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Parking problem

Urgent care faces lack of patient spaces due to overflow from nearby businesses

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Beaumont Urgent Care, near the corner of Kerby and Mack, opened its doors in July and quickly found overflow parking into its 10 allocated spaces to be a significant issue. Unaware that the action required approval from city council due to the Farms signage ordinance, the business put up “Beaumont Urgent Care Parking” signs, which curbed the issue, according to Practice Manager Carol Misch.

Adhering to direction from the city to remove the signs in early September, paired with the winter months bringing increased activity to a nearby indoor athletic facility, has exacerbated the problem, often filling the urgent care lot with non-patients.

“I’m already seeing a drop in business, because would you go into an urgent care if every space was full with a car?” Misch asked. “No, because you know the wait would be long. What if you needed a wheelchair? What if you broke your foot? There’s nowhere for them to go.”

Misch and Ed Phillips, president of Phillips Sign & Lighting Inc., came before city council Monday, Dec. 9, to

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Coming soon!

With just days left until Christmas, George Locke and Frances Morgan were thrilled by the thought that Santa soon will bring them presents. The duo attended the Grosse Pointe Park Lunch with Santa event at the Tompkins Center Dec. 7. Aside from lunch, each child received a goodie bag and a chance to share their wish lists with Santa. Also, Santa read, “’Twas the Night Before Christmas.” For more photos, visit grossepointenews.com.

Hospital has new leader

Woods surgeon to lead Beaumont medical staff in '20

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Dr. Amer M. Alame says having a vision is key to improving healthcare.

When he begins his term as president of the medical staff at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe Jan. 1, Alame said implementing his vision of teamwork and advancement on behalf of patients will be a priority.

“That position involves anything related to matters of the hospital that physicians are involved in, which is almost everything,” he said.

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Former Farms councilwoman honored

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Former Grosse Pointe Farms councilwoman Sierra Donaven, who lost her seat in the November election by just more than 300 votes, was honored with a resolution and kind words from council at the meeting Monday, Dec. 9.

“It was definitely unexpected,” Donaven said. “(I’m) beyond grateful. Just having served on city council is amazing and I’m just very grateful for it.”

Donaven was appointed as a councilwoman in July 2018, following the resignation of

Therese Joseph and served until October.

“Whereas, at all times Sierra has exercised good judgment and has been a positive force that greatly benefited the city of Grosse Pointe Farms, now therefore be it resolved that the city of Grosse Pointe Farms recognizes and extends its appreciation to Sierra for the contributions that she made to further enrich our community,” the resolution read. “... the city of Grosse Pointe Farms extends best wishes for many prosperous endeavors to come.”

Mayor Louis Theros, who stated Donaven is one of his favorite people in the Farms,

presented the former councilwoman with the resolution.

“Sierra was always one to appear at city hall or meetings with the council or administration with her signature of professional politeness,” he read. “Her good nature and infectious smile would lift everyone’s spirits and she was admired by her colleagues.”

Councilwoman Beth Konrad-Wilberding expressed gratitude for Donaven’s guidance and contribution.

“She is a bridge builder in the community and a legendary one,” she said. “The first African

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PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

Former councilwoman Sierra Donaven and Mayor Louis Theros at the Farms council meeting Monday, Dec. 9.

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Residents invited to apply for vacant council seat

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — As the last item of new business at the City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting Monday, Dec. 16, Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak addressed the process to fill the vacant council seat left when she was elected mayor in November, officially welcoming residents to apply for the position.

According to the city charter and ordinances, minimum qualifications for the position include being a qualified and registered voter in the City for at least three years prior to the date of taking office and not being in default to the City.

To apply, residents should “submit letters of application and resumes along with a summary of experiences and qualifications that demonstrate

leadership ability, including specific experiences on governing boards, committees or other public or civic service organizations.”

Applications are due Friday, Jan. 17, and can be mailed to City Clerk Julie Arthurs, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 or emailed to jarthurs@grossepointecity.org.

A special meeting will be held approximately a week later, dur-

ing which candidates will present 5-minute introductions and answer any questions from council.

Tomkowiak felt it would be better to not have applicants present at a regular council meeting, so the council is “not stuck putting it in the public comment portion where there can’t be back and forth (and so)

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New office

Keller Williams Grosse Pointe: Luxury Homes International recently celebrated its grand opening at 19853 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, with an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony. For more information, call (313) 886-7239. Cutting the ribbon are KW Manager/Associate Broker Gary Patrosso and Jeff Glover, operating principal. Also pictured is team leader Tom Kotzian and Grosse Pointe Woods Councilman Art Bryant, along with KW agents, city councilmen and administrators and other guests.



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New location

Sir Speedy celebrated the opening of its newest location, 20304 Harper in Harper Woods, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The larger facility will better serve the community's print, signs and marketing needs. For more information, call (586) 777-7500 or visit sirspeedydetroit.com. Pictured at the ceremony, from left, are Regan Stolarski, director of administration, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce; Joe Rheker, Harper Woods city manager; Jenny Boettcher, chamber president; Cathy and Tom Coughlin, owners; Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter; Ty Hinton, economic and community development director for Harper Woods; and Gretchen White, chamber ambassador.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

New owner

Village Palm, 17131 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, is under new ownership, but continuing the tradition of outfitting families in Lilly Pulitzer, Southern Tide and more. For more information, call (313) 882-7256. Pictured at the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's recent ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Regan Stolarski, chamber administration; Madison Turnbull; Abigail Turnbull; Julia Turnbull; Matt Turnbull and Ann Turnbull, owners; Andrew Turnbull; Carrie Calcaterra; Jen Bojarczyk; Jenny Boettcher, chamber president; and Linda Reid, chamber membership director.

Refuse authority acquires additional rubbish drop off site

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES & HARPER WOODS — The Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority, which is made up of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, voted unanimously at its Nov. 12 meeting in Grosse Pointe Shores to sign a two-year contract, creating the option of a second place the communities can haul their rubbish.

Since the Detroit Renewable Power incinerator went out of business around June, the communities have been hauling rubbish to Pine Tree Acres landfill at 29 Mile and Gratiot in Lenox Township.

This has been burdensome on some of the cities, reported Brett Smith, GPCRDA board chair and the Shores director of public works.

"Everything was taken to Detroit Renewable Power; then that closed,

and Detroit's Renewable Power had a contract with Waste Management at the landfill at Pine Tree Acres," he explained. "We could take the stuff there at the same price; however, it was quite a bit further."

The new, additional contract is with the South Macomb Disposal Authority for use of its transfer station at 12 Mile and Groesbeck in Roseville, which is significantly closer to the member communities.

While the tipping fee at Pine Tree Acres is \$16 a ton, the tipping fee at the transfer station is \$31 a ton; however, due to the distinct separation in distances, the higher cost could balance out for some of the cities, Smith confirmed.

"Whenever you get an alternative, it's something to look at and communities have a choice," he said.

Each of the member communities within the

refuse authority can choose for themselves which of the two waste sites they would prefer to use. At the moment, Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods are using the SMDA transfer station, while the other Grosse Pointes remain using the Pine Tree Acres landfill.

"Currently, Grosse Pointe Shores is going to Pine Tree Acres and we're doing a study to see if it's cost effective to move to SMDA," Smith said.

Farms resident named Super Lawyer

Grosse Pointe Farms resident John Mabley has been named a Super Lawyer by Michigan Super Lawyers Magazine for the 14th year in a row.

In addition, Mabley has been recognized by The Best Lawyers in America in the fields of trusts and estates since 1991. Mabley also has been recognized by Leading Lawyers for his work in trust, wills and estate planning since 2016. Mabley concentrates his practice in the areas of estate planning, probate and trust administration, and trust and estate litigation.

Mabley is an attorney with Chalgian & Tripp Law Offices and practices out of its Southfield office.

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City's Urban Forestry Commission recognized

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Following a prestigious award from Keep Michigan Beautiful Oct. 18, the City of Grosse Pointe Urban Forestry Commission was recognized by city council for its achievement Monday, Nov. 18.

"In October, Keep Michigan Beautiful, a statewide organization that is part of the national Keep America Beautiful program, presented the Grosse Pointe Urban Forestry Commission with its highest award, the President's Award, given to an exceptional program or project that most exemplifies maintaining the beauty of Michigan," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said. "As mayor, I am proud of the work of this commission ... and I'm pleased that they have been recognized in such a prestigious way. They've really earned this award."

Following the combined devastation of the City's tree canopy since the '80s due to Dutch elm disease and emerald ash borer, the council

formed the Urban Forestry Commission in December 2016 with the goal of restoring the canopy.

"Since its inception, the commission, comprised of volunteers who live in the city, have developed an urban forestry master plan, completed an inventory of city-owned trees, conducted a survey to identify canopy gaps and raised funds through grants and donations to plant trees in low-canopy areas," Tomkowiak said.

This is the first time the City Urban Forestry Commission has been recognized by council since its creation.

"I thought that was a nice gesture," City Forester Brian Colter said. "... I was happy that they were pleased with it."

Members of the commission — Jeffrey Swantek, Larry Saylor, Alaine Bush and chairman Rick Whitney — also were present.

"This is one of the great pleasures of this job, to give people wonderful awards for good things," Tomkowiak said.

Three accused of stealing from vehicles arraigned in Woods

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Three men accused of stealing property from 17 unlocked vehicles during the late hours of Tuesday, Dec. 3, and early hours of Wednesday, Dec. 4, were scheduled for arraignment at Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Kalante Carter, 21, Demetrius Hand-Nevitt, 22, and Davan

Lambert, 20, each were charged with receiving and concealing stolen property valued between \$1,000 and \$20,000 and two counts of larceny from a motor vehicle.

Carter also was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

The three accused were observed by Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety walking around 2:30 a.m. with no apparent destination.

The sighting was then linked to a phone call from a local resident who said the suspects were examining a parked car.

Carter, Hand-Nevitt and Lambert were discovered with around 50 pieces of evidence, according to police. The items stolen included iPhone earbuds and handheld radios.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Beaumont Urgent Care on Mack has 10 designated parking spaces behind the building.

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request approval to reinstate the parking signs.

"We want to be a viable service for the community," Misch said. "We want to provide care, but in order to do that, we

have to have parking."

She emphasized that the need is specialized due to the nature of the business, since those visiting an athletic facility or getting food can afford to park a block away, while urgent care patients cannot.

Enforcement of the

signs dominated much of the discussion.

"My concern is, if you're going to have this restricted parking, it has to be enforced," Councilman Neil Sroka said, "especially when you have a facility next door that is being used by people coming on a regular basis. They need to know that if they park there, they're going to get towed."

A vote to allow three signs — one at each end of the lot and one in the middle — no taller than 5 feet, 6 inches with language approved by public safety, was passed by council after 45 minutes of discussion.

Councilman Lev Wood cast the only opposing vote, due to concerns that the business already had surpassed the allowed footage under the city's signage ordinance.

"Our ordinance allows you 51 square feet," he explained. "You came to us and we gave you 82. Now you're asking for 21 more additional square feet of signage for 103 square feet, double the amount that is allowed in

our ordinance and I think that's excessive and so I'm going to vote no."

While Farms Director of Public Safety Dan Jensen suggested the business may want to look into hiring a security guard for the parking lot to aid in ticketing violators, Misch reported the business currently is not considering that.

While violators will be towed, she added, she's hopeful patrons will obey the signs and it won't come to that.

"I don't want to make any enemies and I don't want to deter anybody else's business," Misch said.

Misch also plans to speak with the neighboring businesses about the parking concerns.

"We're going to do everything we can for everybody involved," she said. "I don't want to ticket somebody's patrons, I don't want to have somebody towed. So I think we're hoping that once the signs go back up, then we'll reevaluate everything and at that point if we have to do something else then we will."

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that we would be able to ask questions of any possible candidates."

The special meeting is tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, at The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City.

"If there are (applicants) who are absolutely not available on that day, we would give them an alternative ... so we make sure that we get to hear from everybody," Tomkowiak said.

Depending on the number of applicants, two special meetings may be required, she added.

Regardless, the selection of the new council

member likely will not take place at the special meeting, to allow council members time to consider the applicants, Tomkowiak said.

"I'm hoping that we have a very productive and efficient process in selecting a new council person and I'm sure all of us will be able to work together and get that done," Councilman Daniel Williams said. "It'll be nice to have seven folks and move forward and get some things done. I'm looking forward to seeing how that goes in the new year."

Anyone interested in information about the council position and its responsibilities may call city hall at (313) 885-5800 weekdays during regular business hours.

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Faith fuels purpose for Park pastor

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

Even during childhood, the Rev. Steven Kelly felt called to the ministry.

A rough patch between ages 16 and 22 when he rebelled and abused alcohol seemed as if it might keep him from donning a preacher's collar.

"I tried to do anything and everything to prove to God that wasn't me," Kelly recalled.

But the temporary loss of focus wasn't enough to keep him from finding a path back to grace. His religious upbringing and roots in spirituality left an indelible imprint Kelly still wears today. He recently celebrated 25 years since his ordination.

Spending most days between his home in Grosse Pointe Park and St. John's Episcopal Church, the parish he leads in downtown Detroit, has let Kelly reflect on the importance of spreading faith.

"One of the most exciting things about St. John's is not only hasn't the theology changed in 50 years," he said. "It hasn't changed since the 1850s."

The lack of change isn't a problem for most of the St. John's congregation, which is comprised mostly of Grosse Pointe residents and many from Ann Arbor, Kelly said. "We're still a destination parish where people look for the traditional liturgy and we still use the 1928 Book of Common Prayer," he said.

Ironically, transformation is exactly what excited Kelly when he accepted leadership of the church 19 years ago. Located at 2326 Woodward, the church, built in 1858 when the community was farmland and orchards, stood just feet away from fledgling Comera Park in 2000. Kelly, who is originally from Brooklyn and came to metro Detroit at

age 5, had attended seminary at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin and ministered at churches in Pennsylvania. He was thrilled about the developments that had taken place in downtown Detroit while he was away.

At the church it was a different story. He asked the retired rector about attendance at a recent Sunday service.

"It was great! We had 50 people!" the rector replied.

"At that moment I realized that God had put blinders on me," Kelly said. "I had never asked about the attendance or the budget."

Still enthused, he went to work. Today the congregation has tripled in size, a fact for which he gives God "all the glory." With the proliferation of housing and business in the area, Kelly said the church even has become a walking and biking destination for some mem-

bers.

The journey back to metro Detroit followed some interesting encounters. While attending a conference in Boston 25 years ago, he made a declaration about the complete stranger who appeared in his line of vision: She was the woman he would marry.

Unbeknownst to Kelly at the time, his future wife, Jennifer, had inquired about "the new priest" — a title he hadn't yet earned — whose gaze she returned. She asked a friend to see if he wore a wedding ring. Within six months the pair married, the same year Kelly was ordained.

While he had loved ministering and living in Philadelphia at the time, Jennifer "prayed me back to Michigan," Kelly said. A native of the state's western region, she longed for a smaller community that would support their vision of a home and family. The Pointes, where every pas-



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVEN KELLY

The Rev. Steven Kelly, center, surrounded by his family, from left, sons, Sam and William; wife, Jennifer; son's girlfriend, Jane Partsalimis; and daughter, Meg.

tor of St. John's has lived since the 1930s, were recommended by several parishioners.

While living at two homes in the Park, the Kellys raised three sons and have a teenage

daughter, the first who will step out from homeschooling and attend public school next year. The boys all became black belts at Turn of the Tide Martial Arts in Windmill Pointe Park.

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Since his November election to lead the staff, Alame said he'll use his influence as administrator to improve results for those served by the facility where 800 doctors have credentials. At just 39, Alame is possibly the youngest to head the medical staff.

"The rest of my colleagues realize my effectiveness in getting problems solved and my leadership to get things taken care of," he said. "I'm a big proponent that we're all working in a system together."

Double-board-certified in general surgery and colorectal surgery, Alame, who is a senior partner in his own practice, started at Beaumont,

Grosse Pointe in 2012. Originally from Lebanon, he lived in Dearborn and attended the University of Michigan. Alame completed fellowship training in colorectal surgery at the University of Miami where he finished his studies in 2006, later working at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Florida.

He returned to Michigan for general sur-

gery training at Ascension St. John Hospital from 2006 to 2011 before returning to Florida for a year. Alame has been a Grosse Pointe Woods resident since 2008.

He plans to use his four-year term as president of the medical staff to address needs that range from ambulatory care to post-operation recovery that would send patients home more quickly.

"Just like in any system, you can always find areas of improvement, like one big item right now is improving operative efficiency," Alame said. "We are putting together a small team that will monitor how the rooms are opened" to patients scheduled to undergo procedures.



Amer M. Alame, MD

"Any physician always, always wants to see efficiency in patient care," he added.

Another area of concern is "how doctors communicate with each other," Alame said. He is exploring the use of a

phone application that will help physicians keep in contact while still considering patient privacy and information security restrictions.

Brigid McMillan, a licensed practical nurse, has worked with Alame during her 25 years at the hospital's endoscopy unit.

"I really enjoy him. He's just a very conscientious, kind doctor," she said.

Along with showing a great sense of humor, Alame is happy to take time to answer questions and offer reassurance about procedures, McMillan said.

"He is extremely thoughtful and caring about his patients," she added.

Creative thinking is an asset he will bring to his tenure, Alame said.

"I think a lot of physicians have realized that we need something fresh, we need something new," he said. "We need something more modern and we need something that is going to make a change at the end of the day."

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American city council member in all of the Grosse Pointes and she used her beautification work, she used her vivacious personality, her intelligence and her neighborly way that she went about city council business in building bridges."

The former councilwoman plans to continue serving on the beautification commission, which she did before joining council.

"A couple people asked me or said, 'You should run,'" she said. "It's too early for me to make that decision and I have lots of time, so what I try to do is plan my life according to what my heart is telling me and what I hear from God. It's just that simple."

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Slip of the foot

A vehicle was pulled over at 10:57 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, after it stopped at the red light on Cadieux at Kercheval and then proceeded through the intersection while the light was still red.

The 17-year-old Detroit man said his foot slipped off the brake pedal and also admitted to not having a license. He was arrested for disregarding a traffic control device and never acquiring a license.

Not so inconspicuous

A 24-year-old Detroit man with 12 suspensions and 11 traffic offense warrants from various jurisdictions was arrested for driving while license suspended at 12:01 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, after he was pulled over for driving northbound on Cadieux Road with his vehicle lights off.

No-account check

Between Sunday, Dec. 8, and Tuesday, Dec. 10, a 51-year-old Farms man paid \$301.92 in checks to a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval, but they came back canceled.

When public safety investigated, the man was found already in custody due to a check fraud arrest from a Farms investigation.

— Laurel Kraus
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Grosse Pointe Farms

Change of heart

After a 58-year-old Woods woman forgot her purse in a cart at a business in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue at 2:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, a 27-year-old employee was caught on camera attempting to locate the woman before taking the credit card holder and change from the purse, then dumping it in a trashcan in the men's restroom.

Who's there?

An unknown man claiming to be a 41-year-old Farms woman's ex-boyfriend attempted to call, text and FaceTime her illogical messages from an unknown number around 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Cloverly Grinch

Christmas lights on a Cloverly Road residence were cut at some point over the night of Wednesday, Dec. 11.

The 55-year-old Farms homeowner said none of the neighbors have complained about the lights.

Across state lines

A Maison Road resident called public safety at 1:19 p.m. Wednesday,

Dec. 11, after she was alerted by the chief of a police department in Maine that a 51-year-old Warren man at her house had stolen a 2019 Ford Ranger from the state.

The vehicle was found parked in the driveway and the man was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle.

Breaking and entering

Attempted breaking and entering is suspected at a Rose Terrace residence after a 74-year-old Farms man discovered the frame of his backdoor had been cracked and the rim lock had been damaged at some point overnight Friday, Dec. 13.

Candy con

An unknown boy entered a business in the 18000 block of Mack with a box of M&M's at 3:34 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, and said he was there to sell candy. After a customer bought a bag, the suspect asked to use the restroom and then left through the alley door.

A 90-year-old Chesterfield woman found her purse on the floor of the restroom 10 minutes later, emptied of her cards and cash.

The boy is approximately 12 years old with curly hair and was wearing a blue jacket with tan pants.

K-9 arrest

The Farms K-9 unit was brought in at 2:24 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, to assist the Woods in tracking a 19-year-old Detroit man who had stolen a package off of a porch and then waved a firearm at the victim.

K-9 Officer Duke was able to apprehend the suspect in a front yard on Littlestone Road.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Driving while license suspended

A 23-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested for driving while license suspended at 3:21 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, after he turned off Lakeshore Road onto Vernier Road during a red light.

Over both limits

A vehicle was pulled over for traveling 50 mph on Lakeshore Road at 1:10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15.

The vehicle was slow to stop and the 32-year-old Westland man's eyes were bloodshot. A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content at .166 percent

and he was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

— Laurel Kraus
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Porch pirate

A 19-year-old man was arrested in the 1700 block of Littlestone around 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, after he stole a package from a porch and pointed a gun at a resident, police said.

The suspect was transported to Ascension St. John Hospital after he was bitten by a K-9 officer following a foot chase assisted by Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety.

The suspect first was discovered at a home in the 19700 block of Ida Lane East when a resident caught the man taking an item that had been delivered and left outside the house. The resident chased the suspect and grabbed him a short distance away, but the suspect took a pistol from his backpack and pointed it at the resident. The suspect apologized to the resident, saying he was "broke."

After backing away with the gun still drawn the suspect got on a mountain bike and rode south on Cook Road.

When he saw police in pursuit, he discarded the bike and ran through several yards toward Littlestone where the K-9 latched onto his arm.

The suspect also was being investigated for other thefts of porch deliveries in the neighborhood.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Operating while intoxicated

A 46-year-old man was arrested at Jefferson and Bishop around 4 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, after he was detained for speeding westbound on East Jefferson. The driver was found to be intoxicated.

Operating while intoxicated

A 52-year-old man was arrested in the 1000 block of Whittier after he was followed by a witness while traveling eastbound on East Jefferson from downtown. The man had been driving erratically and was arrested for intoxication.

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

Seawall deterioration creates void near Lakeshore

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A void near the Lakeshore seawall between the road and



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

A void next to Lakeshore Road in Grosse Pointe Farms near the border of the Shores occurred two weeks ago.

water close to the border of Grosse Pointe Farms and Shores occurred two weeks ago.

"We've known that the seawall has been deteriorating for a while, so I

think it's just a furtherance of that," Farms Director of Public Services Matthew Baka said.

Baka reported the hole has not been impeding

traffic in any way.

"At this point it's not affecting the road at all," he said.

The hole was roped off for safety and officials notified Wayne County,

which filled it in with rocks Saturday, Dec. 7.

It is considered stable for now, but is still in need of a long-term fix, Baka said.

— Laurel Kraus

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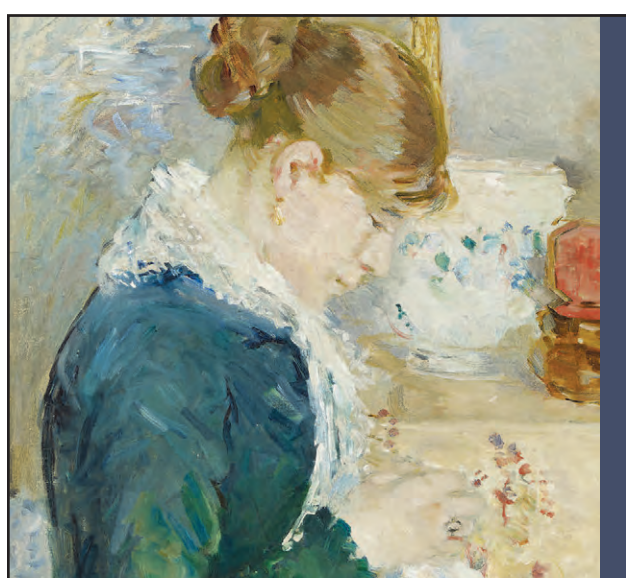
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OUR VIEW

Yes, Virginia,
there is
a Santa Claus

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON
115 West Ninety-Fifth Street.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence.

We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its annual tree-lighting ceremony, Woods Aglow, despite falling rain. Carolers sang Christmas songs, Santa arrived on a fire truck, hot chocolate was served and Santa took photos with children. Here, 2-month-old Hailey Karabon had her first visit with Santa.

GUEST OPINION By Lindsey Buhl

Michigan's Great Lakes at DIA

The Great Lakes are a natural wonder surrounding our state and are among the many things that make Michigan a great place to live. Recently the Detroit Institute of Arts opened Michigan's Great Lakes: Photographs by Jeff Gaydash exhibition. It beautifully highlights Gaydash's large-scale black-and-white photographic shoreline prints.

This show allows us to reflect on Gaydash's photographs and how fortunate we are as Michiganders to live so close to beautiful lakes, beaches and landscapes. His photographs of the Detroit skyline remind me of all the things that make this community such a great place to live and raise a family.

The DIA is a cultural gem and a major part of what

makes our community so unique. The museum brings our community together and enables people from different walks of life to come together to experience one-of-a-kind art and learn about our own culture as well as cultures from across the globe.

If you haven't experienced the DIA before, I would encourage all metro Detroiters to visit the museum to engage with special exhibitions and experience history and culture that represents our diverse community. Museum admission and entry into this exhibition is free for all residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

Lindsey Buhl is a Grosse Pointe resident and president of the DIA Friends of Prints, Drawings & Photographs

LETTERS

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Big thank you
from 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. 24, 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 distributed 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 out to area residents, clubs and organizations. Friends put together 1,000 cutlery packs; others drove food and supplies from Grosse Pointe to the Crossroads Soup Kitchen; the Parrot Head Club collected turkeys and canned goods; Grosse Pointe Rotary provided dozens of turkeys; Bank of America is matching employee gifts to our project; Kristy, the bakery manager at Kroger at Nine Mile and Mack, ordered 70 pies and froze them for several weeks until needed; Christ Church Grosse Pointe generously provided storage space; and countless individuals contributed money, food, prayers and 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 some 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, 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. Even those who have minimum wage jobs need a hand up to make ends meet. Thousands of children under age 18 live in poverty and, right now, among the extreme poor, food is still in short supply.

The waiting rooms at Crossroads' two offices in the city are often full of people who are experiencing emergency situations and have nowhere else to turn. Food is by far the most common request.

Last year, Crossroads' two daily social service units distributed more than 240,000 pounds of food to our hungry clients, one bag at a time.

Once again, 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 are, too often, 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

A Hollyfest
thank you!

To the Editor:

On behalf of The Family Center Board of Directors, we would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all those who made our signature fundraiser, Hollyfest, such a rousing success!

This 17th annual holiday gala was a great kickoff to the holiday season as we celebrated making a difference in the lives of our local families. As families thrive, communities thrive!

The evening was truly a special celebration of our community spirit and marked another successful year of delivering educational and community resources that empower families to suc-

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

I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

A season of reflection, connection



A friend invited me to join a Facebook group she created called A Season of Gratitude.

The premise is “as we enter into the final harvest of seasons and the days become shorter and the nights longer, we go inside (both literally and figuratively). In that time, we enter our period of reflection as the year winds down. A driving force of that reflection is the focus on gratitude.”

There’s only one rule: political posts are pro-

hibited. The page is meant to be unifying, not divisive. Other than this one exception, there’s no judgment.

The group administrator begins each day with what she’s thankful for under a new post. We’ll be past day 50 by the time this goes to press.

I don’t participate every day, but I do take time to read other people’s comments. And whether I share or not, I find I begin each day reflecting on some new area of my life I’m thankful for. It has become a daily exercise that is both personal and communal.

A common theme for gratitude is daily comforts, like a hot cup of coffee or cuddly dog on your lap. Delving deeper are posts about mar-

riage, children, relatives and jobs. Some people are grateful simply to be alive or, as one woman wrote, presumably on her birthday: “Today I’m thankful for another trip around the sun.”

The majority of participants are women, many of them with young children. Many are thankful for moments of solitude before the hectic pace of daily life begins. Other popular posts: gratitude for time with loved ones and sleep.

Sometimes the comments are humbling. There are people on the page who have overcome addiction, poverty, childhood trauma and abusive relationships. Some are divorced or single parents.

While one person may be thankful for a reliable

vehicle to get them to their place of employment or another for waking up to another day sober, I’m feeling cranky about a finicky dishwasher or broken ice maker. The page is a daily reminder when basic needs are met, happiness is a function of attitude.

What I like most about the page is how it provides a sense of connection, whether it’s to an acquaintance or a total stranger. I can empathize with someone’s struggle even though I’ve never met them. And I can bond with a friend away from the usual glare of social media.

For example, one still dark morning, I wrote about how I was grateful for the clanking and hissing of the radiators.

My neighbor down the street chimed in she loved her clanky radiators too. It was such a small thing, but it set a warm tone and sense of connectedness that radiated through the rest of my day.

I’ve been invited to join a lot of Facebook groups, but few are as safe or affirming as this one. So many pages I join out of interest or because they support a cause I believe in only make me anxious, reminding me of the world’s ills and my own helplessness and inadequacy in the face of it.

And while I appreciate community pages that connect residents on any number of issues, from finding a good electrician to reuniting a pet with its owner, often

these forums bring out the worst in people. The amount of gossip, misinformation based on rumor and speculation, ill will, rush to judgment and just plain mean-spiritedness, particularly directed against fellow community members, would give a middle school bully pause.

I don’t know how long my friend will continue the page. Maybe she’ll stop at the winter solstice, as days grow increasingly longer and we embrace a new year. Or maybe she’ll continue long beyond that in an increased understanding the blessings in each of our lives are boundless.

Either way, she will have created a daily habit without limits. Today I am grateful for that.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1944

75 years ago this week

FIRE-FIGHTING POOL PROPOSAL IS WITHDRAWN: The Park has formally withdrawn the proposal to the City for the pooling of the fire personnel and equipment of the two villages in the interest of economy and greater efficiency and protection.

GOVERNMENT STUDIES PLAN TO KEEP P.O. IN PRESENT LOCATION: The Grosse Pointe City Council, after kicking the proposed Park-City Fire Pool plan out of the window, moved to more worthy action in approving a proposal to rent the property at 17140 Maumee to the government as a permanent post office. This is where the emergency office is now located.

Moreover, there is every reason to believe

the Post Office Department will accept the offer.

1969

50 years ago this week

HEPATITIS EPIDEMIC REVEALED: Hepatitis is at epidemic proportions in Grosse Pointe, according to Dr. Thomas Hamilton, deputy director of the Wayne County Department of Health. He told the News that in 1968 some 12 cases were reported. Of these, one was of the serum type and 11 of the infectious type.

So far this year, 42 cases have been reported; 35 are the infectious type.

Dr. Hamilton hastened to add that many cases of hepatitis go unreported and many are reported as infections rather than serum, because doctors often protect their patients from the stigma

associated with having the serum type, which is often a direct result of the use of unsterilized syringes and needles by drug users.

Obituaries: Helmut Blossy, Flora Mae Hecker, Francis J. Hock, Oscar F. Keydel Jr., Lester Lawn, Wilfrid C. McLaughlin, Martha Vernier

1994

25 years ago this week

TWO GRAVEL KILLERS DRAW LIFE SENTENCES: Almost five years after the fact, the Wayne County prosecutor got his wish — the two men who admitted they killed Grosse Pointe businessman Benjamin Gravel in 1990 were sentenced Dec. 19 in Recorder’s Court to life without parole.

Gravel was ambushed Feb. 8, 1990, as he was

leaving the Bayview Yacht Club. He was fatally shot after ignoring orders to stop his car.

PARK FOUNDATION HAS SOME BIG PLANS FOR 1995: With 1994 coming to a close, the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation has begun planning its projects for 1995, which include a fountain and a new park path.

Obituaries: Florence Bliss, Alastair Carlyle, Virginia Helen Cooper, Dr. William Robert Opdyke, Randy Rousseau, Martha E.

Schilke, William Addison Vaughan Jr., James Weitzmann

2009

10 years ago this week

KROGER PLANS SCALED DOWN: Kroger representatives this week announced plans for a two-level store in The Village have been scrapped. Instead, construction is to begin this spring on a one-story building masked to look

like it has a second floor.

Also deleted from the new plan is an attached four-level parking garage.

LAKESHORE HOUSE RAZED: A large house on Lakeshore at Oxford in Grosse Pointe Shores is being torn down to make way for two others.

Obituaries: Robert L. Charlton, Grace A. Crone, Richard R. Finch, Maud E. Lewis, Julius Otto Ortwein, Robert J. Peterson, Robert J. Rumpf, Gloria Janis Ruppe

—Karen Fontanive

LETTERS:

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cessfully navigate life’s social, emotional and physical challenges!

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Thank you to the Grosse Pointe News, our media sponsor, along with many Partner and Friend Sponsors.

We also would like to thank all the generous businesses and individuals who donated to our silent and live auctions and all the friends and family who joined us at the event.

Finally, we would like to thank our incredible committee and the staff of The Family Center. We could not have done it without you!

Our honorees for the

evening were Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, commemorating 100 years of service to the Grosse Pointe community, and Richard and Nancy Solak for the many years they have generously contributed to the work of The Family Center.

We are ever mindful that it has been the kind-

ness and assistance of others that has allowed The Family Center to now enter its 20th year and for this, we are enormously grateful!

Happiest of Holidays!

PAMELA FLOMANZ

CATHY LEVERENZ

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A few of our favorite things

Students from Defer Elementary School share their favorite holiday traditions

These essays have been gently edited for clarity.

From Shelley Denison's third-grade class

I have a lot of special holiday traditions. I like baking cookies. I help mix the batter and crack the eggs. Another tradition is to find my elf Chippy, who hides in weird places like in my fruit bowl and on a chandelier.

Another tradition is opening presents one at a time. My favorite present is an American Girl doll. These are all of my holiday traditions. —Harlowe

I have many holiday traditions I love to celebrate! First I like to make sugar cookies because I like to push on the cookie cutters. I love that part. I also like to play with my Uncle Chris. We play Santa tag. That's when my uncle is Santa and I am the elf and I hide so Santa can't find me. Finally I cook a big meal. We make ham and mashed potatoes. These are my special holiday traditions. —Ryleigh

I have lots of special holiday traditions. Let me tell you some.

I fly to Florida every year and I get to see my grandma, grandpa and cousins. My whole family is there and they are the best! I always remember the pool in the back yard. I play a lot of fun games with my cousins like cards, and hide and seek. We are the best of friends! After Christmas I get to hang out with my family and take down the Christmas decorations like the tree, and the Christmas ornaments. I love to admire the ornaments before I put them away. My favorite one is a bright red glass one that is shaped like an oval. Those are my special holiday traditions! —Sarah



ARTWORK BY JUNE

I have lots of special holiday traditions. When I get up, me and my family take a picture at the top of the stairs. Once we finish I run downstairs to get all the presents, but my mom has to pass out the presents to everybody. Then once we are done we go to my Aunt Nancy's house. Once we get there we eat breakfast and then do a boy girl gift exchange. If you want you can steal. Oh did I mention I go to church on Christmas Eve? We sing all the church songs, pray and give thanks for everything this year. My traditions are very important to me. —Julia

I have lots of special holiday traditions. Every year I like to wake up my great grandma Gamma. I like to wake up with her early in the morning because she makes breakfast. Gamma has lots of secret recipes for delicious food. She makes pancakes, mashed potatoes and other breakfast foods. I also like to eat Gamma's yummy food because it makes me feel happy. And my very best holiday tradition is lounging on the comfy couch and tearing open presents while throwing the leftover wrapping paper in the air. I really do love my holiday traditions. —Ellie

Would you like to go to Disney World for Christmas every year? I do! It's so fun we get ice cream, go swimming and sometimes we go with our friends. But the fun part is we go on rides. It's so fun! On hot days we go to Splash Mountain. It gets you very wet. You go 1,000 feet down. My heart jumps and I scream. That's one of my favorite holiday traditions! —Savanna

My holiday traditions are some of the best. Let me tell you some! Every year my mom makes the best hot chocolate for me and my two brothers. The hot chocolate has a secret ingredient which is love! We also decorate the tree with our dogs watching us! We also have my grandparents come to our house. On Christmas Eve we then have a feast which has very yummy food like chicken, mashed potatoes, and bacon. On Christmas morning we open our presents by the warm fire! Those are my holiday traditions! —Emerson

I have lots of special holiday traditions. One that me and my brother do is that we make giant decorations that look cool. Another is that my mom, dad, and my brother sit on the super comfy couch with my white, fuzzy blanket while drinking hot chocolate. "Yum!" My last tradition is that we open presents. I open my presents first because I usually get the most presents. These are some of my most favorite holiday traditions. —Enira

I have lots of special holiday traditions. Every year me, my mom and my dad tear open the presents one at a time. I always save the biggest for last. Every other year I go first. Every time I rotate from my dad's house to my mom's house. I get presents at my mom's house and my dad's house. I see a boat load of presents every year.

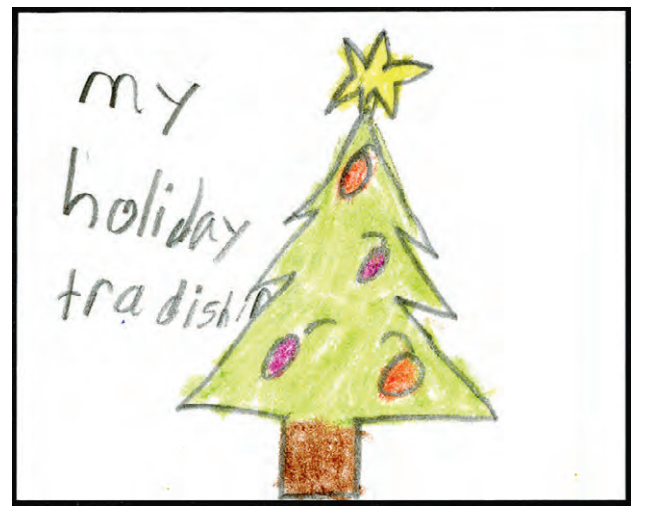
Every year I love finding my elf. I think it is very fun. I look everywhere and I finally find him. Sometimes he's in a lamp shade or on a tree. I love it because I love to find things when it is

Christmas. He goes to the North Pole. My traditions are really fun! —Liam

Do you have special holiday traditions like me? My family has traditions that I look forward to every year. This year I am going to Nana's to make cookies. My 3 year old brother and I sing in the car on the way there. It takes 45 minutes to get there. My Nana always puts out the cutters. She has probably fifty. There are shapes of presents, reindeer, trees and even mistletoe. We put them on the tray when they are done baking. We decorate them with whipped cream and sprinkles. Merry Christmas said Santa! —Addison

I have many holiday traditions that I love to celebrate. My favorite holiday tradition is opening Christmas presents with family because I greatly enjoy getting new toys, getting new games, getting new movies, and laughing at my family's jokes. Going to my grandma's house is another holiday tradition and it's wonderful because I like playing Uno, eating dinner and dessert, opening presents, and making up songs. Playing with my cousins at my great grandma's house is another holiday tradition I really like because my cousins and I play tag, hide-and-seek, and many other games. My great grandma gives us ice cream. Nobody has holiday traditions like mine and every year I look forward to doing holiday traditions. —London

Do you have holiday traditions? Well I do and you might thank your families if you do them too. Every year on Christmas Eve I go to church with my family and sing the church songs, give thanks for everything we've had that year, and listen to the preacher. Then usually we drive home and sit on the couch with our eyes closed while our mom and dad go up stairs and get one present for each of us, usually from our Uncle Shane and Aunt Shannon. I always love the presents they get me. When we are done, we go to bed. Then we wake up in the morning and wake up our parents to go downstairs and unwrap



ARTWORK BY OLIVIA

presents under the sparkling Christmas tree and enjoy the Christmas morning. Those are my very special holiday traditions! —Ilsa

I have quite a few holiday traditions. I eating yummy foods like chicken and cookies. I can't open my presents until my dad is awake. Love is more important than presents. I can't wait until Christmas. —Nikolas

I look forward to my holiday traditions every year. One of my favorite traditions is decorating a tree. We decorate the Christmas tree with all kinds of things, like bright lights, ribbons and sparkly ornaments. Another great holiday tradition is making cookies. My mom makes big sugar cookies for me, my sister and my brother to decorate with frosting and sprinkles. The best tradition that I like the most is unwrapping gifts by the fire on Christmas. Me, my brother and my sister will come running down the stairs so fast my dog gets startled just so we can sit by the warm fire, tearing open our gifts. These are my favorite holiday traditions! —June

From Christi Mendez's third-grade class

I have many traditions during the holidays! My mom and I always go to the Thanksgiving Parade in downtown Detroit with my mom's side of the family. Then we decorate the tree. This year I decorated the tree all by myself! We also made cookies this year. They were going to be gingerbread men. But we didn't have cookie cutters! In the afternoon I got to open more presents and stockings! And those are my holiday traditions! —Logan

Part 1 — I have lots of holiday traditions and I am going to tell you one of them.

Part 2 — It is at my grandma's house. She gets all of the materials and she makes the frosting. After that we invite all of our cousins.

Part 3 — After that we schedule it. Then we go make cookies. We usually have snowman cookies and Christmas tree cookies and much more! And at the end my grandma puts on a movie for the little kids. I play with my older cousins and we get to bring ours home. —Zach

I have four holiday traditions I want to share! Number one: The Christmas pickle. Every Christmas morning me and my sister go downstairs and look for the Christmas pickle that my mom hid in the tree the night before. So we know who gets to open the first present. Number two: going to my granny's house. Me, my mom, and my sister all go up to the Upper Peninsula and celebrate Thanksgiving with my grandparents. Number three: The Children's Museum sleepover. When my family and me spend the night in the Children's Museum. Number four: The gift exchange. Every Christmas afternoon I go to my great grandma's house. Me and my whole dad's side of the family plays a gift exchange game. —Evelyn

Every year on December 1st I get an advent calendar to count down to Christmas. I also celebrate Christmas to have fun with my family. And I go to my aunt's house for Christmas brunch. I go to my grandmas's house for Christmas dinner and my other grandma's house for Christmas Eve dinner. —Auden

I decorate our tree. I do it with my whole family and I put it in my living room. I put it in the living room because I'm getting ready for Christmas. I put lights on my tree and on my balcony. My mom did it. We wanted to decorate our house. I decorate the

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South's secure vestibule complete

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A new secure vestibule at Grosse Pointe South High School is open for students, staff and visitors. This new entrance replaces the double door entrance on Fisher Road and the vestibule houses the attendance office and clinic as well as front office.

From her post in the front office, security hall monitor Cathy Agacinski has a clear view of visitors in the interior vestibule before she buzzes them in. Cameras provide surveillance at other entrances as well, with a wall-mounted monitor providing views of the area off Fisher Road, the entrance by the greenhouse off Grosse Pointe Blvd., the covered walk by the Industrial Arts building and the doors to the pool in the John and Marlene Boll Athletic Center.



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Left, Grosse Pointe South's new secure vestibule is open for business between 8:06 a.m. and 3:05 p.m. Above, visitors to the main entrance are clearly visible from the interior office and cameras at other entrances provide views on a wall-mounted monitor.

The office phone also has a monitor, allowing Agacinski to both see and speak with guests before allowing them access. If she observes anything unusual, she can contact school personnel via a walkie-talkie.

The project, part of the \$111 million bond refer-

endum approved by voters in November 2016, was completed on schedule within budget, with only minor unforeseen conditions involving mechanical systems and tunnels beneath the building, according to Robert Stempien, senior vice president with

Plante Moran Cresa, consultants for the district on bond projects.

"It was very well planned out, which is why it was such a success," Stempien said. "We took the time to investigate and foresee problems before they would occur. It was a

very successful project and it turned out very well."

"So far so good," South Principal Moussa Hamka said regarding the transition for students and staff. "I think there's a little bit of an adjustment in the beginning with the students having to get

acclimated not just to entering, but more importantly, exiting through the vestibule.

"I think that it has brought a better sense of safety and calm to the hallway now," he added. "We're now able to check

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FAVORITE:

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inside of the house. My whole family does it. We're getting ready for Christmas. I get presents. It's in my house. I get presents for Christmas. — Keegan

I would like to share some of my holiday traditions! One of them is that every Christmas Eve my Dad reads The Night Before Christmas. Another is that my brother Jack, me and my mom make and decorate gingerbread men in the kitchen. Also we always go to our grandparents house on New Year's Eve and meet up with my GG, cousin, aunts, uncles and grandparents to celebrate the new year and spend time together. Of course we always leave out cookies, milk and carrots for Santa and the reindeer so they can have a snack. I can't forget we eat roast beef with the family on Christmas Eve in the dining room. — Grace

I have many Christmas traditions. My family decorates a Christmas tree at our house. We leave cookies for Santa at our house. We get a Christmas Eve box so my brother and I can wear our new pajamas and eat our treats at our house. We pick out a Christmas tree with some of my family so we can



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spend time together at the Christmas tree farm. We write a Christmas list so Santa knows what we want on Christmas Eve at our house. Those are some of my Christmas traditions. — Addison

I have eight holiday traditions. One of them is that I like to sometimes go to my grandma's house for Easter. The last time I went I found the golden egg. My other traditions are: 1. On St. Patrick's Day we celebrate my sister's birthday. 2. My family decorates cookies for Santa. 3. Every year my family buys a Christmas tree. 4. Every year my family buys pumpkins. 5. For Halloween my family and our neighbors meet up at a house for dinner. 6. I sometimes go sledding with my grandma. 7. I either go to my grandpa Jim's house or my aunt Lori's house for Christmas. — Evelyn

Many people celebrate holidays around the world. Like Christmas, Hanukkah and many others. What do

you celebrate? Do you have holiday traditions? I'll tell you what I celebrate and other traditions I do. My family goes to Vermont to see my cousins and my BFF. We snowboard and ski there. We decorate

cookies for Santa and ourselves. We visit Santa too. I tell him every year what I want. My family writes a letter to Santa every year for our elves to come to our house, Kelfi and Jingles. Those are my holiday traditions! — Eva (Eh-v-aa)

We have many holiday traditions. I would like to share one. It's making sugar cookies! We don't have the cookies. Mom says they're too sweet!

We roll out the dough, then cookie cut it. After, we put them in the oven. Then, we put colorful cream on the cookie. After, we put sugar — lots and lots of sugar! Last, I taste a tiny bit. Mom's always right — they're sweet! — Emerson

I have many holiday traditions. One tradition I have is Christmas Eve day breakfast. That is special to me because I get to see most of the time. At Christmas Eve breakfast we play games, eat cinnamon rolls, and open small gift bags.

Another tradition I have is with my mom, my dad, and my sister. We go to Traverse City on the day before New Year's Eve every year. We stay until New Year's Day. Usually we have snow cones. Up

north, there's a lot of snow. My sister and I make a snow hill and sled down it. — Caitlin

Okay, let's start from the beginning. It all started when my parents were like, "Let's go to New York!" Blah blah blah. "We can see my sister," said mom. "Let's make it a tradition!" said dad. "Um, what's going on?" I piped in. "We started a new tradition! What? Going to New York? Oh boy!" So after a month of waiting I woke up. "New York here we come!" We drove and stopped in a hotel. Then was that. — John

Every year my mom's side of the family hosts a pierogi making party. My mom came from a long line of polish people. The one thing she never forgot was her mom's pierogi! We would always start the filling before we made the dough. We'd spend an hour just sitting and talking. When we would try to cut the dough it would always stick! Then we waited and waited for Christmas Eve so we could eat the pierogi! — Lou

Look for more favorite holiday traditions from Christine Bergeron's second and third graders in the Dec. 26 edition.

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Liggett junior plays at Carnegie Hall

University Liggett School junior Trinity Lee was selected as the Grand Prize winner in the Concert Festival International youth competition and was awarded the opportunity to play a Tchaikovsky violin concerto at Carnegie Hall on Nov. 17.

"It was overall a great concert," Lee said. "Just being around fellow young artists my age who are passionate about music is amazing."

Having studied music, from violin and piano to singing from a young age — she first picked up a violin at age 2 — Lee said it's a passion she will pursue the rest of her life.



Trinity Lee

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Scholarship program expanded

The Community Choice Foundation is expanding its scholarship program along with opportunities for funding by including continuing education and skilled trade programs.

The Foundation will continue awarding \$100,000 annually to traditional college-bound high school seniors, but is broadening its student base to include those planning to continue their education outside of a college or university, and will grow the number of scholarships awarded from 20 to 25.

The change creates support for the various educational paths students in Michigan can pursue, while keeping top talent in the state and supporting Michigan's investment in filling more

than 500,000 skilled trade jobs by 2026.

The application is available online at MichiganScholarship.com. Interested students statewide have until Feb. 28, 2020, to apply.

Following the application and review period, Community Choice will grant 15 scholarships of \$5,000 each to graduating high school seniors who plan to pursue a degree from a Michigan college or university.

New this year, six \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to students who plan to use the money to complete fundamental education programs, such as attaining a bachelor's or master's degree, or to cover the cost of a re-certification. Students interested in pursuing a career in a

skilled trade or technical education degree will have the chance to receive one of four \$2,500 scholarships. A total of 25 scholarships will be awarded.

"We're excited about the changes to the scholarship program," said Jeremy Cybulski, community engagement manager. "They come at the perfect time and were made in direct response to the evolving Michigan economy and demand for skilled trade professionals. We also recognize that a traditional classroom setting isn't for everyone. The 10 scholarships that are earmarked for continued and non-traditional education reinforce our ability to help a variety of students from a variety of sectors across the state."

Teacher of THE WEEK



Marlee Rutkowski

School: Barnes Early Childhood Center

Years at Barnes: 2
Grade/Age: Toddlers, age 2

Nominated by: Sara Meier, director of pre-school services

Principal's quote:

"Marlee guides our 2-year-old toddlers through intentional play-based learning each and every day. She gives 100 percent of her heart to the children and families in her class. Marlee and her team take the children through an adventure each day exploring, discovering and learning."

What motivated you to become a teacher?

For me, the biggest motivation to become a teacher has been my own love for learning. It's something that is just in me and something I enjoy doing. Learning is something special that everyone has the capability to do. I find that motivation in itself.

What are some of your inspirations?

Some past inspirations in my life are my grandparents. They have always been a huge part of my life. A lot of what I know now comes from them. I worked with a group of women who taught me the ropes. They were great mentors early on in my career.

A few of my current inspirations include my mother and husband. My mother's strong work ethic and way of carrying herself has inspired me throughout my life and continues to amaze me. My husband is my everyday reminder that tomorrow isn't promised and to never give up hope.

What advice would you give a new teacher?

Be confident in the decisions you're making. Remember that each child is unique. No two children are the same. Treat each child and situation as it comes. I hope



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you can find the good in everyone!

Favorite quote:

"I learned that I don't give up — no matter what. If you believe in something, you have to pursue it, because you never know what the results might be. You could be super successful or you might not get anywhere, but failure shouldn't discourage you. I will continue to follow my dreams and my passions."

— Anonymous



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Plans are underway for a plaza in front of Grosse Pointe South's Fisher Road entrance, with construction slated for summer 2020.

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every visitor before they come into the building."

Hamka commended the architects for preserving the historical look and feel of the building.

"I think a lot of the parents really like the finishes inside done to match the woodwork in Cleminson Hall," he said. "It's a new space, but it really matches some of

the design elements throughout the rest of the building. I'd like to thank the Mothers' Club for their input in ensuring the upgrades to the facility are in line with our preservation goals."

The next phase of the project, slated for summer 2020, is a new plaza at the front of the building along Fisher Road.

"We need to get that area so that it's ADA compliant," said Marc Chamberlin, senior architect and partner at Ehresman Architects, the Troy-based firm assisting with classroom security, lighting, flooring and restrooms, among other bond projects. "Currently the grade outside steps down by about six inches and then it heavily slopes down toward Fisher Road. We're looking at leveling that area out, creating some stairs, creating some ramps. There's the historical

markers and things like that that are associated with that as well. That's being incorporated and included as part of this project."

Currently South is handicap accessible from the parking lot off Fisher, with handicap parking spaces near the entry door at the side of the main building and grade level entry through those doors. The entrances by the greenhouse and IA building also are handicap accessible.

The steps at the new entrance are temporary and will be removed once the plaza is complete to accommodate the new handicap route, Stempien said. The secure vestibule will be handicap accessible from the Fisher Road sidewalk and parking lot with handicap parking and the secure vestibule will become the main entry point for wheelchair access.

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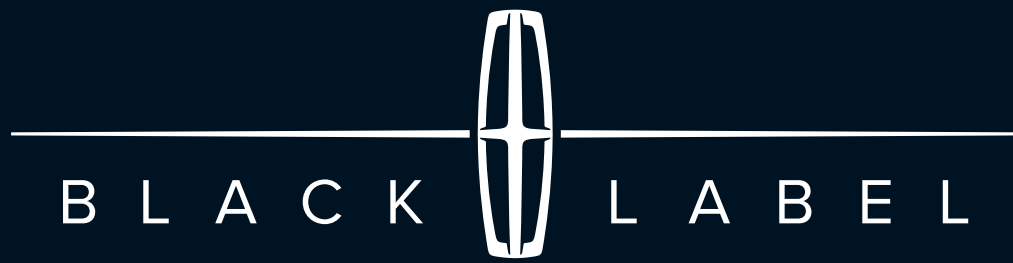
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Love letters and broken hearts

Book details wartime sweethearts' journey

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Debby Fricke Smith was around 5 years old the first time she saw Andre Vleghels. She had to stand on her tiptoes to glimpse a photograph on her parents' bureau — “one I’d never seen before,” she said. “It was a black and white photo of a soldier. I didn’t know who he was.”

Smith’s mother, Virginia Egan, entered the room behind her. The child’s curiosity got the best of her.

“I asked her who he was,” Smith said. “She said he was a friend of my father’s who died in the war. It was not a lie, but she didn’t tell me who he really was. I remember, even at that age, I was suspicious and felt there was more to the story.”

Smith learned much later that Vleghels was her mother’s first husband. He was killed in action during World War II and Egan was so grief-stricken, she refused to talk about him — just a tidbit here, an odd fact there.

“We knew he died and a few things about the circumstances, but it was too painful for her,” Smith said. “Because my mother was not willing to talk about it ... that makes people more curious. It wasn’t just curiosity for me. I always felt that as time went on it was too bad for our family. It was like Andy was lost twice — once when he died and then he was lost to



2nd Lt. Andre Vleghels, flanked by his gunners, Staff Sgt. Roger Rice, left, and Staff Sgt. Clay Young.

the family because my mother didn’t want to talk about him.”

After Egan’s death in 1999, Smith found a box of letters Vleghels had sent to Egan during the war. So started the journey of uncovering everything she could learn about the pilot, who fathered Smith’s half-sister, Sharon.

“My mom remarried when my sister was 3,” Smith said. “I never knew she had a different father until I was 7. I never considered her my half sister. No one would ever guess that my dad had not fathered Sharon.”

Smith’s research, the correspondence and other discoveries are detailed in the book “My Sister’s Father: Reclaiming Andre,” published by Smith earlier this year.

Smith, who lived in Grosse Pointe 60 years before moving to Virginia to be near her children, described the book as a historical



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Author Debby Fricke Smith.

biography that sketches the story of one American couple trying to navigate the Second World War.

“Both my mother and Andy were raised in Detroit,” Smith said. “They knew each other from high school. It makes me feel so sad, especially for my sister, that she knew so little about her dad.”

The book is written in two parts, the first a collection of letters supplemented by Smith’s narration.



Virginia and Andre Vleghels at the Blue Room in New York City, March 25, 1944.

“What I love is it really does give people a vicarious look on one couple who were in love during the war and it’s very touching and poignant to read Andy’s letters to my mother,” Smith said. “And my mom had a military connection, Evie (Schaaf). Her husband was also a pilot. They were based in Florence, S.C., where they did training before they were deployed. ... Once Andy was deployed, my mom moved back to Detroit. She was pregnant. She

started corresponding with Evie and Evie still had the letters and had kept them all those years.”

While Vleghels’ letters to Egan tell the story of their growing romance, the letters between Egan and Schaaf chronicle the time from their husbands’ deployments to when Egan received a Missing in Action notice until a year and half later when Vleghels was officially declared Killed in Action.

“It was excruciating,”

Smith said. “Even if it’s bad news, knowing is much better than not knowing. The letters go back and forth between hope and despair.”

Vleghels’ bomb group flew out of England, its last mission to the Netherlands. After dropping the bombs, they circled back to England, but took a direct hit. Of the three men aboard, two parachutes were seen leaving the plane.

“They parachuted over water; both drowned,” Smith said. “His body washed up nine days later.”

The second part of “My Sister’s Father” details Smith’s research and journey, which included attending Vleghels’ bomb group reunion in 1999. She was looking for people who remembered the pilot.

“The first man I made contact with was a pilot from the 669th,” she said. “He remembered Andy; they went on R&R once to London. He said Andy was admired for his flying ability.”

She also requested Vleghels’ Individual Deceased Personnel



Andre Vleghels’ sister, Maurine Debusschere, left, and Debby Fricke Smith, with the memorial plaque of thanksgiving, spring 2001.



Smith’s sister, Sharon, places flowers at her father’s grave in Hamm, Luxembourg, May 2001, 57 years after Andre died.

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File, which led her to find the families responsible for his burial in the Netherlands. She contacted the government there and eventually came in contact with the kin of the carpenter who crafted Vleghels' casket.

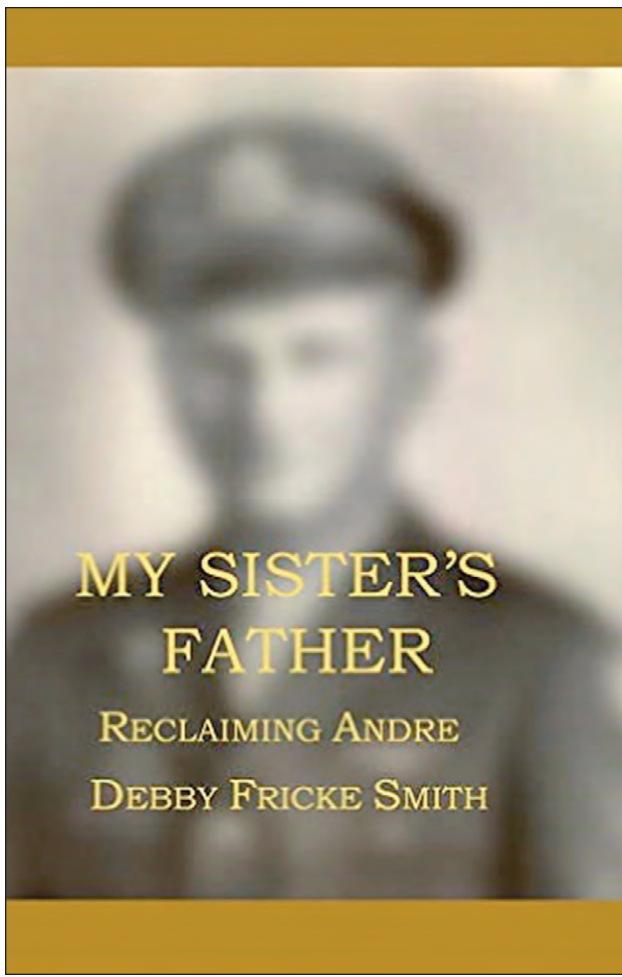
"We all want to know as much as possible about what happened to our loved ones," Smith said. "I wanted to know who Andy was. I was like a detective. I unearthed facts. Those facts gave clues to the next steps. ... I tried to turn over as many stones as I could to get information. I do like mysteries."

After the war, Vleghels' coffin was moved to and buried at an American military cemetery in Luxembourg. While Egan was still alive, Smith contacted the cemetery and learned that for a small fee, workers will put flowers on the grave.

"My mother never knew that," she said. "That was one thing I gave to her and she took the opportunity to do that. It was important for her and brought her some comfort."

Smith's research ended in 2001 with a trip, with her sister, to the Netherlands. They visited the grounds where Vleghels' body originally was buried, as well as where he was discovered.

"When they took us to the sea dyke where his body washed up, I expected to feel (emotional)," Smith said. "It was a clear sky, sunny day. I climbed the dyke and walked around to



the location where his body washed up. I surprised myself. ... I felt I had accomplished what I set out to do and it felt good.

"The whole journey was very rich and rewarding," she added. "It surpassed all of my expectations. I never thought I'd end up on a pilgrimage to Europe."

During their visit, Smith and her sister presented a bronze plaque of thanks to the villagers.

"I wanted to permanently thank the people of the village for giving a soldier a proper burial," she said. "We found the carpenter's wife still alive. ... She told us she made the mattress, coverlet and pillow for the casket."

"We were there on their Memorial Day, when they honor their

deceased," she continued. "It really brought Andy's life and death full circle completely."

Once her research was finished, Smith started writing. Though it took years to publish, she feels it was worth every effort.

"I'm really happy with everything that transpired," Smith said. "I would like people to read it; I think their story is worthwhile. It represents millions of people who went through the same thing."

"My Sister's Father" is available on Amazon.com in Kindle, paperback and hardcover editions. Smith also donated a hard copy to Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch. To contact Smith, email mail.debby.smith@gmail.com.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Libraries

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts the following programs at its branches:

Central — 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, (313) 343-2074

◆ 'Twas the Night Before Christmas: A Visit with Santa, 5 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19.

◆ Singing Story Time with Momcat Kelly, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28.

◆ Teen Art Lab, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30.

Ewald — 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, (313) 821-8830

◆ Reader Dog Drop In, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21.

◆ Drop-in Art Project, Rock Painting, 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 27.

◆ Drop-in Art Project, Marble Maze Fun, 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27.

◆ Singing Story Time with Momcat Kelly, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4.

Woods — 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 343-2072

◆ Holiday Craft, all day Wednesday, Dec. 18.

◆ Playtime Pop-ins, noon Thursdays, Dec. 19 and 26.

◆ Reader Dog Drop In, 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28.

Christmas show

The Charuba Band, featuring Brownell Middle School teacher Walter Charuba, performs at Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit, from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20. The band has been together 15 years and playing a Christmas show at Cadieux Cafe just as long. The concert includes traditional and original Christmas songs, which may be found on iTunes or Spotify.

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers Fabulous Friday Films, featuring "The Peanut Butter Falcon," 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20. Cost for members is \$2 for snacks and the movie, \$5 for lunch and the movie. Cost for non-members is \$3 for snacks and the movie, \$7 for lunch and the movie.

Registration is required. Call (313) 882-9600.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 6:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Lakeshore Senior Living, 28801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, welcomes Shakespeare in Detroit at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, for a dramatic reading of "A Christmas Carol." Tickets are \$30 and include a welcome cocktail, cookies and a keepsake ornament. Call (313) 881-7511.

GPAA

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

◆ "Painting Life in Color with Bette Prudden," 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 8 to 29.

◆ "Bokashi Landscapes: Japanese Block Printing with Nobuko Yamasaki," 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 30 to Feb. 20.

◆ "Stamp Your Story with Deborah Friedman," noon to 3 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 10 to 31.

◆ "Master Class: Drawing with Chris Page," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 25 and 26.

Gilda's Club, Lake House

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, Lake House, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, offers the following programs:

◆ Bollywood Dancing, 6 to 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

◆ Holy Yoga chair yoga, 1 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each

month.

◆ Game Night, 6 to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

◆ Art Night, 6 to 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

◆ Writing for Wellness, 6 to 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

◆ Newly Diagnosed Cancer Support, 6 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month. Anyone within the first year of diagnosis is welcome.

For more information about these activities, call (586) 777-7761.

Senior Ladies

Groups of ladies are invited to join the Grosse Pointe Senior Ladies Club for lunch and card games 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$13. Call (313) 881-5931.

Overeaters Anonymous

An Overeaters Anonymous group meets 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Bethel Lutheran Church, 26400 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores. Use the rear door to get to the basement classroom. Newcomers are welcome at OA, a 12-step recovery program for people who have problems with food or weight. Visit oagreaterdetroit.org or call Mary B. at (313) 410-5283.

H3

Hope, Healing and Health offers its Healing Hearts Circle open bereavement support group 6 to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 22811 Greater Mack, Ste. L2, St. Clair Shores. Call (313) 335-2006.

Van Elslander

The Van Elslander Cancer Center offers free 45-minute gentle yoga classes for female cancer patients and survivors 12:30 to 2 p.m. Mondays, followed by a short support session. The class is appropriate for people in or out of treatment; physician clearance is required. Call Jessica Chapman at (313) 647-3004.

The Christmas Season at St. Ambrose Catholic Church

THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT
Saturday, December 21, 2019 AT 4 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019
AT 8:30 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M.

VIGIL OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST
Tuesday, December 24, 2019,
CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 4 P.M.

FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST
Wednesday, December 25, 2019
MIDNIGHT MASS AT 12 A.M.
Preceded by a Concert at 11:30 p.m.

MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY
AT 8:30 A.M. AND AT 11:15 A.M.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Saturday, December 28, 2019, MASS AT 4 P.M.
Sunday, December 29, 2019, MASS
AT 8:30 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M.

NEW YEAR'S EVE & DAY
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at 4 p.m.
Wednesday, January 1, 2020, MASS AT 10 A.M.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Saturday, January 4, 2020, MASS AT 4 P.M.
Sunday, January 5, 2020, MASS
AT 8:30 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M.

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Advent

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December 21st
4:00 pm Mass
December 22nd
9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Christmas

December 24th
4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, Midnight Mass
December 25th
10:00 am Mass
December 26th-27th
9:00 am Mass
December 28th
4:00 pm Mass
December 29th
9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass (no 5:00 pm Mass)
December 31st
4:00 pm Mass
January 1st
10:00 am Mass

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1,000 Christmas Salutes planned Dec. 20-22

Event includes opportunity to view 'Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker'

This holiday season, The War Memorial once again hosts 1,000 Christmas Salutes, its fifth annual holiday celebration meant to show appreciation to community heroes, including military members, veterans, first responders and their families.

Additionally, for three days — Dec. 20, 21 and 22 — The Patriot Theater at The War Memorial will show "Star Wars: Rise of the Skywalker" exclusively to military members and their families.

Through a strong relationship with Disney, the film studio behind "Star Wars," The Patriot Theater is able to offer special ticket prices for these screenings to military members and their families. Special admission rates and free popcorn are provided through The War Memorial's Patriot Initiative Fund.

"The staff and Board of Directors at The War Memorial always feel a deep commitment to honoring and recognizing our community heroes and especially so during the holiday season," said Charles Burke, The War Memorial president and CEO. "This year, we look forward with great anticipation to transporting our guests to a galaxy far, far away for a holiday celebration unlike any other. These brave individuals have made incredible sacrifices to ensure our precious freedom and this is our small, but mighty way of offering

our sincere gratitude."

Military or first responder IDs will be required at the box office; in lieu of an ID, verbal confirmation of years of service and branch will be accepted. Screenings occur at 2 and 7 p.m. each day. Tickets are priced at \$5 and \$8, respectively, for matinee and evening showings and may be purchased online or in person at the box office. Seating is assigned and limited.

There will be no public admission to "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" over the three days of 1,000 Christmas Salutes, but the film will open to the public Thursday, Dec. 23. Public showtimes are listed at thepatriotheater.org.

1,000 Christmas Salutes is part of The War Memorial's Patriot Leadership Series, supported by The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. A portion of all ticket sales go toward the leadership series, which features a lineup of free patriotic community events including the 9/11 Service of Remembrance, Veterans Day Breakfast, Our Community Salutes, An Evening of Red, White, and Blue and the annual Memorial Day service.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit warmemorial.org/1000salutes or call (313) 881-7511.



Promising Artists Kia Lloyd and Carlos Hooper were on the team that painted the windows of Pam Mowatt's State Farm office.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KAREN POPE

Christmas greetings with a greater purpose

The holiday windows of the Promising Artists of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association created on Mack Avenue the weekend of Dec. 7 and 8, have the same holiday spirit as other windows on the street, but they could be the only ones that will continue to spread good cheer long after the snowmen, Christmas trees and candy canes are washed off.

When the Bourgeois Family of Oxford Beverages & Deli, Diane Finken of Blue Bay Fish & Seafood Market and Pam Mowatt of the State Farm office commissioned the high school artists, they agreed to donate to their project. They are creating and printing an art book/colored book in collabora-

tion with the middle schoolers in the Rosa Parks art therapy program, one of the services of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Connor Avenue in Detroit.

The book will celebrate the stories and artwork of the Rosa Parks students. And it will document the effectiveness of art therapy in helping young people cope with the stress of growing up. "We listened when our Promising Artists said they wanted to advocate for the benefits of art therapy and we're excited about this collaboration with the Rosa Parks children's program," said Karen Pope, president of the Artists Association.

The proposed book will include blank pages

to encourage those who read it to make their own art. It will be given out as gifts to those who attend the spring opening of the 2020 Promising Artists Exhibition and distributed to waiting rooms in the area to offer kids a creative way to pass the time.

If you are interested in adding holiday cheer to your windows and supporting the Promising Artists book project, visit grossepointeartcenter.org/events or call (313) 881-3454 to make an appointment. If you don't have windows to paint, but would like to donate, you can do so through the website or send a check to GPAA, 32 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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- Dec. 13 - 7:30 PM Grosse Pointe North Choir Holiday Concert
- Dec. 15 - 10:00 AM One Worship service only for Music Sunday
- Dec. 22 - 10:00 AM One Worship service only
- Dec. 22 - 7:30 PM Motor City Chorale Holiday Concert
- Dec. 24 - 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM and 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
- Dec. 27 - Noon-4:00 PM Christmas Tea and Tree Walk
- Dec. 29 - 10:00 AM One Worship service only

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Woman Sewing, ca. 1879, Berthe Morisot, French, oil on canvas. Collection Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, New York, Fellows for Life Fund, 1926 (1926:1).

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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.

Susan E. Seiter

Former Grosse Pointe resident Susan E. Seiter, 62, passed away Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019. Born June 22, 1957, Susan was raised in Grosse Pointe and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. She relocated to Scottsdale, Ariz., in 2004. Her love of cooking led her to open and operate The Cider Mill Restaurant in Old Town Scottsdale.

Susan is survived by her husband of 40 years, Thomas B. Seiter; their daughters, Kimberly, Victoria and Brittany and their grandson, Oliver.

She was predeceased by her parents, Richard and Katherine Parshall.

Donations may be made to The Humane Society at humanesociety.org.

Charles A. Guy M.D.

Charles A. Guy M.D., 88, passed away peacefully Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019. He was born May 2, 1931, in Chuan Chow, Fukien, China. He immigrated to the Philippines in 1937, then to the United States in 1972 and permanently lived in Grosse Pointe Woods 46 years.

He earned a Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines in 1955. His obstetrics and gynecology residency training was 1956 to 1961 in St. John Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Baltimore City Hospital, Baltimore, Md.; Wayne State University, Detroit Receiving Hospital and Herman Kiefer Hospital in Detroit.

In 1958 and 1959, he was resident in pathology at South Sea Hospital, Pittsburg, Pa.

He practiced at St. John Hospital, Cottage Hospital and Beaumont Hospital 25 years.

Charles was the beloved husband of Dorothy for 55 years. Over the years, Charles and Dorothy traveled to China, Southeast Asia, Philippines, Europe, South America, Hong

Kong, Japan, Greece, Antarctica, Russia and the Baltic States.

He was predeceased by his only brother, George. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Deceng; nieces, Athena (Chris) and Ann (Alex); nephew, Karl; grandnieces, Quinn, Darcy and Mia and grandnephew, Lincoln.

He was loved and will be greatly missed.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at Crosspointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Crosspointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Virginia McMillan Lambrecht

Former Grosse Pointe resident Virginia McMillan Lambrecht, 79, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019, in St. Clair Shores.

She was born in Detroit to James McMillan and Virginia Cutting McMillan and attended Grosse Pointe University School (now University Liggett) and The Ethel Walker School in Connecticut. She also attended Wheaton College in Massachusetts and the University of Geneva.

Ginny embraced volunteerism and was an active member of the Tau Beta Association, Junior League of Detroit, Garden Club of Michigan and National Society of Colonial Dames.

Spending winters in Boca Grande, Fla., Ginny loved to play tennis and golf. She was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, Walloon Lake Country Club, Gasparilla Inn Golf Club and Lemon Bay Golf Club. Boating was another passion. A longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Club, she cruised the "great loop" from Michigan to Florida many times with her "captain," Bob. She also enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family and friends.

Ginny is survived by

her brother, Francis W. "Sandy" McMillan (Mimi); sons, James (Jeannine) and Jeffrey (Debbie) and grandchildren, Collin, Brooklin, Shannon and Hunter.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert P. Lambrecht, and son, Robert P. Lambrecht Jr.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A reception will be 3 to 5 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Club behind the church.

Donations may be made to the Detroit Historical Society at detroithistorical.org, ALS of Michigan at alsofMichigan.org, The ALS Association Michigan Chapter at webmi.alsa.org or The Garden Club of Michigan at gardenclubofmichigan.org.

Jean Worzniak

Jean Worzniak, lifetime Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe resident, passed away in her sleep Monday, Dec. 2, 2019, four days shy of 101.

She was predeceased by the love of her life and husband of 66 years, Frank Worzniak, and lived a blessed and wonderful life.

Jean was active in her community. She was a Girl Scout leader, volunteered for the American Red Cross, delivered Meals on Wheels and played a leadership role in the Polish Aid Society and League for Crippled Children. She was loved by those who knew her.

She was an avid bridge player and enjoyed travel, but her greatest joy was her family and she enjoyed quality time with them throughout her life.

Jean believed the way to a person's heart was through their stomach. Her kitchen was filled with wonderful smells and her refrigerator always open. It was impossible to visit without having something to eat.

Jean was deeply religious and prayed constantly. Her preferred mode of prayer was the



Susan E. Seiter



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Maxine Burnell Metzen

rosary, which she said daily. It grew to be such an integral part of her life that she could often be heard saying it while she was sleeping. She encouraged her caregivers to join her and it became part of the nightly routine before going to bed.

Jean is survived by her loving daughter, Debbie (Steve Grob); son, Dennis (Nancy Alwen); four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A celebratory Mass was held Dec. 5 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan at hom.org or St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Albert J. Ceravolo M.D.

Longtime City of Grosse Pointe resident Albert J. Ceravolo M.D., 99, passed away Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, at his home in Grosse Pointe.

Dr. Ceravolo was born Sept. 1, 1920, in Aliquippa, Pa., to Joseph and Mary Ceravolo. He was the beloved husband of Norma Ceravolo for more than 74 years. He was predeceased by his parents and brother, James "Jimmy" Ceravolo.

Albert graduated from Aliquippa High School in 1938. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1942 and was a member of the Alpha Phi Delta fraternity. He then attended the University of St. Louis Medical School, graduating in 1945.

On June 16, 1945, two days after medical school graduation, he married Norma Ann Sciortino, whom he referred to as the best thing that ever happened to him.

Dr. Ceravolo completed his internship at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Medical Center in 1946. He and his family moved to Grosse Pointe in 1953, where he obtained his specialty in anesthesia. He spent the remainder of his professional practice as an anesthesiologist at Bon Secours Hospital (now Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe), where many of his children and grandchildren were born.

Dr. Ceravolo cofounded Circolo de Medici, an organization that brought

together physicians of Italian heritage. In addition, he was a devoted member of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, serving more than 50 years. He became club president in 1976 and was awarded the club's highest award for a lifetime of Rotary service above self, the Infinite Sky award, in 2011. He also was honored and recognized by the club for 50 years of perfect attendance.

Dr. Ceravolo will be missed by his wife, Norma, and children, Elaine Stein (Don), A.J. Ceravolo, Nancy Ceravolo (Bruce Updyke), MaryAnn Ceravolo, Fran Gough (Bob) and Rosanne Ellison (Hank). He was adored by his nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren who called him Papa.

He also is survived by his brother, Francis J. Ceravolo D.D.S. (Dorothy) and many beloved nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at noon Saturday, Dec. 28, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 11:30 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gianna House, 21357 Redmond Ave., Eastpointe, MI 48021-2966 or at giannahouse.org.

Maxine Burnell Metzen

Maxine "Mackie" Burnell Metzen, a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019. She was 99.

Born Sept. 18, 1920, to Maxine Durant Burnell and L.D. Burnell, Mackie was the mother of Dana Metzen, Christopher Metzen, Meredith Weller (John) and the late Edward "Burnie" Burnell Metzen; grandmother of Randy Carne, Ryan Carne (Charlotte), Ashley Donahue (John), Marin Metzen and China Milligan (Ed) and great-grandmother of Daniel Carne (Tess), Noah Donahue, Issac Donahue, Max Carne, Sarah Carne, Alleyna Milligan and Kylie Milligan. She also is survived by Valerie Brewer (Steve).

Mackie was a lifelong volunteer as a member of the Sigma Gamma Association, Junior League of Detroit, Detroit Institute for Children and Meals on Wheels.

A private memorial service will be held in the spring.



Angela Crea

Angela Crea

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Angela Crea, 96, beloved wife of the late Joseph Crea, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019, surrounded by family.

Born Sept. 10, 1923, in Ernst, Pa., to Sam and Josephine Petrilli, Angela spent her childhood in Detroit.

A 70-year resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, Angela was involved in the community through St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and school, as an active volunteer for many years with St. John Hospital and the Bon Secours Hospital Assistance League.

Angela was, above all, a devoted mother who loved to host Christmas Eve dinner, surrounded by her loving family, making sure everyone had enough of her cheesy broccoli, mashed potatoes and stuffing. Until recently, one could find her working in her magnificent garden. She also had a keen sense of humor, epitomized by the time she — at age 70 — demonstrated Thigh-master exercises to her grandkids.

Angela will be missed by her children, Patricia Ritter, Linda Hynes, David Crea (Lori), and Diane Crea Hamilton (John); grandchildren, Lisa Cannon (Chris), Michele Gonzales (Francis), Paul Hynes (Lucy), Kristin Mann (Matt), Beth Hynes, Sarah Crea, John Hynes, Joseph Crea and Josie Hamilton and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Joseph, Angela was predeceased by her sons-in-law, David Ritter and Paul Hynes and siblings, Daniel Petrilli, Nancy Kay, James Petrilli and Alfred Petrilli.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen at cskdetroit.org.

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James E. Eckerman

James E. Eckerman, 49 passed away Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019.

He was the beloved husband of Sonia and dearest father of Christian and William.

Jim did not make his presence known, but instead it naturally carried with him wherever he went, and to whomever had the pleasure of being with him. Even in a room full of negativity, he was able to be the solution to whatever problem was arising. He did not become overwhelmed with what he had to do, instead he simply carried on joyfully in whatever his obligation was.

He lived his life most meaningfully. He did not desire any more than what he had, because he knew that all he could ever want was already with him: A loving family whom he

loved more than words could describe, and a contentment with himself and the future that monks should strive for.

Everybody should learn to live their lives the way he did, if they could, then no obstacle would be insurmountable. His strength carries on with his family and for all people whom he touched, it should also persist.

There is a lack of a singular meaningful experience defining his life, because every experience seemed to be more meaningful than the last, with additional insight into his understanding that every moment should be treasured the same as any other, despite the content that the experience may bring, pleasure or pain. So, with this, he would not want his death to be one that is mourned, he would want



it to be a celebration of the life he lived and a moment of spiritual growth that not many have the privilege of experiencing. His family will carry forward with his powerful essence and we hope that everyone else does too.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairfield Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9 a.m. at the church. Share a memory at verheyden.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

Congregational

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a Blue Christmas service at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21. Sunday, Dec. 22, the church hosts a Choir Contata at 10 a.m. Its Christmas Eve services take place at 5 and 11 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, welcomes the Motor City Chorale at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. The 65-member chorale is directed by Eric Miller, director of music at St. Paul Lutheran Church, and accompanied by Bob Foster, director of music at First English. The 90-minute concert features sacred and secular holiday music. A freewill offering will be collected.

For more information, visit motorcitychorale.org.

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers Vigil Masses Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 4:30 p.m. in the school gym and 6:30 p.m. and midnight in the church; and Christmas Masses Wednesday, Dec. 25, at 8:30 and 10 a.m. and noon in the church.

The church presents "Fresh Start: A Healing Ministry for the Divorced, Separated & Civilly Remarried." This free program involves sharing experiences and dialogue with others in a confidential group setting. A video series is included and child care is provided. Meetings take place 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school's faculty lounge these remaining Thursdays: Jan. 9 and 23,

Feb. 13 and 27 and March 12 and 26. To register, contact Deacon Bill Jamieson at bjamieson@stpaulonthelake.org or (313) 885-8855, Ext. 145.

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols," the story of creation and redemption told through familiar scripture passages and music for organ, cello, choir and parishioners, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22.

The church hosts Christmas Eve services at 4 and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24. The 4 p.m. service includes Holy Communion, carols and a Christmas pageant. The 8:30 p.m. services includes carols and Communion by candlelight.

The church hosts a Christmas Day service at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25, featuring carols and Holy Communion.

Call (313) 884-4820 or visit stmichaelsgpw.org.



Music at Memorial shares the Christmas story in song

The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church choir presents its annual "The Christmas Story" concert at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, in the candlelit sanctuary. All are invited to experience the story of Christmas as choir,

handbells, strings, woodwinds, harp and organ present an hour of seasonal music, including carols for all to sing. The centerpiece of the program is Memorial Minister of Music James Biery's original "The Christmas

Story," a dramatic musical rendition of the account of the birth of Jesus from the book of Luke.

There is no admission charge and tickets are not required. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

ASK THE EXPERTS By JT Mestdagh

Empowering children to achieve their best

Q. What advice can you give to parents of children with extra needs, whether they have learning differences or are developmentally delayed or face physical or mental illnesses?

A. Being out of the ordinary can be hard, can't it? As you know, every child wants to fit in. Boys and girls who can't run see others playing games and feel left out. Kids who look different may want to hide. Children struggling in school may think they're not as good as their friends. It is hard. I know from firsthand experience!

But you probably know that parents — or family members or guardians — are really important to shaping attitudes and beliefs. I'd encourage you to make sure you're teaching your child that

they're valuable, no matter what. If your child feels like "a square peg in a round hole," then help him or her find a new "hole." Every person has something to offer the world.

My parents and grandparents were always positive. They encouraged me to not feel sorry for myself or take the easy way out. To do that, they had to step up and accept their calling to be a parent of a unique child. It was hard on them, too!

Through it all, they practiced actions and attitudes that shaped me into who I am today. Here are a few of them:

- ◆ Develop perseverance and resilience.
- ◆ Build a network of people you can ask for help.
- ◆ Teach your child that their differences can serve good purposes.

- ◆ Serve others.
- ◆ Pray.
- ◆ Never give up.

I encourage you to embrace the opportunities you have to empower your children to achieve their best. By faith and positive persistence, you and your child can realize big dreams and live a life without limitations.

JT Mestdagh is a Grosse Pointe native born with life-threatening VATER/VACTERL syndrome, extreme dyslexia and short-term memory loss to the point of being told he would be illiterate for life. Now an entrepreneur and inspirational speaker with a college degree, Mestdagh also is a mountaineer, extreme skier, boater and car-lover whose life mission is to encourage people to untether from limitations and live fully. Find out more at jtmestdagh.com.

SAVE the DATE

Meet JT Mestdagh, the author of "Untether: Inspiration for Living Free and Strong No Matter What the Challenge," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register for this free event, sponsored by The Family Center and Kids On The Go, at familycenterweb.org or by calling (313) 447-1374.

The Family Center is a nonprofit organization that provides resources and preventive education to empower families to successfully navigate life's social, emotional and physical challenges. The Family Center is completely supported by community donations. To learn more, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 447-1374 or email info@familycenterweb.org.

50th New Year's Eve run/walk set

The 50th annual Belle Isle New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk, presented by liveinwoodbridge.com, takes place on Belle Isle Tuesday, Dec. 31. The one-mile fun run begins at 3:30 p.m., followed by the 5K at 4 p.m. Both events are open to any age.

Along with title sponsor liveinwoodbridge.com, the host running club is the Downtown Runners and Walkers. Additional sponsors include Hanson's Running Shop, Atwater Brewery, Absopure Water, Royal Banana, National Coney Island and Olive Garden. Donations collected benefit Special Olympics of Michigan.

"Without the support and donations from sponsors, this event would not be able to continue," said Jeanne Bocci, race director. "This race, which is the longest continually held running event in Michigan, has become a favorite hol-

iday activity for multiple generations and our numbers are growing."

The event includes post-race refreshments and awards for the top three men and women in the 5K, presented by Hanson's Running Shop. A Belle Isle-designed medal is given to all 5K finishers and every child who finishes the one-mile fun run receives a trophy. All participants receive a commemorative race shirt, while supplies last.

Entry fees are \$20 for ages 12 and younger, \$40 for ages 13 and older. Mail-in registrations are accepted through Saturday, Dec. 21. To register online or for more information, visit belleislefunrun.com. Online registration is accepted through Monday, Dec. 30. In-person, race day registration is welcome, beginning at noon at the Belle Isle Casino.

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6B | FEATURES

Artists explore the healing powers of art in Mind.HeART.Health.

A few years ago, Psychology Today reported on research that suggested adding art and creativity to the good health basics of a balanced diet and daily exercise. That stuck in the minds of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association exhibition committee and inspired the theme for the association's current exhibition, Mind.HeART.Health.

Artists were asked to submit works that explored their own experiences with the healing powers of art. Thirty artists from Michigan and five other states entered more than 60 pieces. Justin Newman, juror for the show, decided which pieces to include by evaluating how well each piece reflected the exhibition theme, as well as



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"Release," by Jeanne Fisher expresses the power she found when she finally believed in herself as an artist.

the artist's technique and creativity.

Included are pieces like "Blue Moon Rising #4" by Robert Lasky, who said it is one of a series of four he completed while grieving the death of his

wife of 47 years.

"In each succeeding piece in the series, the blue moon of emotions is a bit higher over the desolate landscape," Lasky said, "symbolizing my progress in the journey out of grief."

In an abstract titled "Release," artist Jeanne Fisher expresses the power she found when

she finally believed in herself as an artist. "The dark areas represent the bombardment of negative voices that told me I'd never be good enough," she said. "The light areas, and particularly the white, symbolizes the healing impact of the truth."

Artist Carol Morris took a whimsical approach in her watercolor. She has a rhino standing on a book titled "Heart Needles." "The rhino is protecting himself from bad memories and hurtful things," Morris said.

Newman's own experiences make him the perfect juror for this show. He was the subject of a recent Emmy Award-winning film that documents how he used art to kick his 10-year addiction to heroin.

The show is open daily in the Presidents' Room in The War Memorial through Sunday, Jan. 19.

Take the J.O.Y. (Just One Year) Community Challenge

The research is clear: Happiness, resilience, connection and kindness are skills that can be taught and developed over time — with practice. Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods has compiled a toolbox of resources to help put the joy back in the journey starting today. You can take this journey on your own, with your family or a friend — and you may want to start an Action for Happiness group and try the practices together using the free toolkit below to help create a happier and healthier life: healthygphw.org/the-joy-challenge.

Everyone's path to happiness is different, but the evidence suggests these Ten Keys consistently tend to have a positive impact on people's happiness and well-being. The Ten Keys to Happier Living framework was jointly developed by Vanessa King and the Action for Happiness team.

◆ Do things for others: Caring about others is fundamental to our happiness. Helping other people is not only good for them and a great thing to do, it also makes us happier and healthier too.

◆ Connect with people: Relationships are the most important overall contributor to happiness. People with strong and broad social relationships are hap-

pier, healthier and live longer.

◆ Take care of your body: Our body and our mind are connected. Being active makes us happier as well as being good for our physical health.

◆ Live life mindfully: Ever felt there must be more to life? Well, good news, there is. And it's right here in front of us. We just need to stop and take notice.

◆ Keep learning new things: Learning affects our well-being in lots of positive ways. It exposes us to new ideas and helps us stay curious and engaged.

◆ Have goals to look forward to: Feeling good about the future is important for our happiness. We all need goals to motivate us and these need to be challenging enough to excite us, but also achievable.

◆ Find ways to bounce back: All of us have times of stress, loss, failure or trauma in our lives. But how we respond to these has a big impact on our well-being.

◆ Look for what's good: Positive emotions — like joy, gratitude, contentment, inspiration and pride — are not just great at the time. Recent research shows that regularly experiencing them creates an "upward spiral," helping to build our resources.

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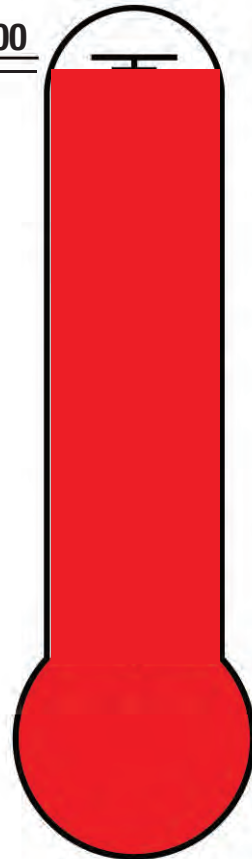
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JOY:

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◆ Be comfortable with who you are: No one's perfect. But so often we compare our insides to other people's outsides. Dwelling on our flaws — what we're not, rather than what we've got —

makes it much harder to be happy.

◆ Be part of something bigger: People who have meaning and purpose in their lives are happier, feel more in control and get more out of what they do. They also experience less stress, anxiety and depression.

Monthly themes include: Joyful January, Friendly February, Mindful March, Active April, Meaningful May, Hunt for the Good June, Resilient July, Altruistic August, Self-Care September, Optimistic October, New Things November and Do Good December.

Please visit the website or contact us today to be a part of the movement. We will send you a packet to post in your school, business or community showcase. Individuals also are welcome to the packet. We hope they serve as building blocks for creating your own health and

happiness regimen for a healthier and happier New Year.

Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods is a Beaumont Health initiative. For more information, contact Suzy Berschback at suzanne.berschback@beaumont.org. The mental health

and substance abuse task forces are led by MaryJo Harris, community organizer for CARE of Southeastern Michigan, mharris@careofsem.com. Connect with the group on Facebook at Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods or visit healthygphw.org.

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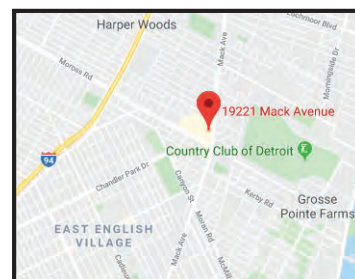
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Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

All good

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After months of planning and three weeks of practice, Stephen Benard finally made his debut as the head coach of the Grosse Pointe South varsity boys basketball team last week.

The debut was a 66-44 home win over Detroit East English Village Prep.

“We were ready to play,” Benard said. “After a few scrimmages and three weeks of practice, the guys were ready to play a meaningful game.”

“The guys came out focused and that is what we expected. I was happy with what we did tonight.”

The host Blue Devils jumped out to a 15-4 lead, watched the Bulldogs cut it to 17-14 early in the second quarter, and then settled into a groove.

The Blue Devils led 35-26 at the half and extended the lead to 16 points, 51-35, when the



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

South's Will Johnson dunks home two of his 18 points against East English Village Prep.

third quarter ended.

Sophomore Will Johnson lead a balanced scoring attack with 18 points.

Freshman Anthony Benard had 10 points, followed by junior Matthew Edwards with eight and senior Nick Fannon with seven.

Three players had five points — seniors Miles Jamieson and Weston Brundage, and junior Jordan Johnson. Senior Alex Shaheen and junior Drew Burke each had four points.

The Blue Devils finished with 17 assists, including 10 from Shaheen, and forced the Bulldogs into 21 turnovers.

South ended the week

with an 81-51 home win over Chippewa Valley.

Benard led three players in double figures with 19 points.

Jordan Johnson followed with 13 points, and Will Johnson added 11 as the Blue Devils improved to 2-0.

The 2019-20 Blue Devils have four seniors — Shaheen, Brundage, Fannon and Jamieson. The juniors are Jacob Harris, Edwards, Ryan Caldwell, Thomas Hessburg, Jordan Johnson, Burke and Nathaniel Stieler.

Will Johnson is the only sophomore and Anthony Benard is the lone freshman.

Grosse Pointe South is 2-0 or 1-1 overall.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Gymnasts start with close loss; optimism high

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team has a familiar face leading the way this season, assistant coach Courtney Hamidi.

She was the head coach several years ago, but stepped back to be one of Kristin Remillet's assistants.

Remillet has stepped back for a year to be a first-time mother, so Hamidi gladly took her place. The transition is smooth and she knows all of the gymnasts in the program.

In last week's season-opening meet, GPU lost 138.950-137.800 to Fraser.

“All of our gymnasts competed really well for the first meet of the year,” Hamidi said. “We are intentionally taking our time to build up to our full difficulty so I was really pleased with a very high team score of 137.800 to start the season. That score should continue to go up and I'm very excited about the potential that I think this team will have this year.”

The team's highest-

scoring event was the floor exercise and the top four were Cate Gagnier with a 9.6, Maeve Jamieson with 9.1, Amanda Nguyen with 8.7 and Ava Rogowski with 8.25.

Others who competed in the event were Maddie LoPorto and Sammy Lucido.

On vault, Gagnier led with 9.4, followed by Nguyen at 9.15, Jamieson at 8.55 and Lucido at 8.3. Rogowski and LoPorto also competed.

Once again Gagnier was the team's top scorer in an event, the balance beam. She had 9.45 and was followed by LoPorto at 9.2, Kate Ennis at 8.45 and Rogowski at 8.1. Jamieson and Nguyen also competed.

GPU's top scorer on the uneven parallel bars was Gagnier, who had 8.75. Jamieson had 7.85, and she was followed by Lucido at 7.75 and LoPorto at 7.2. Madi Lucido and Nguyen also did a routine.

Fraser's top gymnast was Bella Dyer, who scored more than a 9.0 on three of the four events.

“Junior Cate Gagnier had an outstanding start

to the season with the highest scores of the meet on all four events,” Hamidi said. “She's already looking great for so early in the year, and I expect her to be one of the top gymnasts in the state again this year. Maeve Jamieson also had a very solid all-around outing in the first meet.”

“We had three of our freshmen, Maddie LoPorto, Madi Lucido and Ava Rogowski, make the lineup for the first meet, so it's wonderful to have our freshman class contributing right away. LoPorto's beam score of 9.2 was one of the real highlights of the meet.”

Next for the team is its annual alumni meet at home at 5:30 p.m. against Huron Valley.

“We want to invite all former Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe Unified gymnasts, coaches and their families to attend,” Hamidi said.

After this meet, the gymnastics team is off until hosting Bloomfield Wednesday, Jan. 8.

They also compete in the annual Fraser Invitational at 10 a.m.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights net split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys basketball team split its first two games of the season last week, losing 58-37 at St. Clair Shores Lakeview and winning at home, 61-21, over New Haven Merritt Academy.

Against the Huskies, junior Cameron Strong led the Knights with 14 points, while junior Mike Clark chipped in with six

points.

Lakeview took a nine-point lead into halftime, and extended the lead to 20 by the end of the game.

“Our guys played hard tonight but came up a little short in the second half,” head coach Solomon Spann said.

ULS kicked off its home slate with the victory as Strong once again led the team with 19 points and eight rebounds.

This season the Knights will look to Strong for leadership on and off the court. Strong is the Knights' leading returning scorer, currently averaging 16.5 points per game.

Also watch for Clark and sophomore Alex George to be a pivotal part of the Knights' success this season. Senior Anthony Green provides steady and trusted hands at the point-guard position.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen drop two

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Andy Ayrault started year No. 2 with a tough loss as his Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team suffered a 62-50 home setback to Detroit East English Village Prep early last week.

The Norsemen played well for the first three quarters and were in position to earn the victory on opening night.

With six minutes left, the Norsemen trailed 40-39, but a turnover on three straight possessions gave the Bulldogs transition baskets and turned the deficit to 45-39.

The deficit hit 49-39 before the Norsemen cut

it to 51-45, but it was too little too late for the home team. The Norsemen finished with 24 turnovers to 17 for the Bulldogs.

The Norsemen led 11-9 after the first quarter and 26-25 at the half.

They continued to play well and were only behind by a bucket, 38-36, after the third-quarter horn sounded.

Senior Cam Perrino led the Norsemen with 10 points, followed by junior Jordan Shepherd with nine. Junior Alexander Benner added eight points in his first varsity action, and junior Andrew Dudek added six points.

Ayrault has a roster loaded with inexperience and exuberance.

The seniors on the team are Perrino, Brett Abke, Drew Henderson, Isaiah Williams, George Graham, Ethan Pinkney, Tajh Henderson and Zackary Buterakos.

Juniors are Shepherd, Dudek, Benner, Louis Randazzo, Michael Zontini and Ignacio Gutierrez, and the lone freshman is Adam Ayrault.

Later in the week, North dropped to 0-2 after losing at home, 59-46, to St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

The Norsemen, coming off a district title, remain in the Macomb Area Conference White Division with New Haven, Warren Mott, Romeo, Utica Ford and rival South.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen open with victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys swimming and diving team began its season last week, beating host Waterford United and Auburn Hills Avondale.

The Norsemen jumped ahead early, winning the first event as Gianni Carlino, Owen Schaaf, Ian Donahue and Owen Nowacki won the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:43.35.

Carlino also won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:47.27, while the duo of Cordy Wettstein and Loudon Fuchs took fifth and sixth with times of 2:29.54 and 2:33.64.

The Norsemen made it three straight wins as Donahue took first in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:59.29. Andrew Peabody and Luke Swiatkowski finished fifth and sixth with times of 2:34.50 and

2:35.65.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Schaaf and Nowacki finished first and second with times of 23.72 and 24.24, and Jonathan White was fourth at 27.55. Other Norsemen in the event were Jacob Dall, Noan LaFluer and Elliot Taylor. Peabody and Trever Mulkey took second and third in diving, earning 193.80 and 179.25 points, and Donahue won the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 54.21.

Alex Agius and White finished third and fifth in the fly with times of 1:05.33 and 1:13.41.

It was Nowacki and Kyle MacGillis earning first and second in the 100-yard freestyle, posting times of 57.05 and 1:00.46. Wettstein and Andrew Sliwinski took fourth and sixth with times of 1:05.06 and 1:07.84.

Others in the 100-free-style were Dall,

Swiatkowski and LaFluer.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Carlino and Jack Gehlert finished first and second with times of 4:44.32 and 5:07.24, and the Norsemen won the 200-yard freestyle relay as Nowacki, Agius, Peabody and Gehlert had a time of 1:41.96.

The 100-yard backstroke was the lone event the Norsemen didn't win, but Agius was second at 1:13.65. Fuchs and Sliwinski finished fourth and sixth with times of 1:25.99 and 1:49.38.

Schaaf, Gehlert and MacGillis took first, second and fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke with times of 1:02.43, 1:12.28 and 1:17.86.

The Norsemen won the final event of the meet, the 400-yard freestyle relay, with Donahue, Gehlert, Carlino and Schaaf posting a time of 3:29.79.

North is 2-0 overall.

Girls hockey

RIVALS

ULS beats rival

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Rivals Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School girls hockey teams played an intense, hard-fought battle last week at Eastside Hockey Arena.

After 45 minutes, the visiting Knights were able to escape with a 4-2 victory.

"This was another in a string of tough teams in the beginning of our schedule, and the girls played well," ULS head coach Greg Paddison said. "Everyone is working together, which is great to see. The older girls are taking the new players under their wings. The team play is making a positive difference."

For South head coach Hailee Craig, this was a third straight close defeat as the Blue Devils dropped to 0-3 overall.

The Knights opened the scoring in the first



University Liggett School first-year head coach Greg Paddison, left, has his Knights off to a fast start this season.

period when freshman Guiliana Lufty tallied, with junior Reese Martin netting the assist.

The Knights jumped out to a 2-0 lead at the 11:14 mark of the second period after Lufty scored another goal, this time short-handed. Senior Anika Vreeken had an assist.

The Blue Devils got back in the game when senior Lauren Benoit scored on a nifty backhand that went top shelf.

This came on the power

play and senior Kelsie Francis had an assist.

Vreeken scored a huge goal late in the second period, giving the Knights a 3-1 lead heading into the third stanza. Her goal stopped the Blue Devils' momentum. Lufty and freshman Isabel Standish drew assists.

Craig's squad poured on the pressure in the third period, but Knights senior net-minder Evie Bournias was up to the challenge, and that made

a difference.

Sophomore Olivia Livingstone scored a power-play goal at the 11:38 mark of the third period to make it a 3-2 game, but Vreeken tallied again as the Knights regained the two-goal advantage.

Lufty and Martin had assists.

The Knights went into the penalty box with 2:42 left, but the Blue Devils couldn't take advantage as ULS improved to 4-1 overall.

Boys hockey

SOUTH, NORTH

Showcase success

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South boys hockey teams competed in the annual MIHL/KLAA Showcase last weekend at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena in Livonia.

South beat Northville 5-1, while North lost 4-0 to Livonia Churchill.

The Blue Devils used a three-goal third period to pull away from the Mustangs. Before that, it was a 2-1 game.

"We came out strong, struggled a bit in that second period, but played our game in the third period," head coach Paul Moretz said. "We play a fast game, and in that second period we turned the puck over in the neutral zone, and got away from what we like to do. We had a little chat between periods and played a better third."

Senior Keegan Spitz and junior Aaron Vyletel scored in the opening period as the Blue Devils led 2-0. Junior Anthony Furicchia and sophomore Jacob Spitz had assists on the first goal, while senior Alex Miciuda assisted on the second.

The Mustangs scored the lone goal in the second period to tighten things up, but just 36 seconds into the third stanza Furicchia had a power-play goal with Keegan Spitz and Jacob Spitz drawing assists.

At the 7:36 mark, junior Dean Therriault scored and senior John McShane lit the lamp at the 5:45 mark to put an exclamation mark on the victory.

Sophomore Max Aldighieri and junior Joey Czech had assists on the Therriault goal, and senior Brian McKenna and Miciuda had assists on the McShane tally.

Senior Willi Strickler earned the win in net to help the Blue Devils improve to 8-0-0-1 overall.

North played a solid first two periods, but trailed 1-0. Head coach Rob Blum and his Norsemen had several power-play opportunities, but couldn't score.

In the third period, Churchill took advantage of its power-play chances and scored three goals to pull away and send the Norsemen to a 1-6 mark.

Senior goalies Connor Obermok and Brian Clogg shared time in net with Obermok playing the first and the half of the second period, and Clogg finished the second and played the third period.

Earlier in the week, both teams played division games with the Norsemen losing to Trenton to fall to 0-5 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League, and the Blue Devils defeated Warren DeLaSalle to improve to 3-0-0-1 in the MIHL.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen drop close game

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Goals have been hard to come by for the Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team without freshman standout Gabrielle Brumme on the ice.

Brumme, sidelined with a foot injury, was a force in her first couple of games, but without her the Norsemen struggled.

Last weekend, host North lost 4-2 to Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"The girls are playing hard, but it's been a little tough without Gabby," head coach Casey Quick said. "We had some posi-

tives out there tonight, and those are what we will build on before our next game against Grosse Pointe South."

Pioneer scored the lone goal in the first period, and added its second goal midway through the second period to lead 2-0.

Freshman Lucy Driscoll scored a couple of minutes later in that second period to get the Norsemen right back in the game.

Pioneer used a short-handed goal to regain the two-goal advantage, 3-1, heading into the final 15 minutes.

Driscoll scored again early in the third period,

and the Norsemen continued to put pressure on Pioneer after that, but couldn't get the equalizer.

The visitors scored an insurance goal at the 10:50 mark of the third period to end the scoring.

Senior Darby Pickford had a couple of chances to score a goal, but Pioneer's goalie made the saves.

Junior goaltender Mia Cassar took the tough loss.

Earlier in the week, North lost 7-1 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood to drop to 2-3 overall.

Field hockey

The Michigan High School Hockey Association recently named its 2019 All-State honors, and several local players made the list.

From University Liggett School, Delaney Garvey and Mary Ella Karolak made it, while Grosse Pointe South's representatives are Maria Haddad and Hadley McSunas.

Other girls on the list are Olivia DeMuth and Lilli Sherman of Cranbrook Kingswood, Amanda Dinkins of Farmington United, Erin Moran and Emma Obermiller of Dearborn and Angela Rea and Bella Van Solkema of Mercy High School.

The field hockey association also sent out lists of girls who made All-State from Division 1 and Division 3.

This was the first year of the three-division realignment.

The state playoffs were played for Division 1, won by Dexter, and Division 2, won by Ann Arbor Skyline.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights beat Metro foes

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys hockey team ended a three-game slide last week, beating visiting Wyandotte Roosevelt 4-1.

"We played a full three periods tonight," head coach Mike Maltese said. "We haven't done that in recent games."

It was scoreless after the first period, but senior Tristan Reilly scored at the 13:11 mark of the second period to

get the Knights on the board. Senior Will Nicholson and junior Nick Fallon had assists.

Sophomore Doug Wood scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal late in the second period on a power play. Nicholson had the lone assist and the home team had a 2-0 advantage.

Nicholson scored at the 10:42 mark of the third period to give the Knights a 3-0 lead as Wood had an assist.

The Bears scored at the 7:18 mark to make it a 3-1 lead. They kept up the pressure in the Knights' zone, and had several good scoring chances. However, junior net-minder Grant Lindsay thwarted those efforts to keep the home team on top.

Fallon finished off the scoring with a goal with only 1:26 left and that would be the end of a losing skid.

Earlier in the week, ULS lost 3-2 to L'Anse Creuse Unified on home ice.

ULS ended the busy week with a 3-2 win over Brownstown Woodhaven to improve to 3-2 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 5-4 overall.

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City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF ADOPTION
AND SUMMARY OF
ORDINANCE NO. 213

On December 9, 2019, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park enacted Ordinance No. 213 (the "Ordinance"), to become effective on December 29, 2019, which Ordinance provides for the revision and amendment of Chapter Two, Article III, of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park to add Div. 5 – Recreation Commission.

This Summary of the Ordinance is published pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 117.3(K). True copies of the full text of the Ordinance and any law, regulations, code, or other material adopted in reference in such Ordinance are available for inspection or photocopy at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

Jane M. Blahut
City Clerk

Girls basketball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights fuel wins with energy

By Micah White
Special Writer

The University Liggett School girls basketball team experienced self-growth last week as the young squad secured a three-game winning streak after beating Parkway Christian and Merritt Academy.

Kickstarting the week, the Knights jumped out on Parkway Christian with an 11-4 lead.

Spilling into the second quarter, senior Margaret Dunn drained a three-pointer at the six-minute mark, causing the Knights to push the lead

to 14-4.

Yet, it was the next five minutes when the Knights went cold from the field as their opponent went on an 8-0 run to cut the deficit to 14-12.

At the end of the half, the Knights managed to maintain the lead and ended it with a 19-14 lead.

"We got way too comfortable," junior Delaney Garvey said. "We didn't communicate, and it came down to energy."

Energy was the name of the game. When the Knights came out of the half, the defense and communication picked

up so tight that they only allowed the opponent to score two points in the third quarter and five in the fourth as they won 38-21.

Garvey was just shy of a double-double, netting 20 points and eight rebounds. Freshman Samantha Krasnicki had seven points and seven rebounds.

Yes, the Knights began the week with a win, but the energy behind it was not too convincing from not only the coaches, but the players as well.

"We were angry from what happened in the first half and ready to fix

it," Dunn said. "We lost our mojo, and we always play better when we're hyped and our mood isn't down."

Energy was the name of the game, again. The Knights made sure to close out with week successfully against Merritt Academy.

"We are going to come out hype," Garvey said. "And talk about how we can improve."

Dunn woke everyone up after draining back-to-back three-pointers in the first couple of minutes of the game. Along with her initiative, the Knights were vultures on

defense.

The team had nine steals in the first half. Garvey had three of those, helping the Knights build a 31-16 lead.

Coming out of the half, the Knights maintained their self-claimed high energy and finished the third quarter with a buzzer-beater from freshman Alexis Gormely.

The Knights ended the game by allowing Merritt Academy to score two points in the fourth quarter as they won 45-22.

Garvey led the way with 17 points, followed by Krasnicki with 16

points and 11 rebounds. Dunn added eight points.

"The girls were more aware, they are starting to understand the game," head coach Craig White said. "They're a great group of girls, but it's time to get back in the lab and work on executing and, of course, defense."

White hopes to continue the winning streak and focus on the development of the girls individually so everything can come together for the next game.

ULS is 3-1 overall. ULS is off until Tuesday, Jan. 7, when it hosts Cristo Rey.

NORTH & SOUTH

Norsemen, Blue Devils off to good starts

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

So far, so good for the Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team.

Last week, the Norsemen improved to 4-0 overall after beating Utica 42-23 and Sterling Heights Stevenson

50-23.

In the win over the Chieftains, senior Christina Braker had 16 points, six steals and four rebounds to lead the Norsemen.

Junior Meadow Venet added seven points, three steals, three rebounds and two

assists, and junior Maddie Kohler had six points, seven steals and seven assists.

The Chieftains couldn't handle the Norsemen's pressure defense, which forced turnovers and helped them sustain momen-

Freshman Sophia Borowski had six points, while sophomore Liz Siciliano had four points. Rounding out the scoring was freshman Annabel Ayrault, who had three

points, to go with seven steals, three rebounds and two assists.

Against the Titans, Braker had a monster game, scoring 20 points on a perfect night from the floor. She made all nine of her field goal attempts and both of her free throws.

Kohler, Venet and

Ayrault each scored eight points. Borowski added four points and sophomore Bella Stephanoff had two points.

South results

Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team improved to 2-1 last week with a 48-44 road win over Anchor Bay.

Junior Alexa Downey led the way with 18 points, and added five rebounds and seven steals to help the Blue Devils win.

Sophomore Kamryn Richards was also in double figures in scoring with 16 points, and she added eight steals.

Senior Payton Roy chipped in with eight point and six rebounds.

Head coach Kevin Richards' squad played its usual pressure defense, and the trio of junior Cameron Lundh, 16 passes deflected; Downey, 10 deflections; and Richards, eight deflections, kept the Tars offense off-balance just enough to win.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen start fast

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Derek Davison begins his third season at the helm of the Grosse Pointe North wrestling team.

The Norsemen are coming off a solid season a year ago, and the roster has 18 on it.

They compete in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division with St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, St. Clair, Port Huron, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Center Line, Clawson and Warren Fitzgerald.

Last season they finished in the middle of the pack in the Gold Division as St. Clair and Lakeview shared the regular season title.

Seniors on the squad are Artan Berisha,

Enrique Castronero, Elliot Lyman, Andrew Miller and Joseph Passalacqua.

Juniors are Darius Gantt, Steven Jarecki, Nathaniel Jenkins and Logan Ladach, and the sophomores are Aidan Ball, Joseph Kowalski, Rebecca Moin and Thomas Nguyen.

Several freshmen are on the roster: Theodore Cueter, Andrew Dupree, Jacob Nowicki, Johnny Persyn and Michael Salvador.

The league meet is Saturday, Feb. 8, and the team and individual district tournaments are the week after.

The team state finals are the final weekend of February in Kalamazoo, and the individual state finals are the first weekend of March at Ford

Field.

The Norsemen opened its season last week with a 57-24 win over host Southfield A&T and lost 39-33 to Pontiac.

Passalacqua, Ball and Lyman went 2-0 to lead the team.

Last weekend, the Norsemen finished fifth at the Nick Midea Memorial Tournament at Ferndale High School.

Ladach and Lyman finished first in the 125- and 171-pound division to lead the team, and Berisha was runner-up at 152 pounds.

Nguyen was a third-place finisher at the 119-pound division, while Dupree was fifth at 215 pounds.

Gantt and Miller each finished sixth in the 145- and 160-pound divisions.

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College signings

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



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Next level talent

Grosse Pointe North senior Zoe Bessert, seated center, recently signed a NCAA Division 1 National Letter of Intent to play women's soccer at the University of Iowa for head coach Dave Dilanni. Joining Bessert at her signing were her parents, Link and Stephanie, seated, and brother, Ben, standing. In 2019, Dilanni led the Hawkeyes to an 8-7-3 overall record and a 4-5-2 mark in Big Ten play. Iowa was in Big Ten Tournament contention until the final game, but fell short after battling Northwestern to a 1-1 draw.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Hillsdale bound

Grosse Pointe North senior Joey Tedesco, seated center, recently signed a National Letter of Intent to play men's baseball at Hillsdale College for head coach Eric Theisen. Joining Tedesco at his signing were his parents, Joe and Tambre Tedesco, seated; and brother, Jake. The Chargers finished 21-27 overall and 15-17 in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

College bound athletes

Grosse Pointe South seniors, seated from left, Lauren Neme, Cam Mallegg and Emily Reed, recently signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in women's rowing at the University of Michigan, men's baseball at Butler University and equestrian at University of Tennessee — Martin. Joining them at their signing were rowing coach Brian Benz, standing left, and South varsity baseball coach Dan Griesbaum. Neme will compete in the Big Ten in the spring season under head coach Mark Rothstein, while Mallegg will play his college baseball for head coach Dave Schrage as the Bulldogs compete in the Big East conference. Reed will head south to compete with the Skyhawks under head coach Meghan Cunningham Corvin in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council, meeting as Zoning Board of Appeals under the provisions of Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 et seq, will meet in the Council-Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 7:05 p.m. to hear the appeal of Pamela J. Hartmann, 509 Robert John Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, who is appealing the denial of the Building Official to issue a building permit due to noncompliance with Sec. 50-539(5) Solar Energy Systems of the 2017 City Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, accessibility. A dimensional variance is therefore required.

The public hearing materials are available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting.

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL



PHOTO COURTESY OF REBECCA WALL

Maize and Blue

University Liggett School senior Sophie Housey recently signed her National Letter of Intent to swim at the University of Michigan under head coach Mike Bottom. Joining Housey at her signing were parents Andrew and Elizabeth Housey. The Wolverines are one of the most successful Division 1 swimming and diving programs in the nation and have won numerous Big Ten championships.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL



PHOTO COURTESY OF REBECCA WALL

She's a Warrior

University Liggett School senior Melanie Zampardo, center, recently signed her National Letter of Intent to play tennis at Wayne State University under head coach Sheila Snyder. Joining Zampardo were family members Thomas Zampardo, Madelyn Zampardo and Marilyn Zampardo. In the fall, the Warriors finished a perfect 12-0 and won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament title with a 4-0 victory over Grand Valley.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL



PHOTO COURTESY OF REBECCA WALL

LTU

University Liggett School senior Andrew Zelenak, center, recently signed his National Letter of Intent to play baseball at Lawrence Tech University under head coach Stan Eldridge. Joining Zelenak at his signing were his parents, Victor Zelenak and Laura Grocki-Zelenak. Last spring, the Blue Devils finished 33-17 overall and 14-8 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

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ACROSS

1 Grill fill
6 Easily split rock
12 Give in
13 Beer gut
14 Fitting
15 "Camelot" role
16 First victim
17 Bullets and such
19 Big bother
20 Director Kazan
22 Unruly group
24 Trouble
27 Taj Mahal city
29 " - Mis-behavin' "
32 New Orleans neighborhood
35 Criterion
36 Yanks
37 Sauce source
38 That girl
40 Send forth
42 Raw rock
44 Sheltered
46 Capri, e.g.

DOWN

1 " - Your Enthusiasm"
2 Reed instrument
3 More than enough
4 Whopper
5 Unwavering
6 Unwanted email
7 Ricochet, in billiards
8 Shack
9 Occupies
10 Gulf War missile
11 "Comin' - the Rye"

12 Masseur's workplace
18 Theater canopy
21 Fond du -, Wis.
23 Scull need
24 Sternward
25 Anger
26 Diminished
28 Increases
30 Ultramodernist
31 Have a go at
33 Ultimate
34 " - was saying ..."
39 Icicles' homes
41 Saturn's largest moon
42 Storybook baddie
43 Stagger
45 Survive
47 Deadly septet
48 Playgoers' box
49 Type measures
51 Previous night
53 Shock and -

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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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