on the DTE board until his retirement in 2009.

"He had significant influence in the gas industry," DTE Board Member Frank Hennessey said. "He hired some outstanding individuals with real abilities in that business." Hennessey said he was outspoken and "we admired him for letting his feelings be known."

Born March 14, 1938, in Detroit, he spent his childhood years in Grosse Pointe where his nickname was "Robin," perhaps because his middle name was Robinson. When he boarded the train for The Hill School in Pottstown, Pa., he discarded the nickname and called himself Al from that point forward.

Throughout his successful business career and well into his retirement, Mr. Glancy devoted himself to many Detroit area nonprofit organizations, none more intensely than the DSO, on whose board he served four decades. "It was his passion," Jody Glancy said. The feeling was mutual. The DSO's Anne Parsons said he "served over so many years in a leadership capacity and had such an impact in the early '90s when state funding was lost" and later while launching the Orchestra Place project. "He was bigger than life," Parsons said, "very passionate, with a heart as huge as anybody I've met. He was incredibly generous with his time and resources." He became the first chairman emeritus in recognition of his six years as chairman 1992 to 1998.

A listing of Mr. Glancy's other community leadership is long. Organizations where he served as chairman included Detroit Renaissance Inc., The Detroit Medical Center, New Detroit Inc., Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, MLX Corp. and Wayne County Airport Authority Board. He also served in board positions at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Business Leaders for Michigan (formerly Detroit Renaissance), Shorebank Corporation, Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Hudson Webber Foundation and on the University of Michigan Visiting Committee for the Michigan Center for Theoretical Physics. He was a trustee of Citizens Research Council of Michigan.



Mr. Glancy also was chairman of The Glancy Foundation and Manager of Glancy GKW Enterprises LLC.

Not as visible to Detroiters was the role Al Glancy played in the success of Unico Properties in Seattle, a company that manages and owns, in part, 16 million square feet of commercial and medical office space and multifamily rental housing in six states.

Herbert Tobin, a board member of Unico, said that Al Glancy "brought his experience as chairman of a very successful public company to bear on our private company. His leadership was probably the most impactful element in our success."

Among friends who reflected on Mr. Glancy's friendship was John Stroh who said, "When I think of Al, I think of honesty, integrity and intellectual acuity, combined with a great sense of humor and lightning-quick wit. He was a man who was deeply committed to his family and his community. He was well known for his candor and you could always count on Al to provide a frank assessment of the various business or political matters he was dealing with. He was very proud of his children, delighted in his grandchildren. He cared deeply about making our community a better place and worked tirelessly for it."

Recalling her father's favorite things, Jody Glancy cited his pet fish which included big Koi in an outdoor fountain at his home where he emerged each morning to feed them and show them off to visitors. She also said scotch, steak, chocolate and hummers were favorites, although green vegetables definitely were not.

The funeral will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward, Detroit.

Donations may be made to Alfred R. Glancy III, Class of 1960, Scholarship Fund, Princeton University, P.O. Box 5357, Princeton, NJ 08543-5357 or to Detroit Symphony Orchestra at dso.org.

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Anita Mae Pagliarini

Anita Mae Pagliarini, 88, of St. Clair Shores, passed peacefully Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, at The Rivers of Grosse Pointe Woods with her family by her side.

Anita was born Sept. 9, 1929, in Eveleth, Minn., to Dominic and Martha DeYoannes. She worked more than 40 years as a registered nurse at Ascension St. John Hospital, ever the caretaker both in her profession and in her home. Anita will be greatly missed by her close family and friends.

Anita loved the holidays and everything that came along with the season. Her family will forever remember the gatherings at her home and her special attention to decorating and entertaining.

She is survived by sons, Thomas Carbone (Marsha) and James Carbone (Lorrie) and sister, Doris N. Gabish.

Anita was predeceased by her husband, Harry and son, Mark.

Visitation will be 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at the funeral home. Visitation begins at 9 a.m. Burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, follows the service.

Donations may be made to Reverence Hospice at reverence-

homehealth.org.

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Tom Merritt Walworth Jr.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Tom Merritt Walworth Jr., 97, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

He was born Sept. 8, 1921, in Hillsdale, to Tom and Gladys (nee Dibble) Walworth.

With pride and patriotism, bravery and valiance, Tom served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a member of America's "Greatest Generation."

Tom knew many joys in life, but none so much as the blessings he found in the woman he took as his wife, Miss Mary Josephine Kennedy, more affectionately known to all as "Jo." She was truly his world and meant more to him than words could express. Together they built upon the comforts of home and hearth, were the parents of four beautiful children, and grew deeper in love as the years ensued. It was a love for the ages, one they nurtured until Jo's passing Sept. 16, 2015.

Having chosen sales as his career path, Tom was successful in his role as partner at H & W Automotive Sales. He was adept and knowledgeable when it came to meeting the needs of his customer base and an

integral part of the automotive scene, here, in the motor capital of the world.

Tom worked hard to maintain a thriving business, but he also knew how to infuse balance into his life through the various pastimes and entertainment venues he enjoyed. Perhaps the most prominent was his love of sports. At the top of the list was his love for everything University of Michigan. Seemingly crazy, since he was a Michigan State University graduate, yet there was no greater fan or supporter of the iconic maize and blue than Tom. His devotion was evidenced in the season tickets he held year after year.

But his sportsapalooza wasn't focused solely on U of M; it was spread among a number of different venues as his sporting appetite was difficult to satiate. From his MSU roots to his love of Hillsdale football, Tom and Jo often could be seen at arenas all weekend long. And if they weren't watching the big boys do their thing, Grandma and Grandpa were in the stands watching their grandchildren compete. Always the proud and loud Grandpa, Tom loved his cherubs immensely and was never more pumped than to watch them grow and learn through one of the greatest teachers — sports.

Tom shared many wonderful pastimes with his bride, with a favorite being their love of theater. As much as Tom loved his sports, he also was known for his cultured tastes as well. From



Anita Mae Pagliarini



Thomas M. Walworth Jr.



Mary Patricia Fraser

the theater in Grosse Pointe to those in Detroit, Tom was a lover of the arts, which just added to his distinguished nature and character. He also loved to travel with one of his favorite destinations being the warm and sunny locale of Lake Worth, Fla. Nestled within the West Palm Beach area, off the coast of the Atlantic Ocean, it was the ideal respite from the cares of life and the perfect escape from the wintry mix of the Mitten.

Tom also was an avid reader and loved to feed his intellect, be it funny or serious, through the consumption of reading material. He built quite the library over the years — and was still well on his way to expanding his collection. Of all the things that helped lighten his heart and mind, nothing said relaxing like curling up with a good book and getting lost in its pages.

Yet of all that defined this man, perhaps the first and foremost reflection will be the two things that made his world rotate on its axis — Coke and candy bars. Though his lifetime was rife with

family and friends who loved their adult beverages, Tom was truly a teetotaler and happier than a clam with his glass of "brown delight." And what's a drink of Coke about if not to wash down the goodness of a favorite candy bar? Those sweet little bars of heaven were steady staples in Tom's life and he managed to keep lots of candy factory employees on the job, for sure.

A loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Tom lived life to the fullest and with a generous spirit that touched a multitude of hearts and souls in his journey. He made an impact, influenced lives for the better and leaves a genuine and unique legacy of love for all to embrace who were blessed to know him. He will be missed immensely and loved eternally.

Tom was the beloved husband of the late Mary "Jo"; dear father of Michael Walworth, Craig Walworth (Sheri), Terry Walworth (Michele) and the late Randy Walworth; loving grandfather of Nicole, Danielle, Gabrielle, Stephen, Lyndsey, Thomas, A.J.

and Stephanie; great-grandfather of Treble and brother of Betty Watson and the late Rev. George Walworth.

Share a memory at temrowski.com.

Mary Patricia Fraser

Mary Patricia "Patty" Fraser, 85, passed away Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019.

She was born Dec. 15, 1933, and was raised in Grosse Pointe Woods by her beloved parents, Arthur and Margaret Fraser.

Patty was a registered nurse all her adult life and spent a large part of her career as an operating room nurse at St. John Hospital in Detroit and Bon Secours/Beaumont Hospital in Grosse Pointe.

Patty enjoyed antiquing with friends, reading, traveling and gardening. She loved all her dogs through the years and especially her most recent pet, London.

A funeral Mass took place Jan. 15, at St. Joan of Arc Church, St. Clair Shores.

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Assumption Cultural Center announces winter programming

A variety of classes and events are designed to educate, excite and entertain this winter at Assumption Cultural Center. From exercising or learning a foreign language to playing bridge or listening to music, Assumption has something for everyone.

Assumption offers Sewing Saturdays with fashion designer Elena Victoria, for youths ages 7 to 14. Students learn to create a garment from scratch and the fundamentals of sewing with a machine. Several workshops are available between now and May, some with special themes. For more information or to register, call (847) 558-3174 or email evwinchester@gmail.com.

Assumption also offers a free estate planning seminar for those who want to learn about wills, trusts and endowments. The seminar takes place 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23.

For those interested in fitness, the winter session of the KALOSOMATICS exercise program began Jan. 7, and runs through Friday, March 29. KALOSOMATICS offers women's and co-ed classes with cardiovascular emphasis incorporating aerobics, yoga and Pilates-like mat work. Beginner, intermediate and seniors classes are offered, day and evening. Students may alternate classes and times to accommodate their personal schedules; new students may attend any class free for one week and seniors receive a 25 percent discount.

Assumption also offers two yoga classes: Gentle Mat Yoga with Meditation and Yin Yoga. In Gentle Mat, students are guided through postures that link breath with movement

while increasing strength and improving flexibility. In Yin Yoga, students hold postures that move into deeper connective tissue.

For those who prefer team sports, Assumption offers Pickleball, a game for all age groups. Pickleball is played on a badminton court with a perforated plastic ball and solid, composite paddles. Courts are available for open play and private rentals.

Other fitness classes at Assumption are Tae Kwon Do Karate for adults and children, offering the opportunity to develop strength while learning the art of discipline.

Travel with Assumption includes a trip to Washington, D.C., April 4 to 8, featuring a guided city tour, visits to the Smithsonian Institution and Arlington Cemetery, a monuments tour and more.

For those who enjoy concerts, Grosse Pointe North High School's Great Works concert takes place Wednesday, March 27, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Grosse Pointe Community Chorus's Spring Dinner Cabaret is Friday, May 3, which includes a full buffet dinner by Marchiori Catering and raffle prizes.

Other opportunities for self-improvement include Bridge classes, one for veteran bridge players and another for newer players with little or no club experience. French and Greek language classes also are available.

For more information or to register for events, call Assumption at (586) 779-6111.

View the winter brochure at myassumption.org. Assumption is located at 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

Welcoming 2019

The Arc of Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods Friends Group — for teens and adults with intellectual disabilities — was treated to a New Year's Eve ball Jan. 5, at the St. Clair Shores Knights of Columbus Hall. Dorsey Culinary School catered, Leonard Williams was the DJ and members of the Grosse Pointe Lions Club volunteered at the event, which included dinner, dancing and socialization. The Arc also offers an after-school and school-break program for school-age students where students work on social skills, cooking and physical fitness. A summer program also is offered.



PHOTOS BY JULIE SUTTON

New Year's Eve ball participants enjoyed tripping the light fantastic to tunes spun by a local DJ.



In addition to dancing, partygoers were feted to dinner and had the opportunity to just socialize.

PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Rich Bartoszek

Death: Changing attitudes

My dad passed away 53 years ago this week. It was unexpected and, needless to say, a shock. It happened just days before my seventh birthday. I was in first grade and to this day I am so thankful how kind my teacher, Sister Joselma, was to me. When the death happened that Saturday morning, life stopped, plans changed and in the following four days, we had his wake and funeral. In the midst of a hard northern Michigan winter, family came in and we buried my dad. In the years to follow as a child, I witnessed the same plan of action with the death of grandparents.

In my 30 years of ministry, it has been kind of sad to see the changing attitudes around death. I have been in many conversations with other ministers and we have often said how today it seems like death is an "inconvenience." While cremation has become more popular, it has presented families with the option not to celebrate the life of a person who has died until weeks or several months later. When I read the obituaries in the papers, especially on Sunday, and I see it stated a "service will be held at a later date," I often wonder how many never do happen because it is not convenient.

Death is a part of life and we are all going to experience it. I am happy that my Catholic and Polish heritage instilled in me respect for the dead. I believe every life deserves to be celebrated and remembered. Putting off memorial services or funerals delays the closure necessary in the grieving process. The funeral or memorial ser-

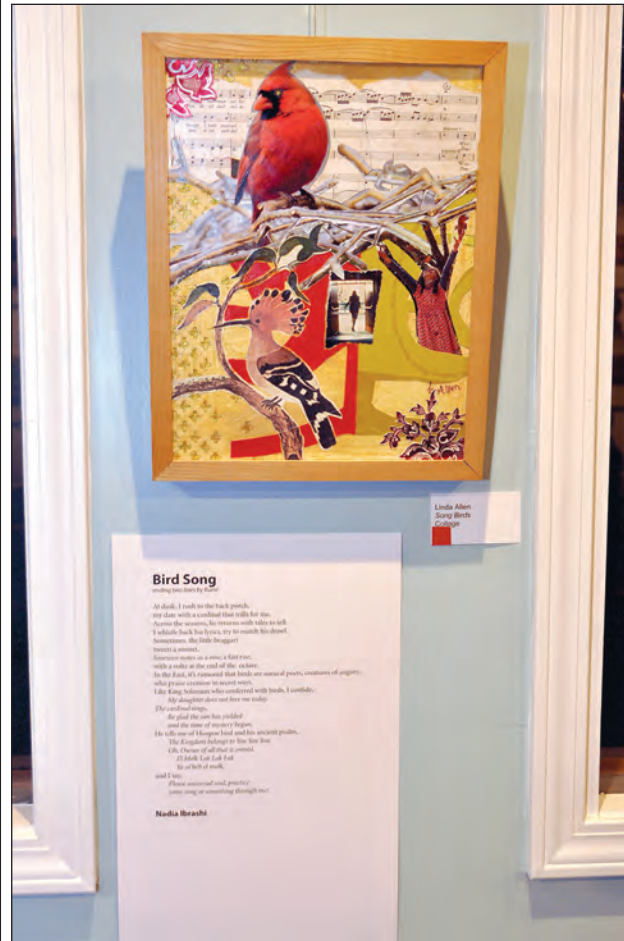
vice brings closure that can then help the immediate family begin to heal. Waiting several weeks or months can sometimes reopen the wound that comes at the time of the death. I sometimes think one day I will write a book, recalling the strange things people say at funerals and wakes. One of the statements I have heard more than once is, "It really was a bad time for them die." That is when I hope no one can read my mind, thinking, "Is there a good time?"

This month, as the members of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association had lunch together, we talked about this topic I told them I was going to address. One of the mysteries for us as ministers is when we see people who attended church on a regular basis and when they die they are not brought to church for the funeral. Everyone deserves to have their life celebrated, as every life is a gift from God. The fact that salvation is the gift God bestows upon them should be celebrated upon their death, as they celebrated it during their life on earth. They deserve the celebration of their faith community even if they have been away from it for a while due to illness or other circumstances.

The greatest gifts in our lives are the people who are a blessing to our journey in this life. It is never easy when they are gone, but when they are, we should celebrate them and praise God for the blessing they have been to us.

Bartoszek is the chaplain at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

GP Congregational Call & Response exhibit



The Grosse Pointe Congregational Church Arts Ministry hosted the exhibit "Call & Response 2: Poets and Artists in Dialogue," the second in a series. The exhibit was a collaboration between visual artists who brought in several works of art and poets who brought several poems. The artists chose a poem they wanted to respond to by creating a work of art, photograph, painting or mixed media and the poets chose a work of art that inspired them to write a poem in response to how the art made them feel. The intent was to have each poet or artist have one work created independently and one work in response. Left, Linda Allen's mixed-media art, "Song Birds," hangs with the poem she responded to, "Bird Song," by Nadia Ibrahim.



Gloria Whelan responds to Carol LaChiusa's painting, "The Exile," in response to Whelan's poem of the same name.



Carol LaChiusa painted "The Wharf" and talks about the poem. Writer L. Bush wrote in response to her painting. "I paint from my heart and soul," LaChiusa said.

MLK event scheduled

A special worship service remembering the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The service, sponsored by Woods Presbyterian, the Presbytery of Detroit

and the Michigan Black Presbyterian Caucus, welcomes the Rev. Denise Anderson as guest speaker.

Anderson is the coordinator for the Presbyterian Church's office of Racial and Intercultural Justice in Louisville, Ky. She was elected co-moderator of

the 222nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 2016 and has been a leader in the denomination's participation in The Poor People's Campaign.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call (313) 886-4301.

CHURCH EVENTS

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.

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

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.

Right, Lori Zurvalec stands near her ink drawing, "The Serious Moonlight," a black and white drawing with one splash of color — red shoes on a bird sitting on a branch. Zurvalec, who likes the David Bowie song, "Let's Dance," decided to give the bird red shoes. The poet who responded, Suma Karaman Rosen, used the words, "let's dance" at the end of her poem, picking up on the Bowie connection. Zurvalec wore her red shoes for the event.



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always wanted to be one.”

Sullivan herself received care from a Stephen Minister as she went through divorce. Unlike her mother, she sought out the care; however, at the time, the ministry was not operational at her church.

“I spent time talking with a Stephen Minister from another church,” she said. “It was very helpful and I was very grateful. There’s nothing like talking to a person who’s just listening to you. That acceptance and focus on you feels quite luxurious.”

In 2012, Sullivan went through training herself and, “I’ve been thrilled ever since.”

“I found it to be the most amazing experience imaginable,” she continued. “It’s gone beyond what I would have imagined. You seem to be providing a service, but you don’t feel like you’re doing anything. You see the faith and strength in the person you’re serving. ... It has personally, for me, restored my faith at times and expanded it and made me value the small blessings — and there are no small blessings.”

“I truly feel called to it,” Buckley said. “To be grateful for things helps make life more bearable, in general. ... When you can help somebody through something ... it feels good. It’s a job well done.”

“I’ve met people I never thought I would meet,”

she continued. “But it’s not about us. It’s about Christ. We’re on the journey together.”

Giving back

It takes a lot of effort to keep a Stephen Ministry going, Sullivan said, but the work is worth it.

The heart of the ministry is people reaching out and asking for help. The issue they’re going through doesn’t have to be catastrophic, Sullivan said. Everyone’s pain is different, but it all hurts.

“It’s for everything — life’s worst tragedies and little things,” she said. “There doesn’t even have to be an issue. It could be someone who feels the need for solace and comfort. To be able to ask for help and not feel the stigma, that’s the goal.”

“I have witnessed the power of God’s love through the care our Stephen Ministers bring to their care receivers,” she continued. “This is a life-changing program for everyone who participates.”

That sentiment couldn’t be more true for Sullivan, who recalled her mother’s final days confined to a hospital bed and dying of pancreatic cancer. One of her mother’s former care receivers came to say goodbye. They held hands and sang hymns, Sullivan said. “It was beautiful,” she said. “You tell me, who’s the caregiver?”

“Sometimes I don’t know who’s providing the care — the recipient or the Stephen Minister,” she continued. “Any Stephen Minister will tell you that. It’s amazing.”

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Basketball

NORTH VS. SOUTH BOYS

Rivals net split on hardwood

South clutch vs. rival

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The setting was perfect for a high school basketball game.

Rivalry was the main event, the Grosse Pointe North gymnasium was packed and loud.

Student sections and pep bands were at their best, and the game delivered as Grosse Pointe South edged Grosse Pointe North 69-62 behind clutch shooting.

"We responded to their runs and that was the difference," South head coach Troy Glasser said. "We shot the ball fairly well, especially in that first quarter. It's a big win



South's Daryl Houston, No. 11, goes up for a shot with North's Joe Ayrault contesting the attempt.

for us.



North's Joe Rheume, right, scored 19 points to lead the Norsemen.

"However, we were sloppy at times and that made it a close game. We will work on that in practice."

The Blue Devils couldn't miss in the first quarter as they jumped out to a 24-12 lead.

North head coach Andy Ayrault and his Norsemen chipped away, using their superior size to score in the paint.

The Norsemen won the second quarter 18-10 to close the gap to 34-30 at the half.

The Blue Devils kept the Norsemen at arm's length the entire second half. Every time the Norsemen would cut the deficit from 10 or eight points to four points, they would miss a shot and the Blue Devils would come right back and hit a shot.

In the fourth quarter,

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NORTH VS. SOUTH GIRLS

Norsemen build big lead

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team had no trouble winning round No. 1 against city rival Grosse Pointe South last week.

The host Norsemen led 18-0 after the first quarter, 38-5 at the half and 45-5 midway through the third quarter before coasting to a 49-37 victory.

"Loved our approach to the game," North head coach Gary Bennett said. "All business from the very beginning. I was very happy with our intensity level and with our focus on the game plan. We were ready to play. I thought we played with a lot of maturity and sense of purpose."

It was evident from the opening few minutes the



North's Julia Ayrault blocks a shot taken by South's Alexa Downey in the first half of the rivalry game.

Norsemen brought their "A" game. It was 11-0 just two minutes into the first quarter as they scored several easy baskets thanks to open lanes to the basket.

Seniors Julia Ayrault, Maddie Mills and Evelyn Zacharias dominated, as did junior Christina Braker in the paint and sophomore Maddie Kohler at the point.

The Norsemen starting five made it look easy as they built the big half-time lead and extended it to 40 points in the third quarter.

"We didn't play the way I thought we would play in this game, especially on the defensive end," South head coach Kevin Richards said. "I give North a lot of credit because Gary had his kids ready to play. They took it to us. Our kids battled, though, and played hard to the end."

The Blue Devils did continue to play hard and turned the 40-point deficit to 24 at the end of the third quarter. It was 47-23

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Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Ladies sweep opposition

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team improved to 4-1 after sweeping visiting Port Huron and Troy last week.

Head coach Kristin Remillet and her team scored 136.445 points, while Port Huron was second with 108.475 and Troy had 42.55.

The biggest difference

came on the uneven parallel bars where GPU scored 32.375 points to only half for the others.

On the bars, sophomore Cate Gagnier led the way with a 9.025, followed by Emma Scott with 8.15, Elizabeth Byarski with 7.825, Maeve Jamieson with 7.35, Ava Hopko with 6.2 and Emma Burney with 5.125.

GPU's highest total

came on the floor exercise with a total of 35.525.

The seven girls who earned points in the event for GPU were Natalie Gatteno with 8.2, Lexi Poulos with 8.25, Lucido with 8.325, Jamieson with 8.75, Burney with 8.95, Byarski with 9.0 and Gagnier with 9.45.

The girls began the meet on the vault and earned 34.9 points, led

by Gagnier's 9.5.

She was followed by Poulos and Kate Ennis, who each scored an 8.5, and Lucido had an 8.4. Byarski scored an 8.3, while Scott had an 8.0 and Jamieson a 7.9.

On the balance beam, Scott led the way with an 8.65, followed by Gagnier with 8.55, Byarski with 8.25, Ennis with 8.175, Hopko with 7.975, Jamieson with 7.575 and Gatteno with 7.25.



Grosse Pointe's Cate Gagnier performs her routine on the uneven parallel bars.

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Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen split two

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team had little trouble disposing of Warren Regina last week, winning 10-4.

"The girls played with a lot of energy and it showed with an effective offense," head coach Casey Quick said.

It was a Murphy-led game as senior Clare Murphy scored four goals and had one assist,

and her younger sister Erin had three goals and three assists.

Other goal scorers were senior Hannah Martin, junior Darby Pickford and freshman Lucy Turrini.

Others with assists were junior Madalyn Durkee, Pickford, freshman Clare Ramsdell, senior Maddie McIntyre, senior Polly Fitzgerald and Turrini.

Senior Ally Saigh earned the win in net.

Last weekend, North lost a tough 2-1 overtime home game to Northville.

"We didn't play with any energy tonight and didn't pass the puck like we worked on in practice," Quick said. "This is a tough loss and might come back to haunt us in the final regular season standings."

It was a scoreless opening period, but Clare Murphy tallied in the second to give the Norsemen the 1-0 lead.

It stayed 1-0 until the Mustangs tied it with 6:01 left in the third period, and they won the game with a goal one minute into the extra session.

Both of the Mustangs' goals came on deflections.

Sophomore Mia Cassar took the tough loss as North dipped to 4-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey league and 8-3 overall.

Boys hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights get needed win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys hockey team is back in the win column after last week's 9-3 home victory over Romeo.

The Knights dominated the game from the get-go, scoring at least two goals in each period.

"The guys have been working hard, and I think the break gave them a chance to catch their breath after a busy couple of weeks," head coach Mike Maltese said. "I liked what I saw tonight."

It was all Knights in the first two periods as they built a 4-0 lead.

In the opening period, juniors Will Nicholson and Tristan Reilly scored goals.

Freshman Doug Wood assisted the first tally, while Reilly's goal came unassisted and was put on the highlight reel after

he scored while being dragged to the ice.

In the second period, it was seniors Dace Potas and Darcy Huang lighting the lamp.

Sophomore goaltender Grant Lindsay was busy in net. He made all the saves to keep the shutout going.

Defense took a backseat in the third period as the teams combined for eight goals.

Nicholson scored two special-team goals to give him a hat trick. He scored a short-handed goal in the first minute of the third period and added a power-play tally four minutes later.

Senior C.J. Morris, sophomore Tommy Gebeck and senior Dan Bowen also scored in the frantic final stanza.

Wood finished three assists, and Lindsay had the win in net, saving 41 of 44 shots.

ULS improved to 4-9 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils take 2 of 3

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls hockey team won two of three games last week.

The Blue Devils started with a 6-4 win over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

Head coach John Weidenbach watched freshman Molly Ryszewski score four goals and add an assist to lead the offense.

Junior Lauren Benoit posted three points on one goal and two assists, and senior Madison Ryszewski had one goal and one assist.

Junior Kelsie Francis

had four assists, while senior Alyssa Czech had one assist.

Senior Madeline Kelly earned the win in net.

Molly Ryszewski had two goals and four assists in the Blue Devils' 6-3 win over Birmingham.

Francis, Madison Ryszewski and freshman Victoria Roth had a goal and assist apiece, while freshman Olivia Livingstone had the other goal.

Benoit and freshman Mallory Burdick chipped in with one assist apiece to help Kelly earn another win in net.

South played its third game of the week last

weekend, falling 6-4 to host Farmington Hills Mercy.

These teams have developed a rivalry the past couple of years.

They met in the Division 1 state championship game two years ago with Mercy winning.

Last season it was the Blue Devils knocking the Marlins out of the playoffs in the semifinals.

The Blue Devils trailed 2-0 after the first quarter, but tied it 3-3 after a strong second period.

The Marlins were able to win the final period 3-1 to win the league contest.

Molly Ryszewski led the Blue Devils with two goals and one assist, while Benoit chipped in with one goal and one assist.

Roth scored the Blue Devils' other goal, and Madison Ryszewski had an assist.

Grosse Pointe South is 7-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 10-1 overall.

Coming up for the Blue Devils are home games at 4:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, against Warren Regina at Fraser, and at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, against Plymouth-Canton-Salem.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen beat Ravens

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team was in the win column last week, beating Royal Oak 9-1 on the road.

"It was nice to be on the good side of a game like that for a change," head coach Joe Drouin said.

Seniors Connor Albrecht and Chris Lorelli led the way in scoring, netting four and three goals, respectively. Senior Frank Lucido and junior Michael Burns also scored goals.

Two of Albrecht's goals came on the power play and one was short-handed.

Drawing assists were senior Joseph Hellwarth, juniors Brock Spicher and Joseph Lucido and

sophomore Nicholas Asimakis.

Junior Brian Clugg was the winning net-minder, saving 14 of 15 shots in the mercy-shortened game.

Last weekend, North celebrated senior night with Port Huron Northern coming to town.

Albrecht, Hellwarth, Frank Lucido, Lorelli and Kyle Losinski, and their parents, were honored before the game.

It wasn't the Norsemen's night in a 9-4 defeat.

Lorelli scored two goals, while Albrecht and Frank Lucido tallied one goal apiece.

Losinski started the game and took the loss.

Grosse Pointe North is 2-11 overall and 0-7 in the MIHL.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Rough week

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was a rough week for the Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team.

The Blue Devils dropped league games to Birmingham Brother Rice, 4-2, and Trenton, 4-1, plus lost 5-3 to Division 3 defending state champion Detroit Country Day.

"We were in the games, but then not in the games," head coach Bobby McKillop said. "We knew we had to bring solid efforts to win these games, and we didn't."

In the Brother Rice contest, they fell behind 3-0 before making it 3-1 on a goal by junior Alec

Stapleton.

It was a 4-1 game when junior Bradley Burdick scored to round out the scoring.

Junior Will Strickler took the loss, and was unfortunately on the losing end of the game with Trenton.

Sophomore Joseph Scoglio scored to tie the game 1-1 in the opening period.

Trenton scored the next three goals to win the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League contest.

Junior Keegan Spitz, sophomore Sean Clarke and Scoglio scored for the visitors.

South dropped to 1-5-1 in the MIHL and 4-7-1 overall.

G.P. NORTH

Time for fun

The Grosse Pointe North boys and girls hockey teams are planning a coed Hockey Fights Cancer game for 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at St. Clair Shores Civic Arena.

All ticket proceeds, as well as proceeds from the raffles and bake sale, will be donated to the American Cancer Society. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

The game will feature "Team Jake" vs. "Team Blake."

"Team Jake" will be captained by Jake Pennar, a student at Montieth Elementary School, a future Norseman and a cancer warrior.

"Team Blake" will be captained by Blake Beers, a student at Ferry Elementary School, also future Norseman and a cancer survivor.

In addition to the game, the event will feature a ceremonial puck drop, a performance of the National Anthem by members of the GPN choir and opportunities for those in attendance to show who they fight for in the battle against cancer.

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Swimming

GROSSE POINTE GATORS

Team excels

The Grosse Pointe Gators swim team became a member of the Bronze Medal Club as part of USA Swimming's 2019 Club Excellence program.

The Gators were one of only three clubs in Michigan to receive recognition and was the only metro-Detroit team recognized. The honor makes the Gators one of the top 200 swim clubs in the country.

"USA Swimming is fortunate to have tremendous athletes and coaches doing incredible work at the club level from coast-to-coast," said USA Swimming Managing Director of Sport Development Joel Shinofield, "and they are laying the groundwork for the future success of USA Swimming at the international level."

The Gators features a roster of 200 ranging from entry-level swimmers in kindergarten to nationally-recognized high school students who go on to swim at the collegiate level.

Under head coach John Fodell, who also heads Grosse Pointe South's boys and girls teams, the Gator team has grown during the past 15 years; in 2016, Fodell took two swimmers to the Olympic trials in Omaha.

"I'm proud of what our



Assistant Age-group Coach Nick Rancilio, left, and Assistant Head Coach Tony Grice with the Grosse Pointe Gators at Oakland University this fall.

swimmers have done and how hard they work at the sport they love," he said. "This recognition is well earned."

This year's team is led by Sophie Housey, Renee Liu and Clarice Fisher, all of Grosse Pointe Farms, and Alex Capizzo of Fraser.

In addition, Kiera Collins, Sienna Clark and Drew Vandeputte of Grosse Pointe Park and Mischa Eng and Troy Liu of Grosse Pointe Farms were invited to represent Team Michigan at the Mid-States 14 & Under All-State Meet in Indianapolis Jan. 6 and 7.

The fastest four Michigan swimmers in each event were selected to swim against teams

from Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Gators President Colleen Jogan sees the honor as parent of two swimmers.

"Grosse Pointe Gators is such a strong swim family, working together to bring out the best in everyone," she said. "It's exciting to see these kids who come to practice every day at South and Brownell gain a place in the national spotlight."

The Gators are entering the second half of their season, which features meets in Indianapolis and Oakland University, their own meet, Fast & Furious, the last weekend of January, along with Junior Olympics

and State Championships in Michigan. They also compete in national meets in Florida.

Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club is a year-round competitive swimming team offering professional coaching and technique instruction for swimmers of all ages and abilities. For more information, visit gpgatorsswim.org.

South results

Fodell's Grosse Pointe South boys swimming and diving team beat Chippewa Valley 131-52 in its Macomb Area Conference Red Division opener last week.

With the victory, the Blue Devils improved to 1-0 in the division and 5-0 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen battle in Red

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Nick Valice and his Grosse Pointe North boys swimming and diving team nearly upset Macomb Dakota last week.

The Norsemen lost 97-88 to the Cougars in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division opener.

The squads stood toe-to-toe in nearly every event. The difference came in two events where the Norsemen were outscored 20-12.

The Norsemen started strong as Gianni Carlino, Owen Schaaf, Brian Veneri and Ian Donahue won the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:46.41.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Donahue was second and Veneri fifth with times of 1:55.69 and 2:07.37.

Schaaf, Carlino and Kyle MacGillis placed second, third and fifth in the 200-yard freestyle, turning in times of 2:07.58, 2:08.89 and 2:30.25, and in the 50-yard freestyle Tommy Hartzell and Hunter Adelson finished second and fourth with times of 24.19 and 24.88.

Mulkey Trever and Andrew Peabody took second and third in diving, earning 182.70 and 158.78 points for the

Norsemen, and in the 100-yard butterfly Veneri won with a time of 57.75.

Also in the butterfly, Peabody placed fifth at 1:07.66 to give the Norsemen an additional point.

Hartzell and Adelson took second and fourth in the 100-yard freestyle with times of 53.76 and 55.64, and in the 500-yard freestyle Donahue won with a time of 5:12.29, while Jack Gehlert took third at 5:29.36.

The Norsemen stayed close by winning the 200-yard freestyle relay as Owen Nowacki, Gehlert, Schaaf and Adelson had a time of 1:40.50, and Carlino won the 100-yard backstroke at 1:00.88.

Max Kluge was fourth in the backstroke with a time of 1:08.99, and in the 100-yard breaststroke, Schaaf was first with a time of 1:03.20, while MacGillis was fourth at 1:15.34.

The Norsemen took second in the 400-yard freestyle relay with Carlino, Donahue, Hartzell and Veneri posting a time of 3:33.74.

Before the holiday break, North beat L'Anse Creuse and Auburn Hills Avondale to see its record stand at 2-1 overall.

Next is a home meet Tuesday, Jan. 29, against Grosse Pointe South.



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Basketball

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the Norsemen kept it close riding the back of seniors Joe Rheaume, Joe Ayrault and Hunter Levick. The trio helped the Norsemen cut a 10-point deficit to four, 60-56, with 3:43 left.

They had possession and a chance to cut it to two or one with a huge basket.

Once again they missed a three-pointer, and the Blue Devils raced back to make it a 63-56 game after freshman Will Johnson drilled a three-pointer.

The Blue Devils hit another bucket to make it a 65-56 game and it was lights out for the Norsemen.

Seniors Ryan Downey and Luke Adams teamed up with Johnson, sophomores Daryl Houston and Thomas Hessburg and junior Nick Fannon to score their 16 points in the fourth quarter.

Houston led the Blue Devils with 17 points, followed by Johnson with



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

South head coach Troy Glasser and the South student section behind him keep a close eye on the action on the court.

16, Downey with 15, Adams with 15, Hessburg with four and Fannon with two.

Hessburg led the Blue Devils with seven rebounds and Johnson had six.

For the Norsemen, Rheaume had 19 points and eight rebounds, while Ayrault had 16

points and seven rebounds.

Levick finished with 10 points, followed by junior Cameron Perrino with seven, senior Troy Herd with six, senior Owen Martinbianco with two and senior Steven Bly with one.

Earlier in the week, South crushed Utica Ford

68-37 as Johnson had 18 points and 10 rebounds.

The Blue Devils are 3-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 6-5 overall.

North used a Perrino basket at the buzzer to edge Romeo 52-50 to see its record move to 2-3 in the White Division and 5-6 overall.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Garvey's big nights lift Knights

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Sophomore Delaney Garvey recorded a triple-double to power the University Liggett School girls basketball team to a 61-27 home win over Detroit Cristo Rey Monday evening.

Garvey had 22 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists, plus blocked two shots in the victory. It was her first triple-double.

"The girls played very well in all phases of the game, except for communicating," head coach John Bandos said. "We needed this win tonight."

The Knights had season highs in points, 61, and rebounds, 37. In addition, they had only 17 turnovers to 23 for Cristo Rey.

Bandos and assistant coach Amanda Amine have worked hard in practice, working with the girls to get them to play more consistent basketball at both ends of the court.

They led 14-6 after the first quarter, 30-9 at the half and 47-18 after three quarters. They also added 14 points in the fourth quarter as it was the first time this season the Knights scored in double figures in all four quarters.

Junior Maggie Dunn had 10 points, while freshman Olivia Dickey had eight points and five rebounds.

Seniors Maria Pas and Izzy Brusilov chipped in with five and four points, and freshman Ava Said had six points.

Pas had five rebounds, and senior Emma Wujek had seven. Everyone played in the home game.

In other action last week, ULS lost 36-28 to Chesterfield Austin Catholic as Garvey had 18 points.

ULS is 1-1 in the Catholic League and 3-6 overall.

Boys results

The University Liggett School boys basketball team hoped to get the new year off to a good start.

"Right now we have three players out with injuries, one starter and one who plays starter minutes that we hope to get back by the end of next week but next man up," head coach Solomon Spann said. "We were unable to match their defensive intensity tonight and they were able to make us uncomfortable. At half time I told the team that they are doing to us what we should be doing to them."

The host Knights lost last week 62-28 to league foe Waterford Lakes as junior Nick Post led the way with eight points and sophomore Cameron Strong had seven.

Last weekend ULS lost 48-35 to Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

The game was close in the first half as Foley led 17-14 at half time. The Knights were outscored 10-2 to start the third quarter.

Freshmen Alex George and Strong paced the Knights with 12 points each.

During the holiday break, ULS lost 48-46 to Allen Park Cabrini and 60-46 to Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

ULS dropped to 0-2 in the Catholic League and 1-9 overall.

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as the Blue Devils made six three-pointers in the period, out-scoring the Norsemen 18-9.

There was a time where the Norsemen couldn't get the ball over half-court as the Blue Devils' pressing defense made life difficult for the home team.

The Blue Devils also won the fourth quarter 14-2 to dwindle the deficit to a respectable number. The Blue Devils did win the turnover battle, forcing the Norsemen into 30 miscues, while they had 22 with most coming in the first two quarters.

The Norsemen were led by Ayrault with 13 points, six rebounds and four blocked shots, while Mills had 10 points. Zacharias scored seven points, followed by Kohler with five, Braker with four, senior Rachel Sexton with two, senior Rachel Liagre with two,



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

South's Keely Conlan is swarmed in the paint by North's Julia Ayrault, Christina Braker and Maddie Mills.

senior Cariele' Humphries with two, senior Regan Sliwinski with two and junior Hannah Davis with two.

For the Blue Devils, senior Savannah Srebernak had 12 points, all in the third quarter on four three-pointers, and sophomore Alexa

Downey had 11 points.

Seniors Sydney Hall and Maria Hessburg, as well as freshman Kamryn Richards, each scored three points, followed by senior Jetwyn Wilson with two, sophomore Keely Conlan with two and junior Sophie Iafrate with one.

Earlier in the week, North beat Utica Eisenhower 57-39 to improve to 3-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 7-1 overall, while South lost 54-50 to Warren Cousino, dropping to 0-3 in the division and 4-3 overall.

Youth basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Sign up for shooting clinic

The Grosse Pointe South girls varsity basketball team presents the Shooting Lab Saturday, Jan. 26, and Saturday, Feb. 16, from 8 to 11 a.m., in the high school gymnasium.

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Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Short-handed Norsemen give chase

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Derek Davison is exercising a little patience with his Grosse Pointe North wrestling team during its mid-season slump.

Last week, the Norsemen lost league meets to St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, 40-37, and St. Clair Shores Lakeview, 46-25, plus finished 1-3 in the Norsemen Classic to take seventh.

"We don't have our full line-up, and that is hurting our chances of winning these dual meets," Davison said. "Giving away points with voids isn't what we expect, but that is what we are faced with at the moment."

"However, the kids are working hard and we should have our lineup back soon enough, which will help."

Against Lake Shore, winners were seniors Ray Hamilton, Elliot Lyman, Julian Martin-Turner and Hussein Ali, sophomore Gavin Gregorec and freshman Max Koenigbauer.

Against the Huskies, Martin-Turner, Hamilton, Lyman, Koenigbauer and senior Charles Steward were victorious.

The Norsemen would have beaten the Shorians and might have beaten the Huskies if they didn't have the voids.

North is 1-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division and 4-5 overall.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 — about (spread the word)
 - 6 Utters
 - 12 Grads
 - 13 Recluse
 - 14 ymnosophist's practice
 - 15 Incompetent
 - 16 Vicinity
 - 17 Sicilian spouter
 - 19 Tier
 - 20 Onetime NYC mayor
 - 22 Writer Buscaglia
 - 24 Sternward
 - 27 Near the treasure
 - 29 "Thin Man" dog
 - 32 Just one thing after another?
 - 35 Deserve
 - 36 Arp's movement
 - 37 Poehler or Grant
 - 38 Panasonic competitor
 - 40 Incline

- 42 Slithery squeezer
 - 44 Not so much
 - 46 Radius neighbor
 - 50 German Chancellor Merkel
 - 52 Raise the anchor
 - 54 Successful player
 - 55 Hale and hearty
 - 56 Eight English kings
 - 57 Wear away
- DOWN**
- 1 Unclear view
 - 2 Discourteous
 - 3 Eskimo boat
 - 4 Officeholders
 - 5 It gets punched
 - 6 Avoid
 - 7 Punishment-related
 - 8 Geological time
 - 9 Food of the gods

- 10 Narc's measure
- 11 Crockpot creation
- 12 Literary collection
- 18 Menaces
- 21 Possess
- 23 Chow down
- 24 Expert
- 25 Govt. lender
- 26 Seasoning herb
- 28 Guaranteed
- 30 Male turkey
- 31 One or more
- 33 Business abbr.
- 34 Hoosgow
- 39 Back street
- 41 Disney pachyderm
- 42 Wild party
- 43 Never again?
- 45 41-Down's "wings"
- 47 Noisy
- 48 Schnozz
- 49 Illustrations
- 51 Blunder
- 53 Neither mate

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle
Solution for last weeks puzzle 1/10/19

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

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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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