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## Sign ordinance amended

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Responding to First Amendment concerns of Farms residents, city attorney William Burgess submitted an amendment to Ordinance No. 193 “An Ordinance to Regulate Signs” during the Farms City Council

meeting Monday, Dec. 4. City council unanimously approved the amendment.

Farms resident Tina Agnello and several other residents expressed opposition to the ordinance’s regulation of “Signs in Residential and in Community Service

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## Done for now DTE to resume work in 2018

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND WOODS** — The DTE Energy crews replacing gas lines in the Farms and Woods have packed up and moved out to return as early as February 2018 to resume infrastructure upgrades.

replaces more than 140 miles of cast-iron and steel gas lines with flexible polyethylene lines in older Michigan communities, including Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Woods. DTE also is replacing current gas meters with advanced meters.

Areas undergoing gas

The multi-year gas main renewal program

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## Happy Holly days

The 15th annual **HOLLYFEST**, a fundraiser for The Family Center, took place Nov. 30 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Hundreds turned out in support of the center, which serves families throughout their lives, from nursery to nursing home. The event included cocktails, a silent auction and dinner. For more **HOLLYFEST** photos, see page 8A.

PHOTO BY DON SCHULTE PHOTOGRAPHY

## Park atrium close to completion New year brings new rubbish carts, schedule

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The new Tompkins Center atrium at Windmill Pointe Park is close to completion. The structure was constructed in South Carolina by Florian Solar Products and is waiting to be shipped. City Manager Dale Krajniak said the footings are in and it’s just a matter of constructing the joists where the atrium will connect with the existing structure. He said the atrium should be open for operation the first week of January.

The atrium is paid for by the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation. Foundation Treasurer and Park Councilwoman Barbara Detwiler said the atrium



The Tompkins Center atrium is close to completion. City Manager Dale Krajniak said it should be open by the first week of January.

RENDERING BY JERRY ROCHON

will be a beautiful addition to the park.

“It’s absolutely amazing,” Detwiler said. “It will be great for the Tompkins Center because it’s rented something like 225 days out of 365. We have weddings there, we have graduations, we have retirement parties. It will just add to the ambiance of the Tompkins Center

and allow it to be a better resource for the Park community.”

The atrium will be installed on the water side of the center allowing a view of Lake St. Clair. It adds to the affordable appeal of the center, Detwiler said.

“It is a beautiful project,” Detwiler said. “If you think about it, it is a beautiful venue for a wedding.

Where can you rent a beautiful facility for \$1,000? Last year’s project we expanded our kitchen, so now we have a state-of-the-art catering kitchen. We renovated the bathrooms. We’ve really upgraded our facilities, so this is just the icing on the cake to add this beautiful atrium.”

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The city is helping Woods residents throw out the old in 2018 with enhancements to rubbish collection that include new 64-gallon rolling carts for mixed-waste and recycling collection. Included are new pick-up dates as well.

In November, the Woods city council approved a five-year rubbish and recycling collection agreement with the bid of the lowest qualified bidder, GFL Environmental Services, beginning Jan. 1, 2018.

In October, GFL, the city’s rubbish vendor

since purchasing Rizzo Services in 2016, submitted a bid of \$5,788,296.56 annually, falling nearly \$2 million below the Advanced Disposal bid of \$7,608,165.00. Contract specifications include the city’s option to extend the agreement five years at the same rates and disallows a cost adjustment based on fluctuating fuel costs.

Scope of services includes delivering 64-gallon rubbish and recycling carts to residents beginning March 2018. Residents will own

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**Mike Maltese**

Home: Grosse Pointe Farms University Liggett School boys hockey head coach who has team off to perfect start



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Welcome to the neighborhood

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosted an Oct. 13 ribbon-cutting event for Fisher Pointe Dental, which included owner Dr. Jennifer Holtzman holding the scissors with then-City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace, along with chamber staff, employees, family and friends. Fisher Pointe Dental is located at 383 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe. For more information, call (313) 882-1490.

Better Health Market moving to Pointe Plaza

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Better Health Market & Café is moving to Pointe Plaza and doubling in size.

The natural, organic and nutritional products grocery store announced the move and expansion of its Grosse Pointe location Nov. 30.

The move from the current Better Health location at 19221 Mack will follow construction in the 12,500-square-foot space in Pointe Plaza beginning January 2018, after the closure of Barnes &

Noble.

The new Grosse Pointe Better Health Market & Café will expand offerings of organic produce, meat and seafood, baked goods, vitamins and supplements. The store's Nature's Kitchen café will feature an organic salad bar, hot food bar, desserts, smoothies and raw juices.

The Grosse Pointe store is one of 14 managed by the Michigan-based, family-owned market chain.

— Melissa Walsh



COURTESY PHOTO

Season's greetings

In anticipation of a wonderful Christmas season, several shopkeepers gathered for a photo Monday, Dec. 4, to encourage Grosse Pointers to shop local, dine local and play in The Village.

Roseville Allstate agent recognized for volunteerism

Allstate agency owner Mark Brooks recently secured a \$1,000 Allstate Foundation Helping Hands in the Community grant to support the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation.

As a volunteer with the organization, Brooks joins thousands

of Allstate agency owners and financial specialists around the country who aim to improve their communities by supporting local causes, such as raising money for domestic violence programs or empowering youth to reach their full potential.

Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation is one of thousands of organizations this year that will receive Allstate Foundation Helping Hands in the Community grants secured by agency owners and financial specialists on behalf of the nonprofit with which they volunteer. The grants support organizations addressing domestic violence, youth empowerment, disaster preparedness, hunger and other causes.

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# Park man charged with CSC

By Anthony Viola  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — David Michael Dawson, 55, of Grosse Pointe Park, was arraigned Saturday, Oct. 14, on four counts of criminal sexual conduct. It is alleged Dawson touched four adolescent girls' buttocks while in Village stores between July and October.

One of those charges, criminal sexual conduct second-degree, a felony, can carry up to 15 years in prison because one of the girls was younger than age 13. The other three are misdemeanor CSC fourth-degree charges.

Dawson pleaded not guilty.

During Dawson's preliminary exam Monday, Dec. 4, the four girls took the stand to testify. The first incident occurred in The Village Kroger in either July or August. Three friends were in the store when a man, later

identified as Dawson, brushed against one of them, touching her buttocks in the process. At the time, the girl thought it was an accident. She told her mother later that day, but did not tell anyone else. However, her two friends witnessed what happened.

Thursday, Aug. 17, one of the girls who was witness to the Kroger incident said she was in Panera Bread in The Village when Dawson brushed up against her, touching her buttocks. She, too, thought it was an accident at the time and didn't tell anyone what happened.

Then, Thursday, Oct. 12, two other girls were victim to the same thing. One girl said Dawson allegedly brushed up against her as she was walking. Again, she thought it was an accident, but later when Dawson allegedly grabbed her buttocks while she was getting water, she thought other-



**David Michael Dawson was charged with four counts of criminal sexual conduct for allegedly touching four adolescent girls' buttocks in Village stores between July and October.**

wise.

Shortly after, when she told her friends what happened, it was revealed another friend had a similar experience during the same visit. Then the girl from the Aug. 17 incident, who also was present at Panera Oct. 12, revealed her experience along with the connection to the Kroger incident.

Defense attorney

Henry Scharg argued there needed to be more evidence the brushings were intentional and sexual in nature.

"They all thought it appeared to be accidental," Scharg said. "They all described it as a brushing. So there's a real question of whether it was intentional and whether it was for sexual gratification."

Assistant Wayne County prosecuting attorney Jennifer Tink agreed the girls thought it was accidental when viewed as a singular event. But the repeated occurrence creates suspicion, Tink said.

"You don't accidentally bump into and brush the bottoms of four different girls within a month's time span and they are all accidents," Tink said.

Judge Russell Ethridge bound Dawson over to Wayne County Third Circuit Court. His arraignment on information is scheduled 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 18.

# Day remanded until trial for Woods home invasion, sexual assault

By Melissa Walsh  
Staff Writer

**DETROIT** — Wayne County Third Circuit Judge Kevin J. Cox denied bond to Gerald Day Jr. during a hearing Friday, Dec. 1, for six active criminal cases resulting in at least 15 felony counts in Detroit, Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Farms.

Day, 28, is remanded to custody until he stands trial March 12, 2018, for crimes committed in Grosse Pointe Woods April 15, 2017, including first-degree home invasion, two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, one count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct, assault with intent to commit armed robbery, felon in possession of a firearm and felony firearm.

Friday's bond hearing began with Day's defense attorney, Christine Grand, requesting a "reasonable bond be set," given Day lives with his mother.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Danielle Bennetts requested the remand based on the proximity of Day's mother's residence on Moross to the location of the Woods home invasion and sexual assault in the 19000 block of Raymond.

A police search of Day's bedroom at the Moross residence uncov-

ered items the prosecution links to the April 15 crimes in the Woods and two home invasions in Grosse Pointe Farms April 23. The items include a .25 caliber handgun and a backpack containing a ski mask, flat screwdriver and pepper spray.

Bennetts argued Day is "a definite flight risk and a definite danger to the community," citing he was charged with first-degree home invasion, unlawful imprisonment, two counts of felonious assault and domestic violence committed in Detroit Dec. 20, 2016, prior to the crimes in the Grosse Pointe communities. Day faces life in prison for the charges in the Woods sexual assault case alone, she said.

Day was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court in July by Grosse Pointe Woods Judge Ted Metry on a \$1 million bond as a habitual offender. Grosse Pointe Farms Judge Matthew Rumora bound Day over for the Farms home invasions cases after hearing evidence from the prosecution during a preliminary examination Nov. 6.

Evidence presented to Rumora was collected by Woods police at the crime scene and from Day's bedroom, by Farms police at and near the

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# Park fire snuffed out

Firefighters responded to a fire in the 1100 block of Bedford approximately 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29. Director of Public Safety Stephen Poloni said the homeowner was doing construction work in the second-floor bathroom when a torch he was using started a fire. Both the City and the Park responded and did a great job, Poloni said. "They got to it quick and knocked it down really well," Poloni said.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

# DTE:

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main replacement in 2018 include a small patch of Grosse Pointe Woods south of Cook Road near Monteith Elementary School and in Grosse Pointe Farms from the northern border with Grosse Pointe Woods to Moross between Mack and Lakeshore, Kerby to Fisher between Mack and Chalfonte and Touraine to Fisher between Chalfonte and Lakeshore.

Residents in these areas will receive a letter from DTE 30 days prior to gas main work beginning near their homes. DTE representatives also will go door to door as they're setting up to provide information about the renewal program and instructions for meter replacement. This will be a window of opportunity for residents to request where they would like their new meter placed.

"They should make sure they get the attention of the crew leader if they have some specific needs with respect to meter placement," DTE Communications Manager Pete Ternes said.

"We'll do our best to accommodate them," DTE Regional Manager Jennifer Whitteaker added. "The most effi-

cient way is to put the meter where the line comes into the home. Moving it to the back will incur additional cost because that's not the most efficient place to put it."

"We can't honor everybody's request, because that would raise the cost for everybody," Ternes said.

Crews will arrive with trucks carrying supplies for the work and personnel to communicate with residents impacted by the work.

"We asked customers when would they like to hear from us and they said, 'When you're digging holes in our front yard,'" Ternes said. "So this is a way to let them know what this truck's job is."

Grosse Pointe gas mains mostly are underneath sidewalks, Ternes said. Rather than having to break up the streets, DTE's gas main crews need to break up sidewalks, also affecting landscaping.

"They'll restore what has been disturbed," Ternes said.

Once the gas lines are replaced, DTE crews perform soft-surface restoration of disturbed landscaping and hard-surface restoration of sidewalks.

Whitteaker said DTE is working with city management to coordinate any concurrent infra-

structure projects, such as road or sewer work.

There's a strategy in determining where the crews go next, explained Whitteaker. The engineers consider safety and reliability of gas delivery to residents' homes in planning replacement of the lines.

"It's a lot about upgrading the infrastructure," Whitteaker said, "but part of that is they have to monitor the pressures. It doesn't look apparent

to us, but the engineers know how to keep the system operating while they're upgrading at the same time."

"We're actually getting better as we go," Ternes said. "As this program gets more mature, we're getting better at following up on issues."

For more information and a map, visit [newlook.dteenergy.com](http://newlook.dteenergy.com). The dedicated number for the main renewal program is (313) 256-6227.

# The Week Ahead

## FRIDAY, DEC. 8

◆ Leaf pick up ends in Grosse Pointe Farms.

## MONDAY, DEC. 11

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 12

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Board of Review meeting, 9 a.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizen's Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack.

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

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# Maltese pumped to lead Liggett

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

After a thorough search to replace Mike Hamilton, University Liggett School chose Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mike Maltese to be the new head coach of the boys hockey program.

Maltese brought an impressive resume to the table and his tutelage to make his players better is a key to his tenure.

“Just like in teaching, I try and build a positive rapport with the team and try to help them reach their potential, or whatever aspirations they may have in the future in hockey and beyond,” Maltese said.

The Knights are off to a solid start at 3-0 under Maltese. He is getting everyone involved and so far they are at the top of their conference, the Michigan Metro Hockey League.

Maltese was talking to Liggett rink manager Rick Lorant about ice time for the following season and Lorant mentioned the former head coach, Mike Hamilton, stepped down to pursue other hockey interests and he should apply.

Maltese applied, was interviewed and was given the head coaching position.

“This hockey program has a tremendous opportunity to turn itself into one of the premier high school hockey programs in the state,” Maltese said.

Liggett is one of the



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

**Liggett head coach Mike Maltese keeps an eye on the flow of the Knights' home game against Divine Child.**

few high school programs in the state to have its own hockey rink on campus.

“Ever since I officially became the head coach here at Liggett, everyone has been very welcoming and excited to see the program’s growth,” Maltese said. “The players make it a pleasure to come to the rink every day, where it’s just an opportunity to get on the ice and skate, where players are usually playing other sports.”

“Here at Liggett we always had a great number turn out to get better in the off-season, which I believe is a step in the right direction, to make hockey enjoyable and that players want to come to the rink every day and get better.”

Maltese played Division I college hockey at Northern Michigan University while maintaining a 3.18 grade point

average. During his time at NMU, Maltese dedicated 25 to 30 hours a week to practices, workouts and games, plus coordinated and led team workouts.

He also was named leader at Northern Michigan University’s Youth Hockey Camp.

His journey through the hockey map started at Harper Woods Notre Dame High School where he earned all-league honors and totaled 46 points in the 2001-02 season.

Maltese advanced to the Belle Tire Midget Major “AAA” program. He was a captain in the 2003-04 season and had 135 points in two seasons. He was drafted by the Des Moines Buccaneers of the U.S. Hockey League in 2004.

He ended up playing junior hockey for the Youngstown Phantoms Jr. “A” team of the North American Hockey

League. He was the Phantoms’ captain, totaled 68 points in two seasons and had six points in 11 career play-off games.

He committed to play at NMU of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. He earned a bachelor’s degree and is a teacher at Bishop Foley High School in Madison Heights. He recently earned a master’s degree in administrative leadership from Grand Valley State University.

His coaching career started in 2011 for the Chicago Fury AAA Hockey Summer Camp and moved to Walled Lake Lakeland, Warren DeLaSalle and most recently Grosse Pointe North.

Maltese had a great role model growing up in Eastpointe, his father Mike Maltese, who coached CYO basketball and high school basketball at Notre Dame in Harper Woods and Pontiac N.D. Prep.

“Having a dad as a coach was something I definitely looked up to growing up,” Maltese said. “I saw the passion, commitment, good times, hard times, road trips and being the ball boy at home games. He always supported my dream of playing hockey at the collegiate level, even though while most kids are going to college after high school, I was traveling to Ohio to play junior hockey and live with a billet family with the dream of receiving a col-



## Woods aglow

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its annual tree lighting at city hall Tuesday, Nov 21. Despite rain, there was a good crowd waiting for Santa to arrive by fire-truck. The tree was lit, hot chocolate and cookies were served and the Grosse Pointe North High School choir sang Christmas carols. Alison Logan whispers to Santa what she wants for Christmas.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

**JoJo and Julius Guido hold up the Christmas list they gave Santa when they visited him at the tree lighting. Both boys asked for a Star Wars pillow, but Julius, right, added “No Coal!” to his list.**

lege scholarship.

“But mostly I admire the part that my dad still had time for his family. He always found time to attend my games in all sports — hockey, basketball and baseball — and always offered basketball references/advice and how they relate to hockey. He still does that

now with coaching. That is something I am trying to do with my family now.”

Maltese also receives plenty of family support from his wife, Dani, and son, Benny. You can’t miss Benny. He has the small hockey stick in his hands and is his father’s biggest fan.

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## RUBBISH:

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their carts following fulfillment of the five-year contract and repair of damaged carts will be the responsibility of GFL.

The rubbish carts are brown. The recycling

carts are green. GFL agreed to allow residents to place no more than five bags next to the carts for special occasions, such as holidays and moving.

The new rubbish/recycling schedule and boundaries are:

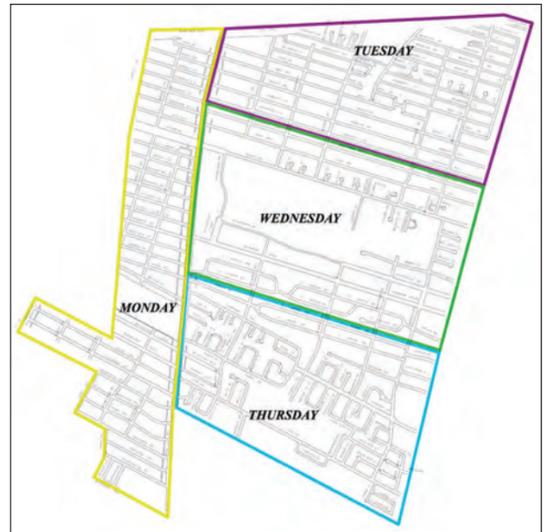
Monday — All streets west of Mack;

Tuesday — East of Mack, from north city limits to Hollywood;

Wednesday — East of Mack, from Hawthorne to Renaud, including North and South;

Thursday — East of Mack, from Oxford, including North and South, to the south city limit.

The New Year holiday falling on a Monday in 2018 will push the first week’s schedule out one day to include a Friday



pick-up. Other holidays affecting the schedule are Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For more information on Woods rubbish collection, visit gpwmi.us; click “New rubbish schedule and guidelines.”

— Melissa Walsh

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**Movers make off with goods**

More than \$62,000 worth of belongings were stolen during a move between Aug. 30 and Sept. 2.

A family in the 10 block of Dodge Place were moving items to their home in New Jersey at the end of August when the movers they hired made off with a truckload of their belongings.

The residents went to New Jersey to meet the movers, but when the movers didn't show up, they called the moving company.

A representative said the truck had broken down and would arrive the next day. The next day, again, no movers.

After repeated calls to the company, the residents were told the truck and all contents could not be located.

— Anthony Viola

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

**Grosse Pointe Park**

**Dog sitter nabs gun**

A dog sitter is suspected in stealing items from a house in the 1100 block of Wayburn between Thursday, Oct. 5, and Tuesday, Nov. 7, while the

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victims were out of town. The items include a Discover credit card and an antique handgun of unknown make.

**Larceny from auto**

An Apple iPad was stolen from a locked vehicle in the 15000 block of Jefferson sometime between 8 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27.

**Passed out**

A man was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, in the 15000 block of Jefferson when he was found passed out behind the wheel of his vehicle.

**Porch thief**

A package was taken from the front porch of a residence in the 1300 block of Kensington between 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. The package contained a blanket and Christmas ornament valued at \$40.

**Son steals tools**

A son is suspected of stealing tools from his father's garage in the 1000 block of Maryland

between Wednesday, Nov. 15, and Saturday, Nov. 18. The items taken include a black Cobalt toolbox with assorted tools and a \$500 black and red Honda power washer.

— Anthony Viola

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

**Grosse Pointe Farms**

**Wallet stolen**

A Grosse Pointe South High School student reported to police at 6:18 p.m., Monday, Nov. 27, her wallet was taken from either her coat pocket or backpack at the school that day. She reported the wallet contained \$75 to \$80 cash, her debit card, insurance card, driver's license and Social Security card.

**Someone else's plate and pills**

Police arrested the driver of a 1998 Cadillac at 4:14 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, during a traffic stop after noticing the vehicle had a cracked windshield and items hanging from the rearview mirror obstructing the driver's view. During the stop, police

discovered the vehicle license plate belonged to a 1998 Ford truck, the driver had a suspended license and a bottle of Oxycodone pills not prescribed to the driver.

**Drunk driving**

Police arrested a 30-year-old Detroit man at 3:25 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, for drunken driving after pulling him over for drifting out of a lane along Moross near Moross Place.

A preliminary breath test at the scene showed .13 percent blood alcohol content. After detaining the man, police flagged a taxi for the two passengers in the car, who also were drunk.

— Melissa Walsh

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

**Grosse Pointe Shores**

**Loud mower**

A resident in the 800 block of Lakeshore called police to complain about a neighbor cutting the lawn and creating a disturbance 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3.

When officers arrived,

they observed the neighbor mowing his lawn and determined he was not in violation of the noise ordinances.

Officers told the complainant what is covered in the noise ordinance.

— Anthony Viola

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

**Grosse Pointe Woods**

**Marijuana possession, no license**

Police arrested a 27-year-old Detroit man at 9 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28, for driving with a suspended license.

Police uncovered the suspension and a baggie of marijuana in the vehicle after pulling the man over on Mack near Helen for driving with the high-beam headlights on.

A database search found 14 current suspensions and two prior suspension convictions on the man's record.

**Car radio stolen**

Police responded to a report of a theft from a vehicle in the north lot of St. John Hospital & Medical Center at noon, Saturday, Dec. 2.

The driver's side window of the 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee was broken and the radio stolen.

**Home invasion**

A 49-year-old man staying at his stepfather's home in the 900 block of Hidden Lane reported a breaking and entry at 10:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3.

The man said the invasion could have occurred anytime from 10 a.m. that morning when he left the home until returning about 12 hours later. The homeowner was out of town.

The man reported discovering the window of the door from the garage into the house broken and the door unlocked. Inside he saw cabinets and drawers opened and called police.

When police arrived, the man observed the gun safe was tampered with and damaged.

— Melissa Walsh

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

## Novitke appoints council reps to commissions, boards

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Mayor Robert Novitke communicated board and commission appointments during the city council meeting Monday, Nov. 20.

He began by announcing Gary Patrosso as filling George McMullen's seat on the Board of Review. McMullen began his first term as a city council member this month. The board's bylaws disallow city employees or elected officials to serve on the board.

The mayor's council representative appointments to commissions and committees are:

**Beautification Commission** — Todd McConaghy

**Community Tree Commission** — Richard Shetler

**Historical Commission** — McMullen

**Local Officers Compensation Commission** — McMullen

**Planning Commission** — Vicki Granger

**Senior Citizens Commission** — Art Bryant

**Citizens Recreation Commission** — Michael Koester

**Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation Liaison** — Shetler

**Compensation & Evaluation Committee** — Chairman Bryant with McConaghy and Novitke

**Construction Committee** — Chairman Granger with Koester and Novitke

**Finance Committee** — Chairman McConaghy with Koester and Novitke

**Community Events Committee** (formerly Fireworks Committee) — Chairman Novitke with McConaghy, Granger, Woods City Manager Bruce Smith, residents Al Fincham and Chris Fenton and

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce President Jennifer Boettcher

**Mack Avenue Business Study Committee** — Chairman Shetler with McMullen and Novitke

**Public Relations Committee** — Chairman Granger with Koester and Novitke

**Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee** — Novitke and Shetler

**Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce** — Novitke and Bryant

**Appointments to**

boards and organizations are:

**Pension Board Trustee** — Granger

**Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority** — Smith

**Wayne County Community Development Advisory Council** —

Representative Koester; alternate Bryant

**Southeast Michigan Council of Governments** — Delegate Bryant; alternate Smith

**Four residents**

resigned from serving on commissions: Chris

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**DAY:**

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locations of the home invasions and by City of Grosse Pointe police in the backyard of the home on Washington where a home invasion and sexual assault occurred April 22. The City case was dismissed due to the child victim not wanting to testify, but footprint evidence collected there

was submitted by the prosecution in the Farms home invasion cases.

Prior to the motion hearing/final conference scheduled Feb. 2, 2018, the prosecution will submit "possible resolution on all matters" for the defendant to consider, Bennetts told the court.

"If I receive a resolution, I will not wait until final conference to bring it to the court," Grand said.



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## OUR VIEW

Kudos:  
GPFPE,  
grantees

Last week, the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education awarded nearly \$40,000 in grants to some 14 programs in nearly every school in the district. Even more impressive, the grant requests were written locally by teachers, administrators, parents and students across the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

True to GPFPE's mission, technology supporting curriculum, preschool intervention and early literacy programs, special education and STEAM innovation made up a significant portion of the funding, along with grants to support a positive school culture. Following is a complete list.

The grant programs included:

◆ Piloting of Story Champs, A Multi-tiered Language Intervention Curriculum (early childhood) Barnes (\$557)

◆ Early Literacy Lending Library for Preschoolers with Autism (early childhood) Barnes (\$1,491)

◆ Formative Loop-Math Numeracy Program (elementary) Defer and Mason (\$420)

◆ Motivating More With Manipulatives (all elementary schools) (\$2,688)

◆ Improving Informational Discourse, Reading and Writing with Story Champs (elementary) Mason and Poupard (\$616)

◆ Positive School Culture (grades K-5, Head Start) Poupard (\$2,500)

◆ Middle School STEAM Robotics and Electronics (grades 6-8) Brownell and Pierce (\$5,718)

◆ Chromebooks & Cart for English Department (grades 6-8) Parcels (\$8,484)

◆ Chromebook Class Set & Cart for Science Department (grades 6-8) Parcels (\$8,484)

◆ New Choir Uniforms (grades 6-8) Parcels (\$500)

◆ VEXnet ARM Microcontrollers and Squarebots (grades 10-12) South (\$2,000)

◆ Physics Motion Sensor Tracks (grades 9-12) South (\$940)

◆ Gearheads (grades 9-12) North/South (\$2,000)

◆ Peer to Peer Program (K-12th) School District, Special Education (\$2,500)

Totaling \$38,898, the grants were approved Nov. 27 by the GPPSS Board of Education.

"It is the GPFPE mission to bring our community together to fund extraordinary opportunities for our children," said Kathy Fisk, GPFPE grants co-chairwoman. To date, the GPFPE has given the district more than \$3 million.

We would like to congratulate the grant recipients for putting forth the extra effort to not only develop their programs but also go through the grant request process, usually no small task. We also thank the GPFPE for all they do to enhance the educational offerings of the Grosse Pointe public schools.

Pure  
Grosse  
Pointe

This unique look at Grosse Pointe history, which sits in the lobby at Grosse Pointe Park city hall, was assembled by Park City Forester Brian Colter in 2005. The Park's mechanic at the time custom welded the stand and Embree Sign made the labels, which use tree rings to highlight important dates in Grosse Pointe and U.S. history. The tree, which died from Dutch elm disease in 2004, stood at Lakepointe and Jefferson. "It gives me great gratification when on a daily basis I see people, both young and old, checking it out," Colter said.

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## LETTERS

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

School response:  
Naysayers  
among us

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Public School System has a reputation for excellence. In the past few years, two of its elementary schools were recognized as National Blue Ribbon Schools, Niche rated its teachers No. 1 in Michigan and its students have achieved countless awards, including National Merit Scholarships and Advanced Placement Scholars awards. Our students have gone on to attend prestigious universities and colleges throughout the world. Indeed, if you have attended the first hour of any board meeting, you undoubtedly have heard many of the achievements of our administrators, teachers, staff and students.

Nonetheless, there are a handful of naysayers in the community who continue to spread misinformation about the district to the community. In the last edition of the Grosse Pointe News, Gregory F. Walton wrote a letter to the editor in which he misleadingly implied that Moody's Investors Services recently downgraded the district's financial rating. In addition to being misleading, it is very old news. The district was initially downgraded in 2013, when the district's fund balance reached its low of \$2 million and again in 2014. Since that time, the board has worked with our new superintendent, Dr. Gary Niehaus, his administration, teachers and staff to more than triple the fund balance. In fact, our administrators, teachers and staff took substantial pay cuts in 2013 to help us do this.

Mr. Walton's reference to Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills shows he knows little about school finance or is deliberately being misleading. Those districts receive a

foundation allowance of about \$2,000 more per pupil than Grosse Pointe. If the district had received an equivalent foundation allowance, it would have had an additional \$15 million in its budget this year.

Finally, and most disappointingly, Mr. Walton not only insulted the voters of our community by calling them stupid, but also the board and administration, particularly Dr. Jon Dean (who is not even in charge of business operations). Dr. Dean is a tireless and brilliant administrator, totally committed to ensuring our students receive the best education. As deputy superintendent of educational services, he created a rigorous process, which included other administrators, staff and community members, to hire outstanding principals in our schools, among other critical tasks.

Our board and Dr. Niehaus welcome feedback from the community. We all benefit when people work together to solve issues, but personal attacks are not productive and do not reflect the values of this district. We are One GP. Let's continue to collaborate and help our students achieve their potential.

BRIAN C. SUMMERFIELD  
President, GPPSS Board of Education  
Grosse Pointe Park

Editor's note: We regret having allowed Jon Dean, deputy superintendent of educational services, to be singled out in a letter primarily about school finance. We apologize to Dr. Dean for the lapse.

Desire to be  
transparent

To the Editor:

The Gregory F. Walton letter to the editor published last week had inaccuracies that need to be corrected.

While it is true the Grosse Pointe Public

School System's underlying credit rating with Moody's was downgraded, it did not happen in January 2017. The GPPSS underlying credit rating with Moody's was downgraded to Aa3 from Aa2 in July 2014. Please note that the downgrade in 2014 equally removed the "negative outlook" from the credit rating.

While the GPPSS underlying credit rating hit a bottom of Aa3 in July 2014, it has since had two affirmations of the Aa3 rating in March 2016 and January 2017. You may recall in January 2017, GPPSS refinanced bonds, resulting in nearly \$2 million in savings to the community taxpayers. At that time, the district's credit rating was reaffirmed Aa3.

According to the Moody's January 2017 report, the factors that could lead to an upgrade are as follows: 1) stabilization of enrollment trends, 2) significant increases in reserve levels and 3) moderation of pension liabilities. Many of these factors are outside our control.

The quote from Raymond James is as follows: "The district should know that their credit rating continues to be one of the strongest names in Michigan and the recent sale in January 2017, which resulted in very strong order flow from both the retail and institutional investors, is a good indication of how the 'market' views Grosse Pointe Public School System as a very desirable investment."

It is still my belief the "turkey" comment about our deputy superintendent and the rest of us at 389 St. Clair is not the way to go either. It is not the season to take a shot at the administration when the information was not correct in the first place. Please contact me when you need district information; it is our desire to be transparent.

DR. GARY C. NIEHAUS  
Superintendent

85 percent  
utilization

To the Editor:

What's the difference between too many and too few school classroom seats?

The school board's experts tell us today's Grosse Pointe taxpayers are on the hook for classroom capacity that will

accommodate more than 3,000 students we don't have.

That's expensive, surplus capacity.

Plante Moran recommends, among other things, targeting a classroom utilization of 85 percent, which is much higher than today. Considering declining school enrollment and the burden of maintaining 16 under-utilized buildings, adjusting the number of buildings may be necessary.

In light of declining enrollment, I propose this 85 percent be calculated looking at projected enrollment — five years hence, not based on today's student population.

It just stands to reason that building re-purposing and consolidation won't happen overnight.

JAY R. HACKLEMAN  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Rats

To the Editor:

The choices for relocation of the Department of Public Works for the City of Grosse Pointe are severely limited. The other option of expanding the current use on its present location will have disastrous results.

As resident of St. Clair living next to the dump, I can vouch for the attraction of rats and other vermin to the garbage. A couple of years ago the City's DPW had an infestation of rats and it spilled over to the neighborhood.

Can the City guarantee expanding the current site not create another health hazard as before?

BETTY J. SMITH  
Grosse Pointe

Beneficial  
turkeys for  
Crossroads

To the Editor:

Many, many thanks to all those who participated in the Crossroads of Michigan pre-Thanksgiving dinner this year. Once again, we were overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity from family and friends in the Pointes and surrounding areas. On Nov. 19, we served nearly 800 turkey dinners and all the trimmings to hungry men, women and children because of the kindness of hundreds of individuals. Leftover turkey that had been frozen was dis-

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I SAY By Anthony Viola

# FCC to hand internet reins to ISPs



Watching cat GIFs and binging on the newest season of whatever-is-the-hottest-new-show on Netflix might come with a new price tag soon.

On Thursday, Dec. 14, the Federal Communications Commission will vote on rescinding Obama-era net neutrality regulations. What the FCC hopes (and is likely) to do is drop internet service providers' "common carrier" nomenclature. Common carriers are any business

or organization that transports people or information. Telephone companies, taxi cabs, the postal service and, for now, ISPs all are examples.

Right now, ISPs and all other common carriers are required to provide service without discrimination. This will not be the case when the FCC reclassifies ISPs as "information services."

ISPs then will be able to decide what information you receive and how quickly, free from the anti-discriminatory regulations. They will be the gatekeepers.

If that website you are looking at spouts anti-Comcast rhetoric, Comcast could slow down or throttle or block that website from getting

to you. I know that example is inherently ridiculous. I mean, there is never anything negative to say about Comcast (right?).

Or, let's say you receive internet service from Spectrum, a subsidiary of Time Warner who also happens to own Hulu. Under the new proposed rule change, Spectrum could decide to slow down your connection to Netflix.

Anyone remember trying to watch or download anything on DSL?

Now, why suffer through the horrendous buffering and stuttering of Netflix when you can watch crystal clear, fast-loading Hulu?

People, of course, could purchase a Netflix package to receive fast

streaming for a paltry fee, I'm sure. ISPs are known for offering services at reasonable prices. Netflix also could pay Spectrum for fast service on its network, and Netflix in turn would kindly pass those fees on to us.

While that example is a simple annoyance, it provides the framework for the larger issue. That is, ISPs would be able to censor and guide the flow of information. No longer the days of freely traversing the great internet yonder. If an ISP determines a site is bad for business, it can ensure no one sees it.

ISPs would never do that, though. That's what they say. We can trust these large multi-national corporations to do what

is in our, the simple-minded consumers, best interest. They never look at the bottom line and figure out how they can squeeze every dollar out of us. Never.

They say it will encourage innovation. Deregulation leads to start-ups and other businesses creating new products free from our oppressive regulatory overlords. But, imagine being a new, innovative video streaming website forced to pay fees to ISPs to even start to compete with established giants Hulu and Netflix.

The only innovations I see coming from this are the new innovative ways for ISPs to charge us more money for mediocre service.

Unfortunately, there is

not much we can do. The FCC, at least three of the five commissioners, seems to be dead set on going forward. Even with a ground swell of opposition to the new rules from both the left and the right, the FCC and chairman Ajit Pai don't look to be budging.

You can, of course, call your representatives in Congress. They have oversight of the FCC. At this stage of the game and a Republican majority, however, it seems unlikely anything will change before Dec. 14. But, here's a friendly reminder: midterm elections are less than a year away.

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## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1942

75 years ago this week

◆ **RAILS BURIED UNDER JEFFERSON REQUISITIONED:** The disposition of the rails buried under East Jefferson Avenue in Grosse Pointe was definitely decided when the U.S. Marshal for this district served notice of requisition for their use as scrap metal by the government.

◆ **SHORES PICKS LOCATION FOR PARKING LOT:** The Shores Village

hopes to acquire the vacant plot on Vernier across from the police and fire station for municipal parking. It is expected to become a substantial contribution to the tire and gas saving efforts of the Shores community.

### 1967

50 years ago this week

◆ **FATAL FIRE AT CHILDREN'S HOME:** A fire of unknown origin, which gutted an apart-

ment in the Protestant Children's Home, 900 Cook Road, claimed the life of an employee of the institution.

Efforts of firemen to revive the 61-year-old, 12-year employee of the home, who resided in the apartment, were unsuccessful.

◆ **3,000 TOUR NEW NORTH HIGH SCHOOL:** More than 3,000 interested residents took advantage of a community-wide invitation to tour Grosse Pointe North High School.

With the exception of

the auditorium-instructional center, the entire building is scheduled for completion some time in March.

### 1992

25 years ago this week

◆ **DISENCHANTED PARK DROPS OUT OF SEMCOG:** Believing the city isn't getting its money's worth out of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the Grosse Pointe Park City Council voted to

drop out of the seven-county regional planning organization.

In August 1991, the Park council voted 5-2 to join SEMCOG for a one-year trial period to see if belonging to the group would help the Park fight the proposed expansion of Detroit City Airport.

◆ **911 CALL FOILS ARMED ROBBERY:** A 15-year-old girl walking her dog was returning home when a man emerged from between her house and her next door neighbor's house, pointing a gun at her demanding money.

When she said she didn't have any, he told her to knock on her door and ask whoever was inside for money. She obeyed and her mother answered the door.

While the mother and father, who also was seen by the gunman, gathered money, a sister, unknown to the gunman, called 911. Grosse Pointe Farms police arrived shortly after and apprehended the suspect.

### 2007

10 years ago this week

◆ **ALL SEASON FACILITY:** It's been more than two years in the making, but construction on a \$1 million multi-use ice rink and basketball facility has begun at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The 8,300 square-foot facility, will have basketball courts during the summer.

Refrigerated units below the surface will convert it to an ice skating rink during the winter.

◆ **CAMPBELL WITH-DRAWS PETITION:** City of Grosse Pointe Councilman Don Parthum Jr. can finally begin pursuing his election agenda after council challenger Don Campbell withdrew his recount petition following a manual recount last week. The candidates were tied and drew lots to see who would serve on council.

—Karen Fontanive

## LETTERS

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tributed to our weekday clients on Monday. We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, time and talent given without hesitation by so many for the sake of those who have so little.

A big thank you to the Grosse Pointe News for printing our letter to the editor requesting donations. And special hugs go out to the classroom of Andrea Gruenwald of Parcels Middle School. Her students collected turkeys and non-perishables for this project, and their generosity is an inspiration.

Our deep gratitude also goes to area residents, clubs and organizations. A local family put together 1,000 cutlery packs; the Parrot Head Club collected turkeys and canned goods; Grosse Pointe Rotary provided more than a dozen turkeys; Giuseppe's Bakery donated their day-old bread, rolls and pastries;

Bank of America is matching employee gifts to our project; Christ Church Grosse Pointe allowed us to use their kitchen facilities to store turkeys and countless individuals went out of their way to spread the word about this dinner generating donations of all kinds.

We have been sponsoring this pre-Thanksgiving dinner since 1997, and many of the volunteers and supporters involved have been with us from the beginning. However, we always welcome new friends to the ranks as well. Everyone works hard to provide the determination and spirit that make this project a success each year. They cook and donate turkeys, bake cookies, help collect food, offer storage space, donate to defray costs, provide transportation to haul the food to Crossroads' kitchen, show up in the early morning to prepare the meal, stand for hours in our kitchen serving the food and washing dishes and, as always,

treat our guests with compassion, dignity and respect.

The number of people requiring the assistance of charitable organizations is still great. Real unemployment in Detroit is still above the overall Michigan rate and even those who have minimum wage jobs need a hand up to make ends meet. Thousands of children younger than age 18 live in poverty, and, right now, among the extreme poor, food is still in dangerously short supply.

The waiting rooms at Crossroads' two offices in the city are full every day with people experiencing emergency situations and have nowhere else to turn. Food is by far the most common request. The coming winter will bring with it the promise of even greater misery for those with inadequate clothing, food and shelter.

For the homeless, frostbite is a cruel and constant threat and, for those on meager incomes, heat, lights and

water often are luxuries. With this in mind, it is uplifting to see such a giving spirit alive and well among the volunteers who participated in this dinner.

We wish all our neighbors, friends and family a very blessed and merry Christmas. And please remember, hunger and the despair of poverty have no season. At any time of the year, consider supporting organizations that serve the poor with financial contributions and donations of food, cold weather clothing, hygiene products or a few volunteer hours.

We are honored to have had an opportunity to work with all of those who gave so selflessly to our Thanksgiving project. Thank you. We really couldn't do it without you.

YOLANDA AND CHARLIE TURNER  
Grosse Pointe Farms

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From left, Ann Rock, Grosse Pointe Historical Society; Bernadette Banko, development and membership, Ford House; Kathleen Mullins, president, Ford House.



Grosse Pointe South High School's Tower Belles, from left, Alex Hill, Gabriela Moncivais, Emma Tripp and Rachel Cline.

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HOLLYFEST

Ron Strickler bids on an auction item during HOLLYFEST Nov. 30.

This group of physicians, Dr. Jennata Francis, Dr. Melinda Karam, Dr. Vesna Roi and their staff at Eastlake Pediatrics, decided instead of having an office Christmas party to purchase an entire table at Hollyfest.



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DiCicco resigned from the Tree Commission; John Parthum and

Phillip Whitman resigned from the Historical Commission; George McMullen resigned as a citizen from the Local Officers

Commission due to his new role on city council. Novitke said, "I'm going to accept these resignations with regret."

— Melissa Walsh

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and Recreation Districts" during the Sept. 11, city council meeting, charging the ordinance was not content-neutral nor enforced equally, denying them First Amendment-protected free speech.

When Agnello received notification from the city last summer to remove the "Black Lives Matter" and "Welcome Neighbors" signs from her lawn, she consulted attorney Michael Steinberg, legal director for the ACLU of Michigan, who represented plaintiffs in similar complaints against Grosse Pointe Woods in 2004 and Troy in 2005.

"The U.S. Supreme Court has been clear that homeowners have the right to express themselves on their own property," Steinberg said. "And political signs contain the most vigorous protection."

The amended changes to the ordinance fall into three areas: the duration of signs, the regulation of "announcement" signs and the location of signs. Existing content-neutral, aesthetic and safety regulations, such as size and illumination restrictions, remain.

Though Burgess did not specifically identify the Woods and Troy cases during the Nov 15 and

Dec. 4 meetings, both cases successfully challenged the duration constraint of political signs prior to an election. As a result, paragraph (2)(c) of the amendment does not limit the start date for posting a temporary political election sign, but retains the requirement to remove the sign within five days following an election. The content-neutral removal requirement is the same for temporary commercial signs, such as real estate and contractor signs.

During public comment during the Nov. 15 meeting, Agnello urged city council to consider issues related to differentiating "announcement" signs from "political" signs. Political speech signs prompting this issue, Agnello explained, — "Black Lives Matter," "Welcome Neighbors" and "Make America Great Again" — are political announcement signs.

"To make the distinction that some is political speech and campaign-related and some is announcement-related is tricky," she said.

Burgess said the amendment applies a broad definition of "announcement" as, "those signs that pertain to literally anything else" other than commercial speech.

Paragraph (2)(e) of the amendment addresses

announcement signs while removing the term "announcement," stating, "additional signage that, in each instance is non-duplicative with other signs on the premises ...," including a wide range of non-commercial messaging, including graduation announcements and political statements.

Steinberg said sign ordinance issues "have turned the First Amendment on its head."

"If the purpose is to have an aesthetically pleasing neighborhood, homeowners usually take care of that themselves," he said. "If the purpose of the restriction is to suppress free speech, then that's the issue. It has to be a reasonable restriction on free speech."

A "reasonable restriction," he said must be "content-neutral" and "narrowly tailored," such as regulating sign size, illumination and placement.

Paragraph (2)(f) of the amendment restricts sign placement, limiting posting a lawn sign no closer than three feet from a sidewalk or other public walkway, unless approved by the director of public safety.

During the Nov. 15 meeting, Agnello commended city administrators and the city attorney as "extremely responsive."

"It restores my faith in municipal government," she said.

Comparable signs ordinance cases

Adzigan v. The City of Grosse Pointe Woods

In Mary C. Adzigan v. The City of Grosse Pointe Woods filed in September 2004, the plaintiff argued the 30-day durational limit and the one-signper-candidate provision violated "plaintiff's First Amendment rights where it (1) is content-based, (2) is not narrowly tailored, and (3) fails to leave open adequate alternative means of communication."

The case cited four Supreme Court case precedents, including City of Ladue v. Gilleo (1994), which ruled a sign at one's home "is a venerable means of com-

munications that is both unique and important."

Further, the opinion states, the First Amendment has "its fullest and most urgent application to speech uttered during a campaign for political office."

Adzigan charged the ordinance as an "unconstitutional abridgement of free speech," arguing it was content-based "because the message conveyed on the sign determines whether the sign is subject to the 30-day restriction," which was "not narrowly tailored to further the city's interest in traffic safety and aesthetics where the ordinance does not place time limits on certain commercial signs and advocacy signs other than election signs." Further, the plaintiff argued, "the ordinance does not leave ample alternative means to communicate one's

support for a candidate more than 30 days before an election."

In the settlement agreement reached in October 2004, Grosse Pointe Woods agreed to amend its signs ordinance to remove the "no more than 30 days prior to an election" restriction on political campaign signs.

Fehribach v. The City of Troy

In Kent Lawrence Fehribach, Jr. v. The City of Troy filed in September 2005, the plaintiff submitted a complaint against a similar signs ordinance regulating political signs not to be placed 30 days prior to an election and allowing only one sign per candidate or proposal. U.S. District Judge Paul V. Gadola ruled the signs ordinance as unconstitutional in a judgment dated January 2006.

— Melissa Walsh

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# Liggett tech integrator gives space for creativity

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Nicholas Provenzano wrote the book on maker-spaces. Literally. Published last October, it's called "Your Starter Guide to Maker Spaces." So it's no wonder when University Liggett School Interim Head Bart Bronk was looking for someone to create a maker space at Liggett's middle school, he invited Provenzano to join the staff as a middle school technology coordinator and maker space director.

"It was a tough decision to leave the traditional classroom after 15 years of teaching literature," said Provenzano, who formerly taught English at Grosse Pointe South High School. He misses the students and his work with South's maker space. What he doesn't miss is the stack of papers on his desk, waiting to be graded.

"I'd much rather have robots on my desk," he said.

The middle school maker space is chock-full of robots — and other gadgets as well, many of which he created in his basement at home.

"Being in the middle school too is different, but I like it," he said of the



Above, eighth-graders Rocco Scarfone and Gabby Awada are frequent visitors to Liggett's maker space. Right, eighth-graders, from left, Evan Provenzano and Awada and sixth-grader Nick Kozierowski consult with Nicholas Provenzano, director of Liggett's new maker space.



PHOTOS BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

transition from a high school. "There's a different kind of energy. (There's) a little more optimism with middle school kids. (They're) not afraid to take risks (and are) still OK with being themselves with other kids."

Liggett's project-based approach is a good fit with Provenzano's philosophy as an educator. He's in good company, too; he said his colleagues in the middle school support what he calls "experiential learning — getting the kids up and moving and out" — and have embraced his new role as tech integrator.

"That's the nice thing about an independent school. The teachers have the flexibility to tweak and adjust their curriculum and do what they want that's best for their kids — on the go," he said.

Part of that freedom includes Provenzano's philosophy as an educator to offer his services or partner with the teacher on a project. Sometimes teachers reach out to him and other times he sees an opportunity to offer a tool, website or other resource.

For example, in a visit to a sixth-grade science class, he observed students

building heat-containing devices and invited them to the maker space to work on 3D designs for

from outdoor elements, incorporating coding and design skills into their science curriculum.

*'If you're trying to learn something and it breaks, I'm all for it.'*

NICHOLAS PROVENZANO  
Liggett middle school maker space director

prototyping. For an eighth-grade science weather unit, he challenged students to create a computer code to measure the temperature, humidity and pressure. Students also designed a case to protect the unit from damage

"I love that freedom teachers have within the curriculum to take those breaks, take those detours," he said.

His busiest time of day is a 50-minute study hall at the end of the day. For students who don't need

help with their academic work, "it's a prime maker space time," he said.

Provenzano's goal is to create a culture where students feel comfortable, have fun and make things "without any consequences. There are no grades. There are no penalties. Things are going to break and I'm OK with that .... If you're trying to learn something and it breaks, I'm all for it. That's what it's all about. Play with it until you break it."

A highlight for Provenzano was watching a sixth-grade girl telling an eighth-grade boy how to code.

"I feel like in any other situation outside of this space, that would never happen," he said. "An eighth-grade boy would never allow a sixth-grade girl to help him with his math or proofread his paper or double check his science .... Here we're all in this to learn cool new things and try different things out."

In the meantime, students are building valuable skills they can apply later, Provenzano said, compiling a digital portfolio that in several years

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## Board approves board residency bylaw

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Before it came up for a vote, three Grosse Pointe residents spoke in support of a new bylaw at the regular meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education Monday, Nov. 27.

Bylaw 0176, proposed by the policy committee, requires board members to complete the residency re-verification process each year by Aug. 31, to help them understand the process district residents are required to go through. "Public service is a privilege," said Sandra

Bucciero of Grosse Pointe Woods. "Our community has elected you to serve because they believe that you are leaders in our community. For me, one of the hallmarks of leadership is never asking others to do what you yourself are unwilling to do. So I thank you for your leadership in supporting this measure."

Said Jen Evans of Grosse Pointe Park, "If we as a school district are asking parents to verify their residency on a regular basis to prove that they live within the GPPSS communities, then it

makes sense to ask the same of the people that they've elected to represent them on the Board of Education. Trustees with children in the system are already verifying their residency regularly. Why shouldn't trustees who don't have children currently enrolled not be held to the same standard?"

Shannon Byrne of Grosse Pointe Farms thanked the policy committee for bringing the bylaw to the board and said she supported board members going through the same residency verification process as parents.

"I also think it's very important that our board now and forever in the future are folks that represent the community that live full-time in our community who are part of the

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will help them stand out in a college application.

“What I’m offering to kids is that ability to even further separate themselves as they look at the competitive world of getting into college,” he said. “I know that world. I have written more than my share of letters of recommendation.”

To mark their progress, he has instituted a badge system, similar to what’s used by the Boy Scouts of America, indicating a task accomplished or skill learned. For Provenzano, a badge is more indicative of mastery of a skill than a letter grade.

“You really need to be a master of all skills in cod-



Nicholas Provenzano’s starter guide to maker spaces is available on Amazon.

ing if you want that robot to move,” he said.

Badges also reward students for perseverance and patience — also important skills for middle schoolers to learn, he said.

“Kids will come up and say, ‘I want to earn a badge today,’ and I say, ‘That’s not how this works.’ Things take time and they take understanding. It’s going to take a lot of errors.”

For students who want to earn that next badge, the maker space remains open till 4 p.m. This is also when members of the robotics club come to work with high school mentors on coding. Provenzano serves as co-adviser, but says he lets the students guide their own learning and work through their frustration to a solution.

“Robotics is a safe space designed for them to have those experiences. There’s nothing like having that time to struggle and figure something out. I never

want to take that away from the kids,” he said, adding he learned over time his role as a teacher was not to give answers, but to point students in the right direction.

Just several months in, Provenzano has big plans for the future. A \$30,000 grant he applied for will provide more tools for the students, including additional 3D printers

and a laser cutter for 2D design. His dream down the road is a virtual reality setup.

It may sound “over the top, but it’s really important to where we are going,” he said. “Augmented or virtual reality is sort of the playground right now for early doctors’ education ... I want to take it to the next step where kids start cre-

ating in this.

“There are programs where you can essentially design in 3D as well,” he continued. “Instead of a kid sitting at a computer, in theory he could put on this headset and design with his hands. It’s not the world we grew up in with school. That was TV; that was Star Trek. But this is where we are at.”

Teacher of THE WEEK



James Gross



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**School:** Grosse Pointe South High School, Brownell and Pierce middle schools

**Years in GPPSS:** 18 (15 at Pierce)

**Grade/Subject:** Gr. 6-12 symphony and concert orchestras at South; 7/8 orchestra at Brownell; Gr. 6 band and orchestra and 7/8 orchestra at Pierce

**Nominated by:** Pierce Principal Chris Clark

**Principal’s quote:** “James Gross delivers outstanding instruction on a daily basis to students at Pierce, Brownell and South in both orchestra and band (while his primary focus is in orchestra). His students perform at the highest levels due to his ability to engage students and maximize their talents. In addition to his quality instruction, James works to showcase the talents of his students in competitions as individuals, as well as in the full orchestra. His students regularly receive All-State recognition and he pro-

vides travel experiences for his students to display their talents in Chicago and elsewhere outside the community. James is an asset to Pierce and to all the students he works with throughout the district.”

**What do you enjoy most about teaching?**

I enjoy most the association and relationship that grows from having a student (and their parents and sometimes grandparents) for seven years, 6th to 12th grade beginning at Pierce and extending into 12th-grade that last beyond commencement at Grosse Pointe South High School.

**Describe a teaching accomplishment you’re proud of or a “teachable moment” you experienced.**

Last school year, the South symphony orchestra, along with the combined North and South choirs with special guest pianist and South alum Ivan Moshchuk, delivered a performance of the

“Choral Fantasy” of Beethoven that I will cherish the rest of my life.

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

My father-in-law, Louis Daniel Parravano, who carries and reflects the love of Jesus Christ in his heart and in all that he does, all the while pointing me back to the one from whom all inspiration flows.

**Favorite quote:**

I John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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# Warning: Know the risks of vaping Niehaus rated highly effective

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Since the passage of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act of 1965, the warning "Caution: Cigarette smoking may be hazardous to your health" was required to appear on all cigarette packaging.

Today the U.S. Surgeon General has a new warning — this one directed primarily to young people: electronic cigarettes are unsafe. This is because, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, e-cigarettes typically contain nicotine, as well as other chemicals that are known to damage health.

Common misconceptions are e-cigarettes are safer than conventional cigarettes and they don't contain nicotine or other harmful chemicals. In fact, dangers of smoking e-cigarettes — known as "vaping" — are increased among young people for the following reasons:

**Brain risk.** Young people are at higher risk for long-term, long-lasting effects of exposing their developing brains to nicotine. These risks include nicotine addiction, mood disorders and permanent lowering of impulse control. Nicotine also changes the way synapses are formed, which can harm the parts of the brain that control attention and learning.

**Addiction.** Young people's brains build synapses faster than adult brains. Because addiction is a form of learning, adolescents can get addicted more easily than adults. The nicotine in e-cigarettes and other tobacco products can also prime the adolescent brain for addiction to other drugs such as cocaine.

**Behavior risks.** E-cigarette use among youth and young adults is linked strongly to the use of other tobacco products, such as regular cigarettes, cigars, hookah and smokeless tobacco. Some evidence suggests e-cigarette use is linked to alcohol use and other substance use, such as marijuana. And certain e-cigarette products can be used to deliver other drugs like marijuana.

**Use of more tobacco products.** Studies show that non-smoking youth



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**As of Dec. 1, the student code of conduct has been revised to include use of electronic cigarettes as a punishable offense.**

who use e-cigarettes are more likely to try conventional cigarettes in the future than non-smoking youth who do not use e-cigarettes.

**Aerosol risks.** The aerosol from e-cigarettes can contain nicotine, ultrafine particles, heavy metals and volatile organic compounds. It can include flavoring such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to a serious lung disease; volatile organic compounds such as benzene, found in car exhaust; and heavy metals, such as nickel, tin and lead.

According to Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jon Dean, vaping among young people is on the rise and the district has seen instances of it in all five secondary schools.

"It's important to note, kids will tell you it's just a vanilla-flavored oil," Dean said. "Sometimes that's the case. Sometimes it's also nicotine and sometimes it's THC (tetrahydrocannabinol), which is the active drug in marijuana. Regardless, it is illegal under Michigan compiled laws. We have to contact the police every time we confiscate (it from) a student with it and we (have modified) our student code of conduct slightly to reflect an appropriate consequence for it."

Grosse Pointe Farms Director of Public Safety Daniel Jensen said underage vaping is handled "exactly the same way as cigarettes." If teens are vaping tobacco on school property, the matter is handled by the school.

"Schools handle these matters more strictly than we can," he said. "The school system is able to enforce stiffer penalties than we are." He said the

compensation.

"I myself think this was a lot of time spent on something that is completely unnecessary," Pangborn said.

"This came before us. We had a very long and thorough policy meeting where many of the residents who are here tonight and also others told us how bureaucratic and burdensome this process can sometimes be," said Vice President Margaret Weertz, who chairs the policy committee. "Now that my kids have graduated, I may not know how it is tweaked and changed through the years and I need to know what we are demanding of our residents and that's why I support this."

The motion to table the bylaw failed 1 to 5, with Pangborn casting the sole supporting vote. Trustee Ahmed Ismail was absent.

The motion to pass bylaw 0176 as amended passed 5 to 1, with Pangborn opposing it.

school can suspend students and disciplinary action depends on rate of occurrence.

If students are vaping a product with THC, he said, then it becomes a police matter, handled the same as smoking marijuana, a misdemeanor.

A letter to parents from Superintendent Gary Niehaus warned of the dangers and includes helpful resources. It also outlined consequences. As of Dec. 1, students found to be smoking — including vaping — will be issued a temporary separation of three days for a first offense. A second offense will result in a five-day temporary separation. Any subsequent offenses will result in suspensions up to 10 days. Per state law, GPPSS is required to report to the police any minor in possession of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. If a vaping incident involves THC, the student also is in violation of the alcohol/drugs consumption section of the student code of conduct.

Dean encouraged parents to contact their child's school principal or counselor with questions. "We want to partner with our kids to keep them safe," he said.

Melissa Walsh contributed to this article.

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

The Board of Education met in closed session before the regular meeting Monday, Nov. 27, to discuss the evaluation of Superintendent Gary Niehaus, in his third year leading the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

The Michigan Association of School Boards requires school boards to evaluate their superintendent's job performance annually as part of a comprehensive performance evaluation and provides an evaluation instrument with a point scale from 1 to 4, with 1 being ineffective, 2 minimally effective, 3 effective and 4 highly effective.

Niehaus's professional practice rating of 3.77 was based on a breakdown of the following weighted categories: governance and board relations (20 percent) — 3.833; community relations (15 percent) — 4; staff relations (15 percent) — 4; business and finance (20 percent) — 3.2; and instructional leadership (30 percent) — 3.888.

Additionally, Niehaus received 4 points each on student growth and progress toward district-wide goals, giving him an overall score of 3.85, which is highly effective, according to President Brian Summerfield.

"As a board we worked on this evaluation together after Dr. Niehaus did a self-evaluation," said Treasurer Judy Gafa. "So when Mr. Summerfield says we find the superintendent highly effective, as seven board members we found our superintendent highly effective." Summerfield said the

evaluation was based on "a consensus-building process."

"The evidence requirement in this evaluation process is tremendous to say the least and that doesn't include all the regular documentation that we receive from Dr. Niehaus throughout the year, which we all greatly appreciate. I think it really is a testament and a highly effective evaluation overall is really highly deserved."

The motion to approve the superintendent's evaluation as highly effective carried 6 to 0. Trustee Ahmed Ismail was not in attendance.

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### FRI.-SAT., DEC. 8-9

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School choir students are available for caroling to enrich a holiday party, work function, local nursing home or other local event. Carolers consist of groups of 8 to 10 students who share a half dozen holiday favorites for a minimum, donation of \$25. For more information, call Ginny Jeup-Koch at (313) 283-3513.

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fabric of our community," Byrne said. "That is what the school board is supposed to be and this residency verification makes sure that we know transparently that that's what's happening."

Prior to voting on a motion to adopt the new bylaw, Treasurer Judy Gafa made a motion to amend the language to include a sentence that failure to comply with the bylaw would result in a board member's compensation being withheld, except in cases where the compensation was directed to a school-related activity.

Secretary Cindy Pangborn, who said she opposed the bylaw during a discussion at the regular board meeting Nov. 13, made a motion to table Gafa's motion pending an opinion from the district's attorney on the legality of withholding a board member's




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## Staying strong Nonprofit still meeting needs after 160 years

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Much has changed about Detroit Industrial School since its inception 160 years ago, but its mission has remained steadfast: serving at-risk children.

Believed to be one of the Detroit area's oldest charitable organizations, DIS was founded by seven women from Detroit and Grosse Pointe concerned about the plight of children roaming the streets, begging for food and clothing during the Panic of 1857.

Today, its 30-member foundation board, comprised entirely of Grosse Pointe residents, continues to help those in need, though its mission follows a different path.

### Origins

As the economic depression of 1857 left trade and industry paralyzed, seven women representing the churches of Detroit asked their clergy



Children stand by the Neighborhood House car in 1959.

to read the following unsigned notice from their pulpits:

"All women of Detroit who are concerned about the many beggar children who roam our streets, illy clad and half fed and who wish to assist in taking steps to make their lot in life less horrible and to provide some means of education are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, June 2, at the First Congregational Church."

From that meeting — attended by 60 women — the Detroit Ladies Industrial School

Association was formed "to seek out the destitute children of the city and gather them into one or more industrial schools, to be organized and maintained by the Association, and, so far as may be necessary to this end, systematically to visit the abodes of all such as come to our door asking for charity, and, incidentally, to afford such relief to the worthy poor as the society may from time to time find itself able to render."

Following are a few notable dates in DIS history:

◆ 1857 — The first school opened; during its first year, 400 children received assistance.

◆ 1858 — The school outgrew its rental space and a bigger space was rented to handle enrollment, up to 494 by 1859. Children were taught reading, writing, arithmetic, Christian citizenship, domestic skills and industrial arts. Clothing was furnished and a hot meal was served daily. Donations from churches, businesses and local citizens kept the school in operation.

◆ 1879 — The association incorporated and bought its own building. At this time it was deemed necessary to provide a hot meal Sundays, thus starting a Sunday school which operated 1864 to 1903.

◆ 1887 — "Ladies" was dropped from the organization name. Soon after, many of its programs — including domestic science and industrial arts — were absorbed by pub-



Students in the Neighborhood House's kindergarten program.

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lic schools, so DIS started offering free kindergarten in neighborhoods with the greatest need, starting with four kindergartens; in 1896, the need jumped to eight.

◆ 1913 — DIS built its Neighborhood House settlement, which offered kindergarten and hot meals for children, as well as classes and social clubs for adults, a free dental clinic and medical examinations.

◆ 1917 — With World War I underway and many mothers working in war-related plants, a nursery was established. After the war, the settlement worked with the employment bureau, finding 700 jobs for residents.

◆ 1922 — Daytime and evening programs for children and adults were complemented by recreational and sports activities, theatrical performances, concerts, crafts and camping. The hot lunch program continued and many paid a small fee for a bath.

◆ The Great Depression — Unexpected debt from a defaulted lease eventually forced Neighborhood House to stop all of its programs except hot

lunches.  
◆ 1934 — The Rackham Fund restored DIS services and DIS was out of debt by 1937.

◆ 1955 — Despite flourishing in the 1940s, attendance waned the following decade, so Neighborhood House joined High Park Community Center and Tau Beta Community House to form a social service agency under the sponsorship of United Community Services.

◆ 1957 — Shortly after its 100th anniversary, Neighborhood House was condemned to make way for the John C. Lodge Freeway. DIS was awarded nearly \$114,000 for the property and finally closed its doors Sept. 1, 1959.

### New horizons

In 1959, DIS was the first to bring Meals on Wheels to Michigan, but due to costs, the program discontinued after two years. In the 1960s, property sales provided DIS enough money to start an endowment, providing income for charitable giving.

A private foundation was established with the continued mission of pro-

viding financial assistance to needy children in metro Detroit. A board of trustees was elected to manage assets, review financial aid and award grants.

"Because we had the property and could sell it, it was wonderful that this could continue," said Polly Tech, of Grosse Pointe Farms and the current DIS board president. "Some of the ladies felt once the buildings were sold, it's too bad we couldn't still do hands-on with the families, but each month one of our grant recipients comes in to speak to the group about what they've done with the money we gave them. And we take a field trip once a year to visit and tour sites where we've given money."

In 1979, the endowment fund was \$468,000 and the foundation awarded \$38,000 in grants. This year, the portfolio has increased to \$1.8 million.

"Each year we average more than \$80,000 that we give to organizations in the tri-county area that deal with children and their basic needs," Tech

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During World War II, many women went to work to backfill for men who were overseas fighting. The Neighborhood House provided daycare to support these families, including the mother and daughter pictured here in 1942.



Detroit Industrial School 160th anniversary attendees, back row from left, Jill Rastelli, Jane Lehman, Mary Ann Bury, Joannie Capuano, Emily Tennyson, Michele Glenn, Laura Van Der Kar, Lucy Prost, Nancy Nicholson and Nancy Smith; center row from left, Nancy Osborn, Andrea Mattei, Scottie Knight, Peggy Woodhouse, Polly Tech, Carol Lytle, Eileen Dixon, Jocelyn Dombrowski and Mary Berg; front row from left, Marianne Endicott, Mary Ann Zinn, Joanne Grierson, Sally Van Dusen, Martha Fordon, Betsy Maitland, Suzie Decker and Ruth Zinn.

## Going, Going, Gone!



Suzanne Antonelli, CFP®  
Wealth Advisor

Going, Going, Gone! If you have ever attended an auction this is a familiar phrase. The price of an auction item is determined by the audience; the final sale occurs when an agreement is reached between a willing buyer and a willing seller.

Often times an item goes for far more or far less than its true intrinsic value. In the excitement of the moment, people pay more for an item than is rational. Conversely, if an auctioneer is unable to stir the crowd an item may sell for considerably less than its true value.

I attended an auction for a school fundraiser that provides the perfect example. A local athlete's jersey was on the auction block; I have seen this jersey at auction several times and it sold between \$350 - \$500. Two gentlemen began bidding against each other and it became a matter of pride as the audience cheered. In the end, the final sale price was \$2,500, or 400% more than

previous auctions.

Many do not recognize that the stock market is an auction. Conventional economic theory assumes that people are rational beings and a price is determined by rational thought, based on knowledge readily available. However, a very simplistic, yet important rule of investing is "buy low, sell high", still many individual investors act contrary, responding to short-term market movements to the detriment of their long-term objectives. The media plays an important role in this phenomenon; CNBC's goal is to increase ratings, not impart information; thus, sensationalizing a crises rather than calling

for cool heads is in their best interest.

The stock market is one of the few marketplaces that people run from a sale and line up to buy when prices are lofty. Financial markets are driven in the short-term by two very basic human emotions: fear and greed. The dot-com bubble of 2000 and the Great Recession of 2008-2009 are recent examples. The markets were driven to the brink by greed in 2000, not valuations or in-depth analyses. On the other hand, when markets were in a free fall in late 2008 and early 2009, fear took hold and there were few buyers at any price.

The stock market has risen

for eight years in a row and is closing in on its ninth. I recommend investors review their portfolios and their allocation to equities. I met with a new client yesterday with over 80% invested in the stock market (her target was 70%), which naturally occurred because of market gains; she is nearing retirement and had unintentionally assumed more risk than she finds tolerable.

As an investment practitioner, I am tasked with advising and working through emotional biases when making investment decisions. Investors who resist the urge to run for the hills during financial crises are rewarded dur-

ing subsequent recoveries. Resisting the impulsive urge to buy high and sell low, adhering to a long-term and well-diversified portfolio, and periodic rebalancing a portfolio back to target is the key to a successful financial future.

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## AREA ACTIVITIES

## Questers

Questers Grosse Pointe Pettipointe Chapter No. 243 meets the first Thursday of each month at various locations in the Detroit area. Its December meeting, a Christmas luncheon, takes place 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods. Questers, an international organization founded in 1944, stimulates the appreciation and collecting of antiques while encouraging the preservation of historical landmarks. Email Dorothy Tepatti at quest4golf@wowway.com.

## Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Grosse Pointe North High School Principal Kate Murray speaks. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

## GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists' Association presents the following programs at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms:

- ◆ 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, "Taking the Leap to Abstraction: One-day workshop with

Bonnie Weir."

- ◆ 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Monday, Dec. 11, "Variety: Works by Kathleen McNamee." McNamee earned this solo exhibit by winning first prize in the "Domestic Interiors" exhibition earlier this year.

For information, call (313) 881-3454.

## Toastmasters

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

## SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

- ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, Christmas party featuring entertainment by the Grosse Pointe South Chorale. Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required.

- ◆ 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, "The Lion" is shown. Cost is \$2 and registration is required.

- ◆ noon to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, Defer Elementary School Choir performs holiday songs. Reservations are required.

- ◆ 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, December birthday cele-

bration, including free lunch, cake and keepsake photo for people with December birthdays. Reservations are required.

For information, call (313) 882-9600.

## Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents Business After Hours at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Churchill's Bistro & Cigar Bar, 19271 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 881-4722.

## Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Grosse Pointe North High School choir is featured. All men older than 55 are invited. Lunch is \$15 and jackets are suggested. Call (313) 550-9661.

## Tuesday Musicales

Tuesday Musicales of Detroit presents its annual Christmas concert featuring violinist Anita Dumar at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A luncheon follows at noon. Selections from "The Magic Flute," as well as Christmas songs, will be performed. Carols, led by Dina Winter and accompanied by pianist Eric Winter, are included.

## Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe presents "Beautiful Bells in Concert," performed by Classical Bells, Thursday, Dec. 14, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Doors open at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. Call Ellie Kaye at (586) 295-0775 or Jan Baumann at (586) 243-2241.

## Grunyons, Noteworthy team up for Christmas concert

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The Grunyons and Noteworthy — two local capella groups — join voices for "Christmas on Lakeshore: An evening of a capella," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The event features guest performers Melodytroit, Wayne State University's only all-inclusive a cappella group.

Formed in 1949, the Grunyons is a men's vocal group currently with 19 members. Today, members' ages span 70 years and the group performs an extensive repertoire to enthusiastic audiences.

Noteworthy, formed in 1978, is a "no fella" a capella group of 17 women whose repertoire includes a mix of classic and contemporary.

"For almost 40 years we've been singing," said Noteworthy songstress Tracy Allen. "We've always been Grosse Pointers. People have come and gone, but

we've been an Eastside group almost 50 years. Grosse Pointe has a great sisterhood. We want to keep it on the home front."

They will for "Christmas on Lakeshore."

"We're doing a beautiful arrangement of 'Mary, Did You Know,'" Allen said. "It's my favorite piece. Other popular ones are 'That's Christmas to Me' and 'All I Want for Christmas.'" The group plans to perform a mashup of "Winter Wonderland" and "Don't Worry, Be Happy," and treats the audience to secular music such as "Sweet Dreams" and a jazzy "Jingle Bells" song, Allen said.

"Most of our arrangements are done by Jed Scott," Allen said of the former Grosse Pointer who now resides in Grand Rapids. "We're lucky to have his talent in our back pocket, too."

Allen hinted at a sing-along with the audience, but wasn't sure if the featured performers would collaborate on a song or two.

"We're looking forward to hearing from

Melodytroit," she said. "And the Grunyons are funny and entertaining. They tell stories and have a wonderful sound."

"This is for all ages," she continued. "The kids love it."

"Hopefully we'll get everybody's favorite — between the three groups — or top two or three favorites."

Tickets cost \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and are available at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, (313) 884-8105; Wild Birds Unlimited, 20381 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 881-1410; and Albatross Creative Embroidery, 17860 Mack, City of Grosse Pointe, (313) 458-7304, as well as from any Grunyons or Noteworthy member.

"It's the best bang for your buck," Allen said. "Everybody's going to do six or seven songs. It's popular, festive music and local talent. I think it's fun. You sit down for an hour and a half, hear some great music, feel good and happy and leave with good feelings in your heart. What's wrong with that?"



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe Rotary members recently led an effort to collect school supplies and backpacks for the Northeast Guidance Center's annual back-to-school event.

## Northeast Guidance Center volunteers keep mission alive

"Many hands make light the work," Grosse Pointe Rotarian Phil MacKethan said.

After a year with the service club, MacKethan sensed a void and felt there was something greater to be done as a

Rotarian. He determined the missing piece was community service outreach. When an opportunity opened to spearhead a new service project collecting school supplies and backpacks for

the Northeast Guidance

Center's annual back-to-school event, MacKethan jumped at it.

There was high participation among Rotary members, who donated not only the needed

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# Combating the cold

## Operation Warm Detroit collecting donations

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Bundling up in warm layers before heading outside on a cold winter day is a luxury some may take for granted. Ask any counselor at the Northeast Guidance Center or Matrix Human Services and they'll say hundreds of students are without that warmth throughout the season.

These are just two of the agencies helped by Operation Warm Detroit, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Rotary, Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary and Detroit Rotary clubs. Operation Warm Detroit collects donations to purchase coats for children who otherwise wouldn't have them. In six years, the initiative has raised more than \$370,000 to

purchase more than 22,500 coats, said Rotarian Paul Rentenbach, who spearheaded this year's drive.

"This year we're scheduled to donate 4,800 coats," he said. "We'll continue to accept donations through the end of December."

Coats have been or are

being delivered to Matrix Human Services, Northeast Guidance Center, Beyond Basics, Children's Center of Detroit, Southwest Solutions, Grosse Pointe schools, Crossroads of Michigan, Detroit International Academy for Young Women, For the 7th Generation and

**Rotary member Dean Valente gives a coat to a student at Northeast Guidance Center.**



Harper Woods schools. More than 260 coats will be distributed among Grosse Pointe students alone, "which is reflective of kids eligible for free and reduced lunch," Rentenbach said, "and which is always a shock to people who live here."

"We're hoping to get some more donations," he continued, "and we're planning on continuing to do this next year."

Rentenbach said Rotary almost didn't continue Operation Warm Detroit this year, "but there was so much feedback from the organizations that needed to have more coats," he said. "The poverty level is at something like 36 percent in Detroit. Thirty-six percent of people are living at or below poverty level. And I'm told it's going to be a colder than usual winter this year."

Operation Warm Detroit has received tremendous support from several organizations, which help



Rotary member Judy Masserang hugs a coat recipient at Northeast Guidance Center.

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Rotary cover more children each year. Through foundation and individual donations as well as carryover from last year's drive, Operation Warm Detroit collected more than \$80,000 this year.

While usually coats are handed out by the agencies that receive them, Northeast Guidance Center invites Rotary members to share the experience.

"The kids are just so excited about getting a new coat," Rentenbach said. "Some of them will go back to the lobby to

wait for their appointment and they'll still have their coats on. They don't want to take them off."

The Detroit project is the largest in the country, in terms of quantity purchased and donated, Rentenbach said. Coats are available in all sizes, preschool to high school.

One coat costs \$20, but donors aren't limited to buy just one. Flyers are available throughout the Pointes at various retailers. Donations also may be made online at operationwarm-detroit.org and grossepointerotary.org.

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school supplies and backpacks, but also cash to purchase supplies.

In addition, the community's participation was overwhelming. The effort became a broad project, which included publication in the monthly Grosse Pointe Public Library bulletin, thanks to Jessica Keyser, library director.

The back-to-school event took place in August at Harper Woods High School.

Mackethan is following in the footsteps of dedicated Rotarians like Paul Rentenbach and Diane Strickler, who was the KaBoom! playground leader. Over the years, both have spent many hours volunteering and delivering thousands of coats to keep children warm, healthy and going to school through programs such as Operation Warm Detroit. Rentenbach and Strickler still are involved in the community and committed to outreach and organizations like the Northeast Guidance Center. Rentenbach was instrumental in helping NEGC secure and paint the organization's first Little Free Library, currently

open at 2900 Connor. "This year's outreach by Rotarian volunteers at NEGC also included the KaBoom! playground at the Mack-Ashland II town home project," said NGC President and CEO Sherry McRill. "Their partnership is significant and we are always grateful for their support."

After more than 50 years of comprehensively serving children,

adults and families by providing behavioral and primary healthcare, NEGC needs volunteers. To volunteer, contact the development office at (313) 308-1316 or visit neguidance.org.

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# OBITUARIES

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

## Douglas Roby Glancy

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Douglas Roby Glancy died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017, in Washington, D.C., after a long battle with depression. He was 40.

Born Feb. 28, 1977, in Detroit, to Alfred R. Glancy III and Ruth Roby Glancy, Doug attended The Hotchkiss School, where he developed a passion for writing and was an editor of the Hotchkiss Record. During his senior year, Doug earned a fellowship to travel to Syria, which catalyzed his interest in international politics and global issues. Doug earned a Bachelor of Political Science degree with honors from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. He became a certified EMT and was on the Trinity emergency response team. He also traveled to England and Wales as a member of the Trinity rugby team.

After college, Doug worked as a legislative assistant to Sen. Carl Levin on climate-related issues and agriculture. Doug earned an MBA and Master of Science degree in natural resources and environment at the University of Michigan in 2007. While in graduate school, Doug co-founded the Compostable Times, a student newsletter, was an active leader in student government and out of his passion for sharing the positive elements of Detroit, organized tours of the city for students and faculty.

After graduate school, Doug worked in the corporate environmental sector until his death. Most recently, he was the director and co-founder of the Climate Speakers Network for the Climate Reality Project. He served on the board of the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, was an early adopter of drone photography, a die-hard U of M football enthusiast, gourmet chef, master debater, generous and loving uncle and devoted to the care and support of his parents who both suffer from Alzheimer's.

Doug is survived by his parents, Ruth and Al Glancy; dog, Moby; cat, Pickett; siblings, Jody Glancy, Rob Glancy (Leigh Douglas-Glancy) and Andrew Glancy and nieces and nephews, Tucker Scott, Quin Glancy, Ruthie Scott, Matilda Scott and Payson Glancy.

A memorial celebration of Doug's life will be held Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, in Detroit, the city he loved most. Details will follow.

Doug requested donations be made to the University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability Glancy Climate Innovation Award to support student research into non-traditional approaches to addressing climate change. Donations may be made at [seas.umich.edu/academics/resources/financial\\_aid/funding/glancy](http://seas.umich.edu/academics/resources/financial_aid/funding/glancy).

## Hans Max Stuhldreer

Grosse Pointe Park resident Hans Max Stuhldreer, 87, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

He was born March 9, 1930, in Danzig, Germany, to Erna Stuhldreer (nee Rosenkranz) and Vitold Stuhldreer. He was a master carpenter in Germany before becoming a shipwright, or ship's carpenter, in the merchant marine. As a merchant marine, he met Ingrid Strothman in Osnabruck, Germany. They married in Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1957.

Hans founded Hans M. Stuhldreer Construction Co. in Grosse Pointe Park. He continued his work in the construction business until his death.

He mentored his grandchildren and was a strong influence in their lives and an inspiration to them.

Hans is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ingrid; sons, Michael P. Stuhldreer and Hans O. Stuhldreer (Kayleen); grandchildren, Melanie Licht, Bianca Stuhldreer, Max Stuhldreer, Michael Stuhldreer Jr., Elisabeth Stuhldreer and Andrew Stuhldreer and great-grandchildren, Bylian Licht and Liam Licht. He also is survived by his sister, Editha Chudoba.

A private service was held.

## Geraldine D'Hondt

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Geraldine D'Hondt, 90, died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017.

She was born May 18, 1927, in Detroit, to Dennis and Mary Lucey and married Raymond D'Hondt June 16, 1951. She was a 65-year member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

Geraldine was proud of her Irish heritage and traveled to Ireland several times to reconnect with cousins. She enjoyed playing cards, games, going to the casino and spending time in northern Michigan. She especially loved spending time with her family, friends and neighbors.

Geraldine is survived by her children, Rosemary Messacar (Greg), Raymond D'Hondt Jr. (Nancy), Dennis D'Hondt (Mariann), Maureen Ronquist (Ron) and Eric D'Hondt (Micah); grandchildren, Ryan, Peter and Kevin Messacar, Steven and Mark D'Hondt, Michael, Katie and Danny D'Hondt, Kyle, Scott and Kelly Ronquist, and Lilly and Bennett D'Hondt and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband; infant son, Steven; parents and twin brother, Gerald.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to the Capuchins at [thecapuchins.org](http://thecapuchins.org).

## Daniel LaFerté

St. Clair Shores resident Daniel LaFerté, 89, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit.

Born Jan. 2, 1928, in Detroit, to Dr. Alfred LaFerté and Katrina Hilker LaFerté, Daniel graduated from the University of Michigan in 1950. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Daniel is survived by his wife, Gertrude; children, Daniel (Beth), Lawrence and Helen Patterson (Roy); grandchildren, Josephine and Molly Patterson and brother-in-law, Joseph Hyde.

He was predeceased by his siblings, Frederick LaFerté, Anne Meyjes Flanagan and Louise Hyde.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Friday, Dec. 22, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at the church at 11:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, 1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

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

## William "Kes" McCrackin

Grosse Pointe Shores resident William "Kes" McCrackin, 84, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2017, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit.

Born Aug. 27, 1933, in Detroit to Samuel "Mac" McCrackin and Jean McCrackin, Kes graduated from Denby High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in business and accounting from Wayne State University and attended the U.S. Navy Officers Candidate School, ascending to the rank of lieutenant commander.

Kes was vice chairman and chief financial officer of MCN Energy Group, the parent company of Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. He served as chairman of the Board of Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan and for the Detroit Science Center. He also was a board member of Mercy Health Services, United Way and the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

Always athletic, his passion for life was surpassed by his total love and devotion to his family.

Kes is survived by Mary, his wife of 60 years; children, Kevin, Craig (Michelle), Brian (Pam) and Karen Stefani (Bill); grandchildren, Michelle, Bridget, Mike, Rob, Billy, Gina, Kester, Spencer and his beloved bulldog, Bubbles.

A private service will be held with interment in the columbarium at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.



Douglas Roby Glancy



Hans Max Stuhldreer



Geraldine D'Hondt



Daniel LaFerté



William "Kes" McCrackin



Marcella Betanzos

## Marcella Betanzos

Marcella Betanzos passed away peacefully Monday, Nov. 27, 2017.

She was the beloved wife of Dr. Guillermo Betanzos; loving mother of Liam, Gloria Grant, Patricia and Raphael and adoring grandmother of Alexandra, Mia and Maria.

She was a longtime member of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at noon Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Marian Little Reardon

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Marian Little Reardon, 80, passed away peacefully in her sleep Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, after suffering from Alzheimer's a number of years.

She was born April 14, 1937, in Denver, Colo., to Joseph Francis and Jane Cottrell Little. She was the youngest of their four children. She was predeceased by her sister, Betty Little Starbuck and is survived by her oldest sister, Joanne Little O'Kane and brother, David Cottrell Little, both of whom live in the Denver area.

Marian graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Denver and the University of Colorado in Boulder where she majored in business and studied art.

She was married to Michael Peter "Mike" Reardon 58 years. They wed in Denver days after Mike graduated from the first class of the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1959; as part of Mike's military service, Marion moved her family 13 times in her first 14 years of marriage. She loved the adventures they had living and traveling all over the world and in all parts of this country. Marian could make any place a home in record time and was known for her gracious hospitality, compassion and organizational skills.

In addition to numerous and varied civic engagements, she served on the board of directors for Cottrell's, the men's clothing business her



Marian Little Reardon



Joan Elizabeth Gowen

grandfather founded in 1893.

Marion is survived by her loving children, Maura Campbell (Duncan), Michaela Prchlik (Michael), Brian Reardon (Lynn) and Joseph Reardon (Kristin); grandchildren, Alexandra Maegdlin (Tom), Meredith Campbell, Connor Campbell (Ashley), Katie, Sara and Megan Prchlik, Jack and Hadley Reardon and Audrey, Marian and Eleanor Reardon and a large and loving extended family of nieces, nephews and cousins.

In the early 1980s, Marian was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to serve on the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services where she served as the Parliamentarian for the committee's leadership board. This appointment, with its rank of general, meant she outranked her colonel husband, which was the source of good-natured ribbing in the family. She and her husband lived in Arlington, Va., nearly 25 years until they moved to Grosse Pointe three years ago.

Marian was a devout Catholic, who was involved in her Arlington parish many years. She enjoyed current events and politics, travel, needlework, gardening, staying fit and spending time with friends and family, especially her grandchildren. She was thankful her youngest son attended and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in nearby Annapolis, Md., so she could easily visit and cheer him on at his diving meets. She and her husband enjoyed dancing, often gaining the admiration of others for their skill. While living in the Washington, D.C., area, they took Viennese Waltz lessons at the Austrian Embassy.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon

Monday, Dec. 4, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

There will be a memorial service in March 2018 at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado. Her ashes will be interred at the academy's columbarium.

Donations may be made in Marian's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

## Joan Elizabeth Gowen

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Joan Elizabeth Gowen, 82, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Clinton Township.

She was born Aug. 31, 1935, in Detroit, to Arthur and Beatrice Tarrington and graduated in 1954 from Denby High School. She worked at J.L. Hudson Co., in Detroit and Jacobson's in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Joan was a longtime member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Roseville. She served on the PTOs at Ferry Elementary, Parcels Middle and Grosse Pointe North High schools when her children were in school.

Joan is survived by her husband, Fred; daughters, Karen Gulyas (Mark) and Kathleen Hamilton (Don); son, Gary Gowen (Donna Mitrovich); grandchildren, Kirk Gowen (Lauren), Cameron Hamilton, Austin Hamilton, Paige Gulyas and Olivia Gulyas and great-grandchild, Peyton Gowen.

She also is survived by her sister, Carol Connolly.

A funeral service was held Dec. 6 at Cornerstone Baptist Church, followed by interment in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

**PASTOR'S CORNER** By the Rev. Edward Dunn

# Give the gift of Now. Here. This.

I recently heard Father Greg Boyle, head of Homeboy Industries, a ministry among gangs in Los Angeles, refer to the phrase, "Now. Here. This." as his mantra. He said, "I'm big on mantras. So when I'm walking, or before a kid comes into my office, I always say, 'Now. Here. This. Now. Here. This.' so that I'll be present and right here to the person in front of me."

As we enter the frenzy of the Christmas season — the schedule of concerts, parties, shopping, cooking and school activities — we may lose sight of those who

need us most this time of year. Our busy-ness may limit our ability to see those in need — the homeless, the hungry, the lonely.

One of the terms the church uses to talk about Christmas is incarnation. In the gospel of Matthew's story of Jesus' birth, we read that a young woman shall conceive and bear a child and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us." The story of Jesus' life and ministry demonstrate to the world that God is present with us — God is Now. Here. This.

But Jesus also commissions his

followers to be Now. Here. This. in the world. We read that when we feed those who are hungry, welcome the stranger, care for the sick and dying, we add to the work of the incarnation and in our actions, others may know "God is with us and with them."

Enjoy this holiday season. Celebrate the gifts of those around you. Fill your days with activities that demonstrate your connection to family and neighborhood. Give the gift of Now. Here. This. to one another.

*Dunn is pastor at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.*

# Alliance Française offers event, classes

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe, a French cultural group, celebrates Epiphany, or Fête des Rois, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. This family-friendly event celebrates the day the three wisemen brought gifts to the Christ child. A French film, with English subtitles and appropriate for all ages, is shown.

Following the film, traditional French galettes are served. In France, families bake a "galette des rois," the king's cake, and cook a trinket inside. Whoever finds the trinket is crowned king or queen.

Reservations are available at \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. To reserve, send a check payable to "Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe" to 23009 Maxine, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Include a phone number on the check. Or pay via PayPal on the events page at [afgrossepointe.org](http://afgrossepointe.org). Reservations are required by Sunday, Dec. 31. For more information, email Christiane at [cstein44@comcast.net](mailto:cstein44@comcast.net).

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe also offers winter French classes at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, beginning Monday, Jan. 8. Each class is conducted with an oral approach so students gain confidence listening to French, as well as answering questions, dialoguing and reading in French. Students also learn culture, which may include a French song or slang expressions.

Each session runs 10 weeks and costs \$115, plus

the purchase of the textbook. Five classes are offered at the following levels: Absolute Beginner, Beginner Plus, Intermediate, Advanced and French Conversation.



More information is available at [afgrossepointe.org](http://afgrossepointe.org). To register, contact Cheryl Johns at (313) 885-9139 or [user427389@aol.com](mailto:user427389@aol.com). Registration deadline is Sunday, Dec. 31.

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe is a non-profit organization that promotes the French culture and language. As a chapter of the Federation of Alliances Françaises USA, it not only offers French classes to adults, but also social opportunities for membership and the community through activities such as excursions to plays, French movies, restaurants and other events throughout the year. The group also awards college scholarships to community high school graduating seniors who have excelled in their French studies. For summer 2018, the alliance is considering offering French classes for children. Those interested should email [president@afgrossepointe.org](mailto:president@afgrossepointe.org).

# CHURCH EVENTS

## United Methodist

884-5040.

The annual Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church Cookie Mart takes place 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 9, at the church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. This holiday tradition features thousands of homemade cookies and other treats. Proceeds support the mission work of United Methodist Women.

## St. Paul Evangelical

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

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

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

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

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

Call the church office for more information: (313) 881-6670.

## First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents its seasonal Music Sunday Service at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. This year, the church's Good News Singers perform works of the Advent and Christmas seasons, including some of Bach's most memorable music for the season. The Good News Singers are accompanied by strings, piano, organ and percussion.

The church presents its 11th annual Christmas Tree Walk and Afternoon Tea, spotlighting the 35-plus lighted and decorated Christmas trees on three levels of the church and other decorations throughout the complex, culminating in a festive afternoon tea. The self-conducted walks take place noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27. The tea, chaired by Waynette Hostetler, chairwoman of the Women of the Church, takes place in The Luther Center and includes tea sandwiches and an assortment of sweet breads, cookies and crème puffs along with hot tea. Freewill donations and nonperishable food gifts for the pantry will be accepted. RSVP by calling (313)

## St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts its annual Alumni Family Mass noon to 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. A reception follows. Call (313) 885-3430.

## Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents Handel's "Messiah," performed by the Christ Church chorale, soloists and orchestra, at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. Tickets are \$25. Call (313) 885-4841.

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DIS:

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said. “We don’t do salaries, but we do equipment, food, transportation.

“Most of it is in Wayne County — there’s such a big need there — but we also take requests from Macomb and Oakland.”

Grants are awarded for specific purposes, such as camperships, recreational and educational supplies and equipment, educational and cultural enrichment programs, specialized equipment for disabled children, field trips and mental health programs. In addition, funding provides children with food, clothing and emergency shelter.

“One thing that’s been consistent after being around 160 years is chil-



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On the Neighborhood House playground in 1957, Lois Healy, then president of the Detroit Industrial School Board of Directors, chats with children.

dren unfortunately are still in need,” Tech said. The group gets 20 to 25 unsolicited requests

every six months, of which 15 to 20 receive grants. More than 100 organizations have benefited from DIS grants, including Detroit Historical Society, Neighborhood Club, The Family Center, Full Circle Foundation, Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Northeast Guidance Center, Boys Hope — Girls Hope, Blanket with Love and Arts & Scraps. DIS has helped the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club with its Operation

Warm Detroit project since 2012.

“They supply brand new coats to children in all counties,” Tech said. “It’s good for us because they not only supplied coats to children in Detroit, but also in Grosse Pointe. People don’t realize there’s a need here. And they’re nice-looking coats ... Talk about a basic need. Not only is it a local organization helping local kids, but that is a true basic need.”

To qualify for a grant, an organization must be a 501(c)3. Information about the organization, the amount requested, project cost and the number of people served also are required. Generally, DIS aims to serve children up to age 18, but exceptions may be made.

“It’s been a learning experience for me,” said Tech, an 11-year DIS foundation member. “It’s opened up my eyes. I thought I knew what was



The Neighborhood House’s Senior Men’s Club offered activities daily.



Ballet class at the Neighborhood House.

going on in Detroit, but I didn’t know all.

“These are great women,” she continued. “They help the area, they help kids. That’s why we’re here. Thank God for the seven ladies who saw the desperation in Detroit and got people together.”

For more information about DIS, to request a grant or to make a donation via PayPal, visit [detroitindustrial.org](http://detroitindustrial.org).



Neighborhood House children scramble to update a baseball scoreboard.

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# SENIOR *Living*

## Older Driver Safety Awareness Week is Dec. 4-8

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The American Occupational Therapy Association's Older Driver Safety Awareness Week is Dec. 4 to 8. As part of its mission, it "aims to promote understanding of the importance of mobility and transportation to ensuring older adults remain active in the community."

Providing local support to the older population — including when it comes to safe driving — Services for Older Citizens and the Wilson Center are working to help seniors stay safe behind the wheel, as well as providing alternatives to those who can't.

"We all want to maintain our independence as we get older," said Deb Miller, assistant executive director at Services for Older Citizens. "For many people, their independence is linked to their car. Drivers who use smart self-management to review their driving skills can retain their independence longer, while limiting risks to

themselves and others." SOC, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the AARP Smart Driver Course twice a year, allowing drivers age 50 and older an opportunity to refresh their driving skills while providing safe driving resources and tips and a driving assessment. According to aarpdriver.org, an evaluation of the course found 97 percent of participants changed at least one driving habit as a result of what they learned.

Course highlights include proper use of safety belts, air bags and new technology found in cars today; techniques for handling left turns and roundabouts; state-specific rules and regulations in 19 key areas such as cellphone use, construction zones and school buses; and information on the effects of medication on driving.

Additionally, The Wilson Center: Senior Resources and Independent Living, 648 St. Clair, City of Grosse

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## The Encore Years: Marieke Allen

By Debra Kaszubski  
Special Writer

It's hard to believe Marieke Allen is 88 years old. The vibrant, active senior is as sharp as one of her five great-grandchildren and as active as someone half her age. Her memory is long and she is able to recall detailed and even heart-breaking memories of life in Holland during World War II.

Allen, who has lived in Grosse Pointe Farms since 1957, still is active in the community, just as she has been the past five decades, and she has no plans of slowing down.

"I feel at this point I have a lot to offer and to do in the community," she said. "Why should I waste time sitting around in my rocking chair? That's not me."



Marieke Allen

Allen recently completed several years of service as chairwoman of the Veterans Garden Committee — the organization responsible for the lush hillside garden scape at The War Memorial — which she formed in 2011. Allen emceed the Nov. 12 event celebrating the five-year anniversary and completion of the garden.

The garden honors

Grosse Pointe veterans, family and friends of veterans are encouraged to purchase brick pavers in the garden honoring their loved ones. All profits are put back into the garden.

Although Allen recently handed off her chairwoman's gavel to Joan Gossman, she intends to stay on the committee. Gardening is her passion, she said, a hobby that started years ago when she was tasked with landscaping her yard after her husband, Lee, who passed away 13 years ago, removed the kids' treehouse. She has

no plans of hanging up her gardening gloves and, even on a cooler, yet sunny November afternoon, she's anxious to go outside.

Along with the Veterans Garden, Allen also has served as past president of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, member of the Garden Center Board of Trustees and past president of the Deeplands Garden Club.

Along with gardening, Allen is passionate about pottery. She was an early supporter of the Pewabic Tile Foundation, even assisting with fundrais-

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**ASK THE EXPERTS** By David Gilboe

**Maximize safety with the right winter boots**

**Q:** With the winter fast approaching, I worry about my parents walking on snow and ice. Do you have any tips for getting them good boots that help with their stability?

**A:** You are right to be concerned as we all need to exercise caution when we're walking on slippery surfaces.

Just like our vehicles need good tires to weather the challenges of winter, so do our feet. A good pair of boots gives us stability, keeps us firmly connected to the ground and offers us the ability to travel safely. Making sure we wear boots that maximize our safety, however, warrants some thought and consideration.

For your parents, and yourself, make sure the boots fit properly, offer support and stability and have a good sole that grabs the surface of the ground or floor.

Here are a few tips to help you outfit your feet safely:

1. Before you lace or zip up your boots, can you fit one finger behind your heel? If you can't, they are too tight. If you can fit more than one finger they are too big and could



be risky to your physical stability.

2. Once you have the boot on, can you wriggle your toes comfortably, but still feel the boot firmly around your foot? If you can't move your toes, it is likely your boots are hitting pressure points, causing you unnecessary pain. If your foot is slipping around, this will not only compromise your stability, it puts strain on the bones and muscles throughout your body.

3. Though it might seem silly, kick the wall (lightly, of course) and make sure your toes aren't touching the end of your boot.

4. When you stand and rock your feet up and down, does your heel move around? For optimal stability, it should stay firmly in place and not move in your boot.

5. When you stand and put your boot on the ground, does

it slip around or grip the surface? Many boots have non-skid soles and are always better for your overall safety.

Just like we make sure our tires have good treads so they hug the ground and get us safely to our destination, our feet should be able to do the same.

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**Full Circle favors**

Students from Full Circle's community classroom made gift tags, holiday cards, bottle toppers and chocolate-dipped pretzels to sell at Parcell Middle School's craft fair Dec. 2. Funds raised support other Full Circle activities. From left, teacher Kathy Dykstra, Kendelia Garner, Ryann Melville, Stephen VanElslander, Sarah Sibanov, Nicholas Russell and Yarnell Waller.

**Library hosts author**

The Grosse Pointe Public Library presents author Bill Rapai, who discusses his new book "Brewed in Michigan: The New Golden Age of Brewing in the Great Beer State," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14.

Rapai is a writer, naturalist and author of "Lake Invaders: Invasive Species and the Battle for the Future of the Great Lakes," as well as "The Kirtland's Warbler." The author toured leading craft breweries in Michigan, during an 18-month sojourn, discov-

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# Finding art after 50 years

New grandmother, retired classics professor and award-winning artist Kathleen McNamee gives a gallery talk at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Her lecture explores encaustic wax painting, one of the world's oldest art forms dating back to ancient Greece, when artists used wax paint to adorn sculptures, murals, boards and even architecture. For her lecture, she has done the careful research of a classics professor.

"As a professor, I am not comfortable slapping things together quickly. I only do that with paint," she said.

It is true McNamee's art has a "fresh, of-the-moment feel." It also is true it is winning prizes.

Her entry, "The Heart of the House," won best-of-show — and the opportunity for a solo show — in a recent exhibition by the Grosse Pointe Artists Association. "Variety: Works by Kathleen McNamee" is at SOC through mid-January.

"The variety of her work and her willingness to experiment with new techniques makes her an exciting artist to watch," a member of the GPAA exhibition committee said.

Interestingly, McNamee returned to art after a 50-year hiatus.

"In 1958, I won third place for a drawing of the dogwood tree in front of my family home," McNamee said. "Fifty years later, I enrolled in 'Fundamentals of Drawing' with Dan Keller and have pursued drawing and painting in various mediums ever since."

In addition to Keller, McNamee is generous with her thanks to various GPAA members and teachers who have helped her and influenced her work, including Roselyn Rhodes, Bette Prudden and Carol La Chiusa.

Birgit Hutteman-Holz, recognized as one of North America's leading encaustic artists, gives a

follow-up lecture, "Encaustic Today," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The

Hutteman-Holz lecture is followed by an awards presentation for "After the Sun Goes Down," an GPAA exhibition she juried.



## Icy anniversary

Charlie Neff sculpted a Canada goose of ice on the 10-year anniversary of one he sculpted of ice along Lakeshore. Neff sculpted this one at Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park Nov. 10.

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# Safe driving assessment SAFETY:

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This self-assessment checklist, taken from the Physician's Guide to Assessing and Counseling Older Drivers, published by the American Medical Association, can help you decide if you should have your driving abilities evaluated.

- Check if the statement applies:
- ◆ I get lost while driving.
  - ◆ My friends or family members say they are worried about my driving.
  - ◆ Other cars seem to appear from nowhere.
  - ◆ I have trouble finding and reading signs in time to respond to them.
  - ◆ Other drivers drive too fast.
  - ◆ Other drivers often honk at me.
  - ◆ I feel uncomfortable, nervous or fearful while driving.
  - ◆ After driving, I feel tired.
  - ◆ I feel sleepy when I drive.
  - ◆ I have had some "near misses" lately.
  - ◆ Busy intersections bother me.
  - ◆ Left-hand turns make me nervous.
  - ◆ The glare from oncoming headlights bothers me.
  - ◆ My medication makes me dizzy or drowsy.
  - ◆ I have trouble turning the steering wheel.
  - ◆ I have trouble pushing down the foot pedal.
  - ◆ I have trouble looking over my shoulder when I back up.
  - ◆ I have been stopped by the police for my driving.
  - ◆ People no longer accept rides from me.
  - ◆ I have difficulty backing up.
  - ◆ I have had crashes that were my fault in the past year.
  - ◆ I am too cautious when driving.
  - ◆ I sometimes forget to use my mirrors or signals.
  - ◆ I sometimes forget to check for oncoming traffic.
  - ◆ I have more trouble parking lately.

If you have checked any of these items, your safety may be at risk when you drive. Talk with your doctor about ways to improve your safety if you are experiencing any conditions or symptoms that may be affecting your ability to drive safely.

Pointe, offers an independent driving simulator.

"These resources could open the eyes of the senior driver regarding any deficiencies," Miller said.

"Today's older adults continue to drive into their later years and for more miles than in the past," she continued. "Research suggests that older adults can expect to outlive their ability to drive safely by seven to 10 years."

For many adults, a driver's license offers mobility and independence; however, the time may come when driving no longer is a safe option.

"The decision to stop driving is never an easy one," Miller said. "However, the key for a positive transition from driving is planning."

Many older drivers self-restrict their driving to avoid risky situations. Some common strategies include driving only during daylight hours and good weather conditions, avoiding rush hour and heavy traffic, avoiding fast-paced highway driving or driving in unfamiliar areas.

"Our driving skills may deteriorate slowly so that we are unaware of what is happening," Miller said. "Self-awareness is the key to safe driving."

For seniors who no longer feel they are safe behind the wheel, SOC offers Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services, or PAATS — bus transportation from a client's home to anywhere in the area

bounded by 11 Mile Road, Gratiot, Chalmers and Jefferson. Buses run 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the last pickup at 3:30 p.m. Seniors who want to go shopping or to a doctor's appointment or to lunch with friends are invited to take advantage of this service, which requires reservations 48 hours in advance. Call (313) 343-2580.

"We've got friendly, helpful drivers who offer door-to-door service," Miller said. "We work hard to accommodate everyone's schedules."

Seniors who need even more assistance are invited to use SOC's Escort Program, open to ages 60 and older or disabled people living in the Grosse Pointes or Harper Woods. Call (313) 882-9600.

The point of these services is to keep seniors out and about, instead of "stuck" at home once they no longer drive.

"According to a report released by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety and Columbia University, seniors who've stopped driving are nearly twice as likely to suffer from depression, with a five times greater chance of entering a long-term care facility than those who remain behind the wheel," Miller said. "The report further suggests those restricted from driving exhibit an accelerated decline in cognitive abilities, diminished productivity and low participation in daily activities away from home. There are great technologies available now to help older adults drive safely for longer."

Automotive companies have introduced several technologies to help make driving safer, from push-

button entry/start and built-in navigation systems to parking aids, adaptive headlamps, blind spot and lane departure warnings and auto-braking systems.

The National Institute On Aging suggests seniors heed the following safe-driving tips:

◆ Have your driving skills checked by a driving rehabilitation specialist, occupational therapist or other trained professional and ask your doctor if any of your health problems or medications might make it unsafe for you to drive.

◆ Drive according to conditions. Stay home if the weather turns ugly; if you need to get out, call someone for a ride or use other transportation services.

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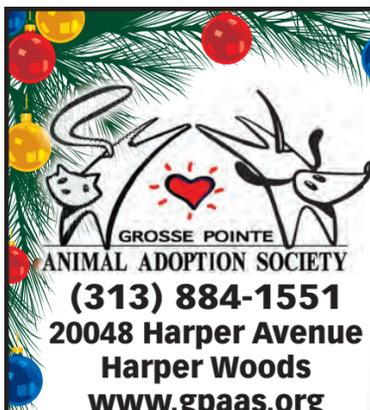
"The holidays at Ford House are unique, not only because of the beautiful decorations, but also because docents are able to share stories of treasured family moments at the estate," said Mary Fishwick, docent and volunteer

coordinator at Ford House. "The Fords loved spending time together during the holidays and guests are able to see where the family gathered on Christmas Eve to watch first-run movies, shared special meals and opened presents under the tree."

Ford House Holiday Tours run through Sunday, Jan. 7. Tours are \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors, \$8 for children ages 6 to 12 and free for Ford House members.

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ing efforts that helped keep the Detroit landmark afloat during the 1980s recession.

Allen and her husband were active with Grosse Pointe schools as well, having served as scout leaders when their five children were young. They were among the founding members of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Academic Enrichment, a nonprofit that eventually became the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.

Allen attended Wayne State University shortly after immigrating to the United States from her home in Holland after World War II. At WSU, she earned a degree in occupational therapy. Years later, while in her 60s, she earned another degree in calligraphy from the Center for Creative Studies. She has worked as a calligraphy teacher and independent contractor, crafting items such as wedding invitations.

She also sang with the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church choir 45 years and met the king and queen of Holland. Still, all of these happy memories in her life pale in comparison to the day in 1945 when Holland was liberated from the Nazis.

She remembers well how the occupation of her childhood hometown started. It was systematic, she said, with the Nazis eventually recruiting all men to work as slave labor in German factories. Her older brother went into hiding in her family home, along with several others.

Eventually, the Nazis tried to force everyone out



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**Marieke Allen credits her Veterans Garden Committee for its successes. Pictured standing from left are Jean Azar, Robin Heller, Ginny Brown, Alaine Bush, Marion Vesely, Sarah Flynn and Adrienne Gregory. Seated from left are Allen and Joan Gossman.**

of Allen's town and it was evacuated; however, her parents, hopeful the town would soon be liberated, locked themselves in their home. The liberation didn't happen when they expected and within a short time, her family nearly starved.

At first, they traded with nearby farmers for a small amount of food, but when that ended they were forced to curb hunger by eating roasted tulips.

"Did you know you could eat a tulip?" Allen asked. "I don't recommend it, but it was what we needed to do at the time." Hunger relief would come just in time when the Red Cross dropped supplies in her town.

During nine months in hiding, Allen, who was a teenager at the time, remembers the sounds of British planes flying over the Netherlands every day at 11 a.m. en route to Germany.

"One time, I remember sneaking my way out to count the planes. And guess how many?" she asked.

"There were 325. Do you know what 325 planes sounds like? It was remarkable."

She also remembers the booming sound of the tanks and trucks that paraded down her street the day the town was liberated. The Canadian troops whistled at Allen and her friend.

"That was the greatest day," she said. "We celebrated for two weeks after. I'll always remember that."

Allen's volunteer efforts with the Veterans Garden at The War Memorial is her way of thanking those soldiers and the others who liberated her family and country.

"I want the community to know that the garden is a way to honor all Grosse Pointe veterans, including the older veterans from World War II, all the way up to the younger ones," she said. "It honors all military people in the Grosse Pointe area."

To donate to the Veterans Garden, call the Grosse Pointe Garden Center at (313) 499-9743.

## ASK JEFF AND DEBRA

# Trust the process

**Q: I'm feeling overwhelmed. I finally got my wife into a residential treatment program for her alcoholism, but I'm being asked to go to Al-Anon and begin something called Structured Family Recovery. In addition, I'm supposed to work a program of some kind myself and stop enabling. It seems like too much. Haven't I done enough?**

**A:** Treatment is a launching pad, not a cure-all. It may feel like you've reached the goal line by getting your wife into treatment, but it's really just the beginning of the process.

Helping your loved one get meaningful help is a huge accomplishment — for both of you. It means closing the door on active addiction and stepping out into the world of recovery. The biggest mistake families can make, however, is thinking their addicted loved one is the only one who has to make changes. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The myth that only the addict has to change is encouraged by the healthcare system. Most treatment programs leave the family underserved, focusing almost exclusively on the identified patient. Yet everyone comes home to family, so if there haven't been changes at home, the addicted person is likely

to revert to their old behavior.

One new solution is mentioned in your query and it comes out of a book called "It Takes a Family." By building a culture of recovery at home, a new environment can be created, which will tip the balance in favor of success. For family members, it's not just a matter of learning new behaviors, it's a specific program of action.

The suggestions you're getting about attending Al-Anon and embracing a program of recovery are right on the mark. When your wife sees you're doing your own work, it will be almost impossible for her to remain stagnant.

Families often form an intervention team to get their loved one in treatment. For the best result, they must then continue as a recovery team. Making time for meetings and phone conferences can be challenging, but what is the alternative? Backsliding isn't an option. You need to trust the process and keep moving forward, one step at a time.

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

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## Girls hockey

### GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Norsemen post wins

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

The Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team posted its third consecutive shutout last week, beating visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood 3-0.

Senior Erika Benoit was the netminder and received plenty of help from the defense in front of her.

“The girls played a great game at both ends of the ice,” head coach Casey Quick said. “We had good goaltending and the girls on defense kept Cranbrook from getting any momentum.”

The Norsemen killed several penalties and even scored a short-handed goal when senior Natalie Barstys tallied at the 11:26 mark of the third period. Junior Maddie McIntyre assisted on the goal, which gave the home team a three-goal cushion.

The Norsemen scored one goal in each period.

Senior Kylee Banaszewski scored at the 5:51 mark of the opening period and junior Bella Welke scored at the 14:04 mark of the second period. Both goals were unassisted.

“I really can’t say enough good things about how well the girls are playing, especially on defense,” Quick said. “It’s amazing to get one shutout, but three in a row.”

“Our defensive players keep rotating and doing the little things it takes to keep the opposing forwards from getting too comfortable with the puck.”

North had a big test last weekend, traveling to two-time defending state champ Farmington Hills Mercy.

“We will see what we are made of playing Mercy,” Quick said prior to the game.

North pulled off a 4-3 overtime victory over the champs as Clare Murphy scored in the extra session, assisted by her sister, Erin Murphy.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**North goaltender Erika Benoit is all smiles after blanking Cranbrook Kingswood.**

The Norsemen trailed 2-0 in the first period, but killed a two-player Mercy power play, which lit a fire for the Norsemen in the next period.

In the second period, Banaszewski scored, with an assist from Hannah Martin and Erin Murphy tallied to tie the game 2-2. Banaszewski had the lone assist.

The Norsemen took a 3-2 lead when Clare

Murphy scored. Banaszewski and Erin Murphy had the assists.

The Marlins tied the game with two minutes remaining in the third period, but the Norsemen found a way to prevail in the overtime.

Erika Benoit was solid in net, earning the win.

North improved to 2-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School League and 4-1 overall.

### GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Blue Devils blast foes

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

The Grosse Pointe South girls hockey team played back-to-back nights last week, winning 7-5 on the road against Farmington Hills Mercy and 3-0 at home against Plymouth-Canton-Salem.

The Blue Devils beat the two-time defending state champs after scoring five goals in the second period.

They built a 7-1 lead before the Marlins stormed back.

They put four goals on the board in the third period, but the Blue Devils’ six-goal lead was too much to overcome.

Seven different players scored a goal: seniors Erin Brannagan, Lauren Kramer, Solana Bryson; junior Alice Williamson; and sophomores Lauren Benoit, Natalie Clepton and Kelsie Francis.

Junior Madeline Kelly earned the win in net.

The following evening, the host Blue Devils came out a step slow against an improved

P-C-S squad.

“We were a little tired after the tough game the previous night and we ran into a good goaltender,” head coach John Weidenbach said. “We played hard and won. We will be back at the rink at 10 a.m. to practice and go over the two games.”

The Blue Devils picked up momentum as the game moved to the second and third periods.

It was scoreless after one period, but Francis scored at the 11:01 mark of the second stanza to make it a 1-0 game. Bryson and Brannagan had the assists.

Kramer made it 2-0, scoring a power-play goal at the 8:37 mark of the second period. Brannagan and Benoit had assists.

Sophomore Madison Ryszewski put the finishing touches on the win, scoring a goal with only 71 seconds left in the third period.

Sophomore Emily Desnoyer had her first start and had 10 saves.

Grosse Pointe South is 3-0 overall.



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## Girls basketball

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Game one win

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team used a 13-0 first-half run to build a 19-6 lead in its season opener last week at home against Sterling Heights Stevenson.

The Norsemen went on to post a 53-22 victory to move to 1-0 overall.

"I think we saw a mixture of good things to build on and trouble areas that we have to work on," head coach Gary Bennett said. "Pretty standard stuff for early in the season. I'm looking forward to practice today so that we can improve and grow — get better as individuals and as a team. I was happy that everyone got to play last night and that everyone scored."

Each of the 10 girls scored at least two points. Junior Julia Ayrault led the scoring



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

North's Maddie Kohler, right, goes up for two of her four points in the Norsemen's season opener.

with 17 points and junior Regan Sliwinski was next with eight.

Senior Josie Ciaravino had seven points, followed by sophomore Michelle Bodnariuk with six, freshman Maddie Kohler with four, junior Evelyn Zacharias with three, junior Rachel Sexton with two, sophomore Christina Braker with two, junior Cariele Humphries with two and junior Rachel Liagre with two.

Both teams got off to a

slow start as turnovers kept the game close. It was tied 6-6 late in the first quarter before the Norsemen began the 13-point run.

Midway through the second quarter it was 19-6 and it was all Norsemen after that. They forced a lot of turnovers and were able to score baskets in transition. Stevenson had 23 turnovers for the game.

North outscored the Titans 37-12 in the middle two quarters.

## Boys hockey

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Knights win again

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys hockey team swept the season series with league foe Riverview Gabriel Richard, winning 5-1 on home ice last week.

The Knights won at Gabriel Richard 3-2 in overtime the previous week.

"The guys played a solid game for the most part," head coach Mike Maltese said. "We took far too many penalties, but overall I was pleased with the effort. The guys are coming to practice early and leaving late. They love to be at the rink, which is great to see."

Senior Spencer Warezak scored 26 seconds into the first period with seniors Spencer Stefani and Matthew Moroun assisting.

The Pioneers tied it with a short-handed goal at the 10:36 mark of the first period, but with only 90 seconds left in the stanza, senior Dylan Paulsell tallied what turned out to be the game-winning goal. Stefani and Moroun once again had the assists.

The host Knights tacked on two more goals in the second period.

The first was senior



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett senior Dylan Paulsell, right, had three assists in the Knights' two games last week.

Alex Johnson, assisted by Paulsell and junior Dan Bowen, and the second was Warezak, assisted by sophomore William Nicholson and Stefani.

The home team scored short handed in the third period as sophomore Tristan Reilly lit the lamp with Paulsell and junior Caden Lewandowski netting assists.

Paulsell and Stefani each finished with three points.

In net, freshman goaltender Grant Lindsay stopped 23-of-24 shots to earn his second win.

Later in the week,

Liggett hosted another league foe, Dearborn Divine Child and won 5-3 to move to 3-0 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and overall.

The Knights scored three goals in the first period and never looked back.

Nicholson had two goals and two assists, while Warezak continued his hot start, netting two more goals and an assist.

Reilly had the other goal for the home team. Lewandowski had two assists, followed by Stefani, Paulsell and junior Luke Zinn with one assist apiece.

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Shots don't fall

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett School girls basketball team was in for a tough game before it even began last weekend.

The Knights hosted Warren Lincoln, which brought their home white uniform instead of the road jersey. With the Knights dressed in their home whites, confusion was in store.

Instead of cancelling the game, head coach John Bandos had his Knights wear red pinnies and they played.

The teams combined for 75 turnovers and the Knights lost 42-31.

"We ran the offense pretty well, but we could not get a shot to fall," Bandos said.

Lincoln had the experience and height advantage. The Knights did have two players with



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett's Mimi Wujek, right, grabbed 10 rebounds in the Knights' home loss to Warren Lincoln.

double-digit rebounds as junior Mimi Wujek and sophomore Melanie Zampardo had 10 boards apiece.

The Abes kept it close by turning the ball over 40 times and taking quick shots with a double-digit lead in the fourth quarter.

The Knights led 7-6 after the first quarter, but fell behind 17-13 at the

half and 31-23 at the end of the third quarter.

Freshman Delaney Garvey led the way with eight points, followed by senior Delany Bandos with seven and senior Maria Pas with five.

Earlier in the week, Liggett opened its season with a 57-29 loss to Clarkston Everest Collegiate to drop to 0-2 overall.

## NORTH &amp; SOUTH

## Teams get first wins

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Joe Drouin earned his first win as the head coach of Grosse Pointe North's boys hockey team last week.

His Norsemen beat visiting St. Clair Shores Unified 4-2 at Fraser Hockeyland.

"The guys worked hard and they deserved this win," Drouin said. "All of our lines played well and we had good goaltending from Kyle (Losinski). It was nice to get that elusive first win."

The Lakers scored first at the 12:02 mark of the first period, but a couple of minutes later senior Austin Albrecht tallied to tie it 1-1. Senior Evan Kolinski had the only assist.

Sophomore Aidan Houle scored at the 4:45 mark of the first period to give the home team a 2-1 lead. Albrecht had the

assist.

In the opening period, the Norsemen outshot the Lakers 13-7.

Each team scored a goal in the second period as junior Chris Lorelli, assisted by seniors Charles Weiss and Thomas Supal, had the Norsemen's tally. Lorelli scored at the 12:03 mark and the Lakers' goal came at the 10:11 mark to close the gap to 3-2 after two periods. The Norsemen held a 24-14 shot advantage after 34 minutes.

Albrecht scored an insurance goal, unassisted, at the 14:38 mark. The goal gave the Norsemen the two-goal cushion.

Losinski held his own in net, stopping 23-of-25 shots, including all 11 in the third period.

Later in the week, North hosted league foe U-D Jesuit and lost 5-1. Chris Lorelli scored the

Norsemen's lone goal and Brian Clogg suffered the loss in net as North dropped to 0-3 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 1-5 overall.

## South results

The Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team earned its first win of the season last weekend, beating host Macomb Dakota 3-2.

"It wasn't pretty, but it was a win and we needed it," head coach Bobby McKillop said.

Andrew Vyletel scored all three goals for the Blue Devils and his game-winner came with only four minutes left in the third period.

The Blue Devils had leads of 1-0 and 2-1, but the Cougars came back to tie it each time.

Cam Mills earned the win in net as the Blue Devils improved to 1-2 overall.

## YOUTH BASKETBALL

## Sign up for hoop camp

It's time to register for the Grosse Pointe Lakers Holiday basketball camp Tuesday, Dec. 26, to Thursday, Dec. 28, at The Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The camp is open to boys and girls in grades kindergarten through eighth and runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Drop-off begins at 8:30

a.m. and pick-up starts at 1 p.m. in the circle drive.

The cost is \$129 per camper, per session.

Participants should wear shorts, T-shirt, athletic shoes and socks and bring a water bottle, snacks or money for the concession stand.

Players will work on ball handling, shooting, passing, cutting, screening, on-ball defense and

rebounding.

Lakers shirts will be handed out during the camp.

In addition, camp directors Kevin Richards and Stephen Benard specialize in working with younger players who are new to the game or in the learning phase.

For more information, contact Richards at (313) 244-1523 or Benard at (313) 580-0351.

## Girls hockey

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Sweet

University Liggett School sophomore goaltender Eve Bournias, right, and her teammates won 1-0 over host Plymouth-Canton-Salem last week, improving to 4-0 overall. Senior Olivia Yates scored an unassisted goal early in the third period and the defense, led by senior Kate Zinn and Bournias, did the rest.



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## King Crossword

### Solution for last week's puzzle 11/30/17

M	A	C	E	G	G	Y	U	S	E	D	
O	W	E	T	O	N	E	N	O	R	A	
B	E	L	L	H	O	P	S	D	O	I	T
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A	R	M	O	R	C	A	K	E			
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**ACROSS**

1 Use an old phone

5 Plastic user's accumulation

9 Yon bloke

12 Resting

13 Neighborhood

14 Expert

15 Shipwreck site

16 Ancient Briton

17 Say it's OK

18 It's right on the map

19 Shell game need

20 Took the bus

21 - canto

23 Mainlander's memento

25 Flower cluster

28 Heckle or Jeckle

32 Baking potato

33 Any of four that chase Pac-Man

34 Aberration

36 Last syllable of a word

37 Ultra-modernist

38 Meadow

39 Dressed

42 State of matter

44 Infamous lyre player

48 Fond du --

49 Abrupt

50 Fed

51 Bonfire residue

52 Soft cheese

53 Dryer collection

54 "How come?"

55 Celeb

56 Therefore

9 Good ring?

10 On the rocks

11 Apportion (out)

20 90 degrees

22 Overact

24 American emblem

25 Carnival city

26 Throw in

27 Scoundrel

29 Luau bowlful

30 Doctrine

31 Greek H

35 Dairy-section item

36 Overcoat named for a region of Ireland

39 Talon

40 Whip

41 Sore

43 Bocelli show-stopper

45 Eastern bigwig

46 Pealed

47 Aware of

49 Letterman's employer

**DOWN**

1 Tragic

2 Concept

3 Hearty quaffs

4 Forgotten, maybe

5 Spotted horse

6 Huron neighbor

7 Soothe

8 Body art, for short

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
 by Linda Thistle  
**Solution for last weeks puzzle 11/30/17**

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

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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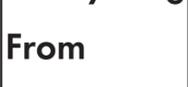
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