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\$4 M DPW facility planned

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A \$4 million Department of Public Works building at Mack and Wayburn is projected to spark development in the surrounding neighborhood and provide a solution to concerns about an aging city facility.

Officials have begun steps toward securing bonds to support the purchase of property and construction of a 13,000- to 16,000-square-foot facility in 2020. The alternative to paying as much as \$200,000 in repairs to the current DPW facility at 1005 Wayburn was presented by a business owner, who offered to sell a bakery at the proposed site, 15046 Mack, to the city, said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

“The thought was we could really transform the area,” Sizeland said. Discussion of the Park’s deteriorating DPW building was held at a city council meeting Monday, Dec. 9. Built in the 1920s, the current DPW is inadequate for storage, forcing the city to house pieces of equipment in various spaces like city parks.

The Tax Increment Finance Authority will buy the property at Mack and Wayburn and enter an agreement with the city to take over the

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Spirit of the season

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It takes around 100 hours for Mark Van Sile — with help from his brothers and wife, Denise — to decorate their house at Moross and Lakeshore for the Christmas holiday. A nearly 25-year tradition, the decorations are just the latest for the Van Siles, who also celebrate the Fourth of July and Halloween by decking their house and yard.

2019 IN REVIEW

Council makes history in 2019

By GPN staff

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City of Grosse Pointe City Council made history during the November 2019 election when Terence Thomas became the first black person elected to council in any of the Pointes and Sheila Tomkowiak became the second woman elected mayor in the City. Also in 2019, the City tackled substantial municipal

building projects and an application to enroll The Village in the Michigan Main Street Program.

This is the year in review.

January

◆ As the municipal building projects — the new public safety, public works and court facilities — shuffle closer to commencing construction, the city approves temporary relocation plans for the DPW, court and council chambers.

◆ The City’s public safety department has a new deputy chief. John Alcorn officially is sworn into the position by Director of Public Safety Stephen Poloni.

◆ Council votes to restrict fireworks usage within city limits to just a few days per year.

February

◆ Crews tear down the Alger Deli & Liquor building and a house

behind it to make way for the City’s new public safety facility. Construction is planned to start in March.

March

◆ After hearing inspection and audit results, city council asks for proposals for upgrading the City’s parking structure and system, as well as lighting and equipment upgrades.

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Dogs must be leashed at Osius

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Contention surrounding the status of dog leash rules has been ongoing for months in Grosse Pointe Shores.

In November, the park committee recommended to city council that dogs should remain on-leash at all times, but the council has yet to vote on the matter. In the interim, Public Safety Director John Schulte has deemed it a public safety issue and determined that dogs are to remain on-leash at all times within the city with the exception of the city’s two official geese-chasing dogs.

“The final decision on any park rule is exclusively the right of the city council, so I wouldn’t make a policy like that in any way to try and supersede the wishes of the council,” Schulte said. “... We’re more than happy to comply with whatever the city council decides, but in the interim, I had to make a decision in some way to control this.”

According to the city ordinance, no dogs can be off-leash in the city,

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2019 IN REVIEW

Farms has busy year

By GPN staff

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Pier Park gate had a rough year, seven Woods residences were annexed into the Farms after a long battle and K-9 officer Duke and his handler, Officer Tim Harris, kept busy in 2019. This is the year in review.

January

◆ A water main break on Moross closes the road and causes water backups in a number of

basements.

◆ City council approves hiring Matthew Baka as the city’s public service director. Baka replaces Terry Brennan, who retired after nearly 20 years.

◆ The Farms is the latest and last Grosse Pointe to prohibit marijuana businesses, voting unanimously to opt out of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act.

◆ Extreme cold temperatures

See FARMS, page 3A

Shores to create ethics committee

By Laurel Kraus
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Following a controversial year for Grosse Pointe Shores City Council, during which one council member was accused of making racist and sexist online posts and another resigned after citing lack of city leadership, Mayor Ted Kedzierski announced the creation of an ethics committee at the council meeting Tuesday, Dec. 17.

“I’ve sometimes felt uncomfortable with situations over the last nine

years,” he said.

The committee, chaired by Kedzierski, will look at creating an ethics ordinance.

“This issue first came up in 2010 and it came back in 2014,” he said. “We looked at the model ethics ordinance that was being promulgated by the state Attorney General’s Office and I think that’s a good starting point to look at. I think that we would be well-served. ... We can craft an ordinance that is constitutionally permissible, but also gives us guidance in terms of what activities we can get

engaged in or not.”

Citizen involvement with the ethics committee is welcome. Those interested should go to the city manager’s office and indicate they would like to be at the first meeting, which is tentatively set for Tuesday, Jan. 28.

“I’d like to meet monthly here in the evening and accept the resident input and look at some model ordinances, starting with the attorney general model ethics ordinance, which has been issued for all local governing taxation

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CITY:

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◆ The City's website is poised for a makeover and council approves Revize Website Design to do it.

April

◆ Residents in all the Pointes are concerned about air quality after Fiat Chrysler proposes a new vehicle assembly line to replace the Mack Avenue Engine plant.

◆ Demolition begins on the City's Department of Public Works building. New construction is expected to be completed early next year.

◆ The movies are coming to The Village. Marais Market and Cafe hosts a free movie night outside at the vacant Sunrise Assisted Living property behind CVS.

◆ City resident Bella McKay receives a medal of honor from the Royal Kingdom of Cambodia for her efforts with Samaritan's Purse.

May

◆ Marinas in each of the Grosse Pointes are responding to Mother Nature's deluge of water this spring. Though the increased water depth



FILE PHOTOS

The City's Department of Public Works building was demolished in April.

benefits waterway commerce and aquatic life, the surplus of water with the high lake level and heavy rainfall is creating a soggy mess as it encroaches onto shoreline properties and grounds.

◆ Construction on the new public safety building starts at Mack and St. Clair. The project is expected to be completed next March.

◆ City resident Rachel Adenaas — aka Mrs. Grosse Pointe — earns the title of Mrs. Michigan and prepares to head to the Mrs. America pageant.

June

◆ The City hosts Kick Off to Summer to highlight recent additions to Neff Park, including marina binoculars

installed in 2018 and new features in the baby pool.

◆ The new headquarters of Jim Saros Real Estate Services are just about ready to open. The building was rebuilt from the ground up after an electrical fire in 2017 rendered it a total loss.

◆ City council introduces two Michigan Economic Development Corp. plans — Michigan Main Street and Redevelopment Ready Communities.

July

◆ The Grosse Pointe Village Downtown Development Authority unveils a new logo and tagline as part of its marketing strategy to position The Village as a central destination for shopping, dining and family entertainment.

◆ With record-high lake levels resulting in flooding on Lakeland, Stratford and Elmsleigh cul-de-sacs, with minor water back up on Wellington, the City is looking into multiple methods of correcting the issue.

August

◆ Grosse Pointe Rotary unveils the \$250,000 "re-imagining" of its nearly half-century-old Tot Lot. The plan will make the area an Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant, all-inclusive play park and learning development environment for children ages 2 to 10.

◆ Construction to The Village's parking structure begins with concrete repairs, expected to last until early September.

September

◆ Council approves a pledge to put \$25,000 and match the next \$25,000 toward the \$100,000 in first-year costs for the Michigan Main Street Program. The city's participation is not yet guaranteed, but an application for the selection is due in December.

October

◆ Councilman Andrew

Turnbull is honored for his service on city council after deciding not to run for re-election.

November

◆ First-term Mayor Chris Boettcher is unseated by challenger Sheila Tomkowiak, who becomes the second woman elected mayor in the City and is the only female mayor throughout the Pointes. Incumbents John Stempfle and Donald Parthum Jr. retain their seats and are joined by newcomer Terence Thomas, the first black person elected to council in any of the Pointes.

◆ City council unanimously passes a resolution indicating the City's support for meeting the commitments and principles of the Michigan Main Street Program. If selected, the program would focus on revitalizing The Village through design, economic vitality, promotion and organization.

◆ Ellen Durand announces she plans to close El's Boutique at the end of the year; however, she'll continue to sell ladies' fashions and accessories at trunk shows.

◆ The Village Municipal Parking Structure is set to undergo its second phase

of improvements with a lightning replacement project to begin later this winter.

December

◆ The City's Downtown Development Authority votes to accept a resolution expressing support of the commitment to and collaboration with the Michigan Main Street Program.

◆ City resident Kara Shall, owner of the home bakery Hen & Chick Cakes, competes on Food Network's "Christmas Cookie Challenge" just before Christmas.

◆ Residents are invited to apply for the open seat on city council, left vacant after Sheila Tomkowiak's election as mayor.



The third annual Grosse Pointe Pride Parade took place in June.

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Shores opens applications for vacant council seat

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The November resignation of Grosse Pointe Shores councilman Bruce Bisballe led city council, at its meeting Tuesday, Dec. 17, to open applications to residents to fill the seat.

Anyone interested in applying can pick up a form from city hall and return it there, as well.

At this time, the application is all the council is asking for.

The provision in the city charter regarding filling vacancies on council states, "A vacancy in

the council resulting from a member's death, resignation, forfeiture of office or removal from office or from the mayor pro tem becoming mayor under Section 3.8 shall be filled by a qualified person. Upon the majority vote of the remaining members of council, the person appointed by the council shall serve until the next regular city election, at which time a successor shall be elected to fill the office for the remainder of the term, if any."

Mayor Ted Kedzierski reported the next regular election in the Shores is November

2021, which is when Bisballe's term was set to end.

At this point, it is unclear how the selection process will work.

"The way I look at it, minimum requirements indicate a willingness to give back to your community, to serve passionately, to listen to the residents," Kedzierski said. "I like the council to come to our town halls or have hours where they can meet with the residents, engage with the residents. Our job is to listen to the residents and to find out what we're doing right, what we're doing wrong, how we can get better.

They have to care about the community. To me, that's a minimum requirement."

There is not a specific deadline for applications, but Kedzierski said he would like to be able to give council copies of them at the next meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 21.

"The danger of what we have now on council is we have six voting members of council, with myself being a voting member, and the danger is that you can have a deadlock and so if you have a 3-3 vote, that means it can't advance," he explained.

DPW:

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building, Sizeland said. A staff of 12 will occupy the new building, which also will store city-owned maintenance and road equipment.

Earlier discussions included relocating DPW to the property known as Joe's Garage at Jefferson and Wayburn, but the storage facility also was found in need of repair.

Mayor Robert Denner said the decision to construct the new building on Mack "was best for a number of reasons."

"We determined it had been a long time since any significant investment had been made in that block," Denner said.

The property will be designed to include a privacy wall for nearby neighborhood residents and a buffer of green space. The building could be complete within eight months of a spring groundbreaking, Denner added.

"We decided that would be good for Mack Avenue, it would be good for development on Jefferson and it would be good for our city operation for decades to come," Denner said.

The facility will be "an attractive building" with limestone accents and a brick facade, lending itself to appeal for further investment in the neighborhood, Denner said.

Accessibility from a major street like Mack also was desirable in the planning, he added.

"I'm pretty excited about it," Denner said. "It's a good long-term project for the city."

FARMS:

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peratures cause a rash of water main breaks and burst water lines. One leaky water main caused the cancellation of classes at Kerby Elementary School.

February

◆ Bookworms rejoice! A new bookstore is set to go in on The Hill after city council approves a site plan for Lindsay Cotton's Bookstore.

◆ The Helm at the Boll Life Center receives a natural-gas-powered generator that can power the entire building. In case of an area power outage, the building can aid a couple hundred seniors and their caregivers, Executive Director Peggy Hayes says.

◆ Administrators from the Farms and Shores meet with Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen and others to address dangerous conditions with the deteriorating seawall along Lake St. Clair.

March

◆ The War Memorial debuts its new radio program, "Inspired Heroes," on WJR. The program is co-hosted by WJR host and afternoon anchor Marie Osborne and former War Memorial board chairman Ted Everingham.

◆ The next phase of improvements for Kerby Field are approved by city council and include \$1.05 million to complete four projects — reconstructing and reconfiguring the parking lot, removing old fencing and installing new ornamental fencing, installing a brick paver patio and a new walkway connecting the parking lots.

◆ Jerry's Party Store is moving. Council approves a use variance for the shop to move to 381 Kercheval, directly adjacent to its current location.

April

◆ Residents in all the Pointes are concerned about air quality after Fiat Chrysler proposes a new vehicle assembly line to replace the Mack Avenue Engine plant.

May

◆ The Tennis House, slated to be repurposed as condominiums, will be razed after the developer, ANK Enterprises, discovers unforeseen structural issues that render the building unsafe for new construction.

◆ Marinas in each of the Grosse Pointes are responding to Mother Nature's deluge of water this spring. Though the increased water depth benefits waterway commerce and aquatic life, the surplus of water with



Louisa Pietrowsky hams it up near a race car at the Racing 4 Kids event this summer.

the high lake level and heavy rainfall is creating a soggy mess as it encroaches onto shoreline properties and grounds.

◆ Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage celebrates its 100th anniversary of meeting the community's health care needs.

June

◆ St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church bids farewell to Msgr. Patrick Halfpenny, who served the church more than 15 years. Halfpenny takes a position as director for priestly mission with the Archdiocese of Detroit.

July

◆ Councilman Peter W. Waldmeir passes away after battling cancer. First elected in 1995, Waldmeir was the longest serving current member on council.

◆ Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's the Rev. Peter Henry accepts a call to North Carolina, leaving Memorial after more than 12 years.

◆ Lifeguard Brandon Flaherty, a 2019 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, is honored by city council for saving the life of a kayaker whose vessel capsized in Lake St. Clair.

◆ Woods residents living on Provencal petition the State Boundary Commission to be annexed to the Farms, to whom they've paid taxes since 1955.

◆ A car ends up in Lake St. Clair after crashing through the Pier Park iron gate amid a high-speed chase down Moross.

August

◆ K-9 officer Duke and his handler, Officer Tim Harris, assist Detroit police in locating three men suspected of robbery in Detroit.

◆ Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors celebrates 90 years in business on The Hill. An anniversary party takes place at one of the first houses listed by founding agency, Maxon Brother Real Estate Firm, in 1929.

◆ St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church welcomes the Rev. Jim Bilot, who replaces Msgr. Patrick Halfpenny.

September

◆ A vehicle traveling on Moross at a high rate of speed strikes another vehicle before leaving the

roadway and hitting a large tree. Several bystanders pull the driver from the fiery crash.

◆ The Farms K-9 unit — Officer Tim Harris and partner Duke — become certified with the U.S. Police Canine Association and place third in criminal apprehension during a recent Sterling Heights event.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Historical Society proceeds with the demolition of a house and shed it owns to make way for the construction of its new administration building.

October

◆ The State Boundary Commission unanimously votes to recommend approval of seven Provencal homes' annexation from the Woods to the Farms. The commission's recommendation heads to the director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs for a final decision.

◆ The Pier Park gate is crashed through for the second time in months.

◆ Sgt. Tom Shimko is promoted to the rank of lieutenant and Public Safety Officer Frank Zielinski to the rank of sergeant.

November

◆ Grosse Pointe Memorial Church welcomes interim minister Mark E. Diehl, who steps in for the Rev. Peter Henry, who took a call in North Carolina.

◆ Incumbents Joe Ricci and Lev Wood, along with newcomer Neil Sroka, are elected to four-year seats on Farms council,

while Beth Konrad-Wilberding is elected to fill a partial-term seat. Mayor Louis Theros is unopposed.

◆ The director of the Michigan Department on Licensing and Regulatory Affairs approves the annexation of seven Provencal houses from the Woods to the Farms. Woods City Attorney Chip Berschback files an appeal with Wayne County Circuit Court.

◆ The creator of Crime Stoppers and his wife face an attempted carjacking at a gas station at Mack and Moross.

December

◆ The Beaumont Urgent Care facility on Mack is losing parking spots to neighboring businesses and, in turn, losing business. The City approves the installation of three signs designating the lot for urgent care patients only.

◆ Former Farms councilwoman Sierra Donaven is honored for her years of service.



The Farms/City Family Fishing Rodeo once again had a stellar turnout this summer.

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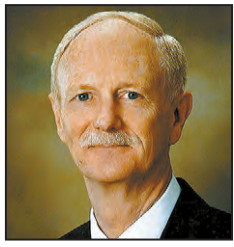
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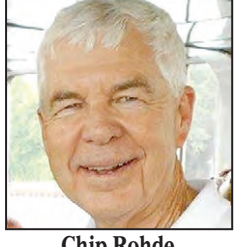
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City of Grosse Pointe

In need of a Christmas miracle

After noticing an expired tab on a vehicle at St. Clair and Charlevoix Avenue, an officer pulled over a 48-year-old Detroit man at 9:38 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18.

A LEIN/Secretary of State check on the man showed more than 20 suspensions and numerous arrest warrants for traffic violations.

He was arrested for driving while license suspended.

Someone deserves coal

A pop-up message from a company called SQ Tech Services at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, led a 79-year-old Grosse Pointe man to believe his personal information had been leaked and thousands of people had access to it, which prompted him to give a

credit card number to pay \$1,199.99.

— *Laurel Kraus*
Report information about these and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Forceful gifting

A 37-year-old Farms woman discovered a fraudulent \$174.76 charge to Fortiva Thursday, Dec. 12, and a fraudulent \$250.70 charge to Ticketmaster Friday, Dec. 13.

The suspect's name and address were on the Ticketmaster order.

Stocking up for Christmas

At approximately 6:25 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, an unknown man stole a

\$49.96 box of liquor from a business in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue.

K-9 Officer Duke was brought in and tracked the suspect to a bus stop, but due to the delayed reporting of the incident and the high volume of foot traffic, the track provided no results.

That same night, the suspect returned to the business and was identified as a 35-year-old Park man and arrested for retail fraud and third-degree theft.

Probably not on the nice list

An officer attempted to pull over a red Ford Explorer after it failed to yield the right of way to traffic at Mack Avenue and Moross Road at 2:04 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, but it accelerated away.

The license plate was checked through LEIN

and it came back with no record.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Too much eggnog

After witnessing a vehicle cross the center line twice on Vernier Road at 12:19 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, an officer pulled over a 62-year-old Southfield man. The man's speech was slurred and there was a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle.

The man refused to take a preliminary breath test and was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

— *Laurel Kraus*
Report information

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Threatening caller

A 50-year-old Woods woman is being investigated after she reportedly made harassing calls to the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department dispatcher in the 20000 block of Mack Plaza Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Four telephone calls were made by the woman between approximately 6 and 6:30 p.m. Toward the end of one call, she reportedly made threats about killing police officers. The woman has a history of making phone calls of a confrontational nature, according to Woods public safety

records.

— *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 64-year-old Park woman was arrested at Kercheval and Grayton around 2 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, after she was reportedly witnessed driving erratically, east-bound on St. Paul. The woman's vehicle was located and she was determined to be intoxicated.

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

DOGS:

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Schulte explained, but years back, it was granted to residents that dogs could be off-leash in Osius Park after the regular season was over.

"There's been a lot of confusion," he said. "I will admit to that, that this has gone back and forth and some residents have some information and some other residents have other information and it's created somewhat of an issue with people thinking that they're being deprived from utilizing the park off the leash, and so it really will be helpful when we get a final decision from council."

Reasons for Schulte's determination include ongoing complaints of residents not picking up after their dogs and a 2018 incident in which a child was bitten.

"Young children, too, will underestimate the temperament of an animal like that. Whether they think they're playing with the animal or not, the animal might not see it that way and I did not want an incident like that to happen again," Schulte said, adding that the dog that bit the child has been

banned from the park.

Residents also have come to public safety and reported being charged at by dogs in the park, with one woman in particular falling because she was startled.

"Perhaps that dog is friendly, but she didn't think so and many people do not do well around dogs, especially when they're off the leash," Schulte said. "That's a real fear for some people and so that's one of the reasons that we chose to take this posture currently, because I'd rather be safe and I'd rather have our residents protected than to grant animals free rein."

Last month, Schulte sent a directive to park rangers explaining the rule, but said the communication wasn't received by all and there were still a few dogs in the park off-leash.

Last week, he reaffirmed the directive and park rangers now will enforce all dogs on-leash with the exception of the two geese-chasing dogs.

"We would hope that a resident wouldn't come through with a dog on the leash and then cut them loose," Schulte said. "That would violate park rules pending a final decision from council, but we would ask the residents to please comply with this."

It is unclear when the council may vote on this issue.

"We hope that we can start 2020 with something concrete," Schulte said. "Many have called me and said, 'We'd just like to know one way or the other. Is it allowed or isn't it allowed?' We would just ask for their patience and their compliance until the city council renders a decision."

ETHICS:

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units, and see what we have," Kedzierski said. "... At times I've been uncomfortable whether or not accepting a gift from a contractor or going to a holiday party, whether or not that's entirely proper and as a lawyer you have to adopt the Code of Professional Responsibility and same thing with CPAs. The American Institute of CPAs has a code of professional responsibility and

what they teach you is you have to avoid the mere appearance of impropriety. That if you think it's improper, you don't engage in it."

To his knowledge, Kedzierski said he doesn't believe any of the other Pointes have such an ethics ordinance.

"That doesn't mean we can't have one," he said. "I'd rather be a leader in this area. I'd rather do something that I think we'll feel good about."

The committee's creation also follows multiple

requests from residents.

"I think an ethics ordinance would provide for us a road map, some guidance in dealing with issues that we have had to deal with in the past and maybe view some of the missteps that were taken," resident John Clarke said. "I think an ordinance would be extremely helpful at least in providing some clarity not only to staff (and) council, but also to residents as to what their expectations should be of the people that are serving them."

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OUR VIEW

Out with Teens, in with the '20s

Out with the old, in with the new. That's the tired cliché that echoes annually as the New Year approaches.

This year marks the turn of the decade as well. (Please don't write about the technicalities of needing to get to the end of the year that ends in zero before declaring the end of a decade.)

Somehow, the Twenties sound a little better than the Teens — or the Twenty Tens, as an internet search suggests they should be known. So out with those years, if for no other reason than not knowing what to call them.

Out with 2019, as well. The decade's final year had its problems around here, particularly for a school district dealing with declining enrollment. Next year will show the fruit of the Grosse Pointe Public School System's decision to close two elementary schools and move fifth-graders to the middle schools.

That has made this past year a difficult one, and casts an aura of uncertainty over 2020, as well.

In addition, the Grosse Pointes and Michigan in general struggled with the high water level of the Great Lakes this year — a rise that happened rather dramatically in the last half of the decade. Lake St. Clair reached an all-time high this summer, surpassing the previous high set in 1986.

The outlook for 2020 isn't better, either, as the lake is projected to start the year higher than it did in 2019. Those looking to cast blame may cite the International Joint Commission, which — to the limited extent it can — regulates water flow. Others have settled on blaming the Canadians for what their rivers put in the lakes.

But it's useful to remember the years not so long ago when at least one engineering plan was under discussion to retain water in the lakes. Yes, water levels rise and fall here in the Great Lakes system, and the best anyone can do is prepare for both scenarios.

Despite such difficulties, mostly in the last year, it's also worth remembering that the past decade was a welcome rebound from the truly awful decade preceding it. The millennium had barely turned when the nation suffered through the horror of 9/11.

Then, toward the end of the decade, came the calamitous economic days of what is now called the Great Recession. It was the worst collapse since the Great Depression and many families still carry some of its scars — homes lost, jobs cut short, diminished retirements.

For the most part, though, that made the 2010s into good years, because they have meant recovery. Detroit, which is an interwoven part of living in Grosse Pointe, has had an excellent revival to its downtown. More of the recovery's threads have reached elsewhere in the city.

In the Pointes, new restaurants, in particular, have added bustle. While no one knows quite where retail is headed, services and trades seem to be prospering. The real estate market finally picked up.

That makes the entrance into the 2020s about as strong as it can be, but it doesn't make anything a certainty. Michigan's convoluted tax system still bodes trouble for the schools and for local governments.

The schools, in particular, may have to deal with declining student numbers for years. The national fertility rate continues to drop — an effect felt even more in Michigan because so few job opportunities existed here for young adults over many years.

But the millennials are the biggest generation yet, and very few places have the buffet of choices the Pointes offer — schools, parks, easy access to professional sports and major entertainment, all on the doorstep of the Great Lakes. Living here should be the perfect choice for those ready to settle, and perhaps start a family.

So, cliché or not, let's be in with 2020 and greet it with optimism. Cheers!



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Year in Review

The Grosse Pointe Public School System was prominent in the news in 2019, especially the closing of Trombly Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park, above, and Poupard Elementary School, below, in Harper Woods.

The school closings, due to declining enrollment and approved by the Board of Education, are effective with the end of the current 2019-20 school year.



OUR VIEW

Trash — over the long haul

The Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods have an additional option for dumping their trash, but it comes at a price.

The six communities, as members of the Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority, have been examining options since the incinerator in Detroit closed earlier this year. The contract with the incinerator, at \$16 a ton, was a bargain; the location was about as good as it gets.

The disposal contract was transferred to the Pine Tree Acres landfill and its price holds through 2024. But the landfill is at 29 Mile Road and Gratiot Avenue.

Other options aren't cheap. A transfer station near the incinerator site is available to the communities at \$38 a ton. The newest possibility, approved last month, has a price of \$31 a ton for a transfer station near 12 Mile Road and Groesbeck Highway in Roseville.

The three communities that truck their own trash are evaluating whether, even with the nearly doubled disposal cost, it makes sense to use the closer transfer site rather than drive all the way out to 29

Mile. Presumably the contractor that serves the other cities is making the same calculation.

It's a grim reminder of the below-the-surface cost of trash. It's not just the price charged at the landfill, but the fuel, drivers' time and wear-and-tear on the trucks. Brett Smith, public works director in Grosse Pointe Shores and also chair of the disposal authority, noted the extra time involved — sometimes at overtime rates — for trucks getting caught in rush-hour traffic or, heaven forbid, breaking down miles away in Macomb County.

If \$31 a ton is a good enough price to get city officials reaching for their calculators, it suggests that, for now anyway, transportation costs are roughly half the equation.

Both transfer stations involved also truck the trash to Pine Tree Acres, so there's no difference in the end result. It's just a question of how it gets there.

Which all serves as a reminder that reducing the amount of household trash should remain a goal for everyone. Unfortunately, with the recycling industry also in the dumps, so to speak, options seem to be narrowing in this throwaway culture.

LETTERS

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

Just in time for Christmas

To the Editor:

The 2020 federal budget bill just passed the Senate and there's good news for Michigan and the Great Lakes.

Thanks to all of your support, we were able to

successfully increase Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding to \$320 million for next year. As you may recall, (the administration) gutted funding for this program for the past three years in its annual budget. With your help and support, Congress has

restored these funds each year.

Now for the first time in nine years, we passed a federal budget that increased funding for this program — 7 percent increase — so that we can address new and emerging threats to our Great Lakes and waterways.

We couldn't have done this without you and other active citizens across Michigan!

Since I first authored legislation creating this program in 2010, more than \$2.5 billion has gone toward protecting and cleaning up the Great Lakes. This funding has helped stop the spread of Asian carp, restore coastlines, clean up contamination and improve habitats for fish

and wildlife.

It's been an incredible success and I couldn't be more proud of the work happening on the ground in communities across our state.

I'm also excited that we secured a significant funding increase for the Soo Locks modernization project, which is so critical to our economy. We're also increasing funding to combat Asian Carp and other invasive species.

I know how important the Great Lakes are to our economy and our Michigan way of life. I won't stop fighting until we know Great Lakes funding is secured for years to come.

Happy Holidays!
DEBBIE STABENOW
U.S. Senator

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I SAY By John Minnis

Breaks of Christmases past



For those who are fortunate enough to have Christmas break — the week between the holidays — off, it can be a time of fun, exploration and downtime with the family.

After Christmas when I

was a teenager, we would all — mom, dad, six boys and one girl — head up North to Paradise in the U.P. for snowmobiling.

Since my twin brother, Doug, and I had our driver's licenses, we would drive up separately. I remember once it being so slippery it was difficult to stay on the freeway. At one spot near Flint, we found ourselves sliding sideways at 60 mph. Fortunately, Doug's '67 Mustang pulled out of it OK.

The cabin we rented

was minimal — and cold! There was a small bathroom inside, but it was mostly reserved for “the girls.” “The boys” could go outside.

Incidentally, it was not that cold, only in the 20s. Dad said that temperature produced the best snow. He was right.

I remember the roofs loaded with snow almost to collapse. And icicles hung like 4-foot stalactites. For years, mom had a photo of me holding one like a rifle over my shoulder.

But what was most remarkable was the depth of the snow. Once, after we had been snowmobiling through the trails around Paradise, we stopped in a clearing for a rest.

When I went to step off the snowmobile, my foot and leg just kept going down into the powder. I was forced to clamber back onto the snowmobile to keep from sinking out of sight.

So we sat on the silenced machines, letting the cooling engines

provide warmth, and soaking in the serenity. The peacefulness was complete. Not a sound except for the occasional bird or falling of a clump of snow from a limb of a fir tree.

Jack London's short story “To Build a Fire” came to mind. I'll always know to not build a fire under a fir tree laden with snow!

My mother grew up here, in the U.P., in Chassell, in the Keweenaw Peninsula. I've seen a picture of her

standing outside her bedroom window on the roof of the front porch. The snow was that high.

I don't know for sure if this is true, but I am told that my dad and younger siblings went to the U.P. one year in June and found unmelted snow deep in the woods.

Anthony Viola, our former Grosse Pointe News staff writer, lives up there now. We wish him — and my stepmother, Kay, in Lewiston — and all of you a happy and prosperous New Year!

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1944

75 years ago this week

WOODS VOTES TO BUYLAND: Taxpayers of Grosse Pointe Woods pushed in their holiday rush to vote on whether or not the village should authorize a bond issue of \$42,000 for the purchase of a tract of land for a future municipal building, park and recreational facilities.

The site embraces 44 2/3 acres on the west side of Mack between Kenmore and Huntington. The proposal passed, 147 to 84, by a slight margin as very few voters chose to go to the polls and voice their opinions.

32 POINTERS HAVE DIED IN PRESENT WAR: Thirty-two Grosse Pointe men have given their lives for their country since the United States was attacked by Japan on Dec. 7, 1941, according to the records of the Grosse Pointe Honor Roll Association.

Obituaries: Hal H. Smith

1969

50 years ago this week

GUNMAN ROBS WRIGLEY'S STORE: A gunman, armed with a small caliber, snub-nosed revolver, held up Wrigley's-on-the-Hill and escaped with a bag stuffed with currency, Farms police disclosed.

The manager of the

supermarket told police the bandit pointed a gun at his midriff and demanded that he fill a small bag with money. The manager complied, filling the bag with 20s, 10s, 5s and singles.

The robber took the bag and ran out the side door.

ATTEMPT TO ELUDE POLICE ENDS IN UNSCHEDULED DIP: Park policemen on routine patrol observed a car traveling east on Jefferson at a high rate of speed.

They pursued the vehicle and finally stopped its driver, a 24-year-old male, at Cadieux and Jefferson. When the officers approached, the driver drove off at a high rate of speed, with the officers in pursuit.

The officers lost sight of the vehicle, but saw two utility poles down on Lakeshore. They checked the area near Warner and Lakeshore and observed a person swimming to shore from the lake. It was the driver who had lost control of the car, overshot the embankment

and was thrown free of the car and into the water.

1994

25 years ago this week

BROTHER FACES ASSAULT CHARGES: A 24-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man faces felonious assault charges after his younger brother reported to police that he was stabbed on Christmas morning during a fight.

Police were called around 3 a.m. to a house on Ridgemont on a report of an assault in progress.

The assault happened after they returned from midnight Mass and invited friends over. The two oldest brothers got into an argument that escalated when the older brother grabbed a knife and allegedly sliced the younger brother's upper right arm.

FOUR POINTEES TO

2009

10 years ago this week

COYOTE KILLED ON DEAD RUN: Police don't know if the coyote they shot to death last Thursday morning at the Country Club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Farms was the one that killed a pet cat two nights earlier on bordering Provençal.

Even if it was, the hunt is not over. On Thursday night, another coyote mauled a 13-pound pet dog on Belle Meade in Grosse Pointe Shores. The dog survived.

Police believe four coyotes remain in the Pointes. **WRECK WRECKS SIGN AND FENCE:** A

Volkswagen GTi speeding eastbound on Ridge Road went off the road as the driver tried to turn right onto southbound Moran.

The out-of-control car sheared off a stop sign at the base and shattered a section of wood fence before stopping in the front yard of 192 Moran.

Obituaries: William Charles Beckenhauer Jr., Myrtle Dougherty, Paul Gach, Anne R. Hudson, Doris Kelly, Mary Margaret Kelly, Zenia Chargot Lowe, Lenore A. Marshall, Carolyn Barnhart Mosher, Clara Odell, Gertrude J. Richerzhagen, Patricia Anne Rausse, Martha Jane Slone, Dorothy E. Sterner

—Karen Fontanive

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A pre-Bid Proposal meeting will be held on January 2nd, 2020:

- a. 3:00 p.m. at Parcels Middle School located at 20600 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. All persons attending the Pre-Bid will be required to enter through the front office.

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Defer favorite holiday traditions continue

Second and third graders from Christine Bergeron's class share their favorite holiday traditions with our readers. These essays have been gently edited for clarity and length.

It's the most wonderful time of the year! And my family has some special traditions to celebrate. And some of my favorite traditions are eating Christmas dinner and finding the pickle in the tree, having a PJ party at grandma's house and delivering coloring books and crayons to the hospital! Having Christmas dinner is really enjoyable. The food is all so astounding. And the games are all so marvelous. But my favorite game of all is the pickle in the tree. All the kids eat carrots to make their eyesight better (If you didn't know, carrots help your eyes.) The first one to find it wins! It really is one wacky tradition.

How about a PJ party for a tradition? Every year me, my siblings and cousins go to our grandma's house and have a PJ party. Last year we made delicious gingerbread houses. We also had a dance party in our PJs! I had a terrific time!

Last year and now this year and hopefully years to come I've got a tradition me, my friend and



ARTWORK BY HARLOWE

Monroe. Next, we search through the maze of trees until we find the perfect one. After that, we cut it down and drive it home. Another one of my favorite holiday traditions is opening presents from mom and dad. The operation starts by mom and dad secretly shopping online (but mostly mom). Next, mom wraps the presents up and they agree on a hiding spot for them until Christmas day! These are all my favorite holiday traditions that I do with my family! — Ivy

We go out for dinner at a relative's house, and stay late. I love my Christmas traditions! For New Year's at 5:00 we go to a friend's house and play. At midnight we shout, "Happy New Year's" and we stay a little later until it's time to leave. I love my New Year's traditions. — *Mirah*

Here are some ways that my family celebrates the holidays. In the first or second week of December we put up the tree first. I put on some music. After that me and my mom start to fluff. I do the bottom for mom. I sit on the floor. My mom spins the tree when we need it. After a while we are done and it is time to decorate! The time flies. Once we are done I say that the tree looks incredible! My next tradition is how we watch holiday movies with our elf, then all of the holiday movies is what we watch in order. Finally we make creative holiday cards for our friends. — *Olivia*

I have traditions for Christmas and New Year. I am excited to share them with you! Here are my traditions for Christmas. For Christmas my family goes to Whole Foods to pick out a Christmas tree, three weeks before Christmas and decorate it after dinner. We add ornaments we've made over the years to our tree, and new ones we've made now. On Christmas Eve my family invites relatives over; cousins, aunts, uncles, grandma, grandpa, and others. For dinner we have: cheesy potatoes, ham, broccoli salad, and pie. After dinner we open presents by the tree. It gets late and people leave. We go to bed waiting for Christmas morning.

On Christmas morning my sister and I wake our parents up. Our parents make coffee, while we open presents. After we open presents we eat cinnamon rolls for breakfast. On Christmas when I tuck myself in bed I dream of what Santa might have brought my whole entire Christmas list. Wow, that would be pretty cool if he actually brought it all but he never does. When I wake up (technically, when my brother wakes me up) we wake up Mom and Dad. Then we go down the creaky but

polished wood stairs, me and Ben my brother. When we open our stockings, our hearts fill up with joy. We destroy the boxes with all our might. At 8:30 a.m., our gramma and grandpas arrive so we can open our presents. Me and Ben get really cool stuff but what our uncle gives us is awesome! In 2016 he gave us a Leapfrog video game system! In 2017 he gave us an iPad that we still use! In 2018 he gave us an X-box one! I wonder what he will give us this year. I'm thinking about a Nintendo switch this year. Man, I hope we do these traditions again. I'm pretty sure we will. — *Jack*

Do you want to hear some of my favorite holiday traditions? If you do, read on! 1. Grandma's house! If you were wondering what me and my family does for the holidays, well ... my mom's side, is we go to her mom's house! We got in the car. I was so impatient! But I couldn't mention it. But I finally did. "How much longer?" I asked impatiently. "Five more minutes!" Mom said. I had to wait longer. Finally, we made it. "Hi!" said Grandma. "Hi!" I said. And I came on in. I was saying "Hi" and everything and then I saw Kathryn. She is the best! I figured that Kathryn goes to U of M! Next we had a snowball fight! "This is fun!" Kathryn was saying. "I know!" I said. But before I knew it, it was time for dinner!

2. Left-Right-Center! After dinner we usually play a game called Left-Right-Center. It is epic! "Let's play Left-Right-Center!"

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 4, 2019 and the special City Council meeting held November 12, 2019.
- to receive and file the City Attorney's opinion regarding the appointment of the Director of Public Safety.
- To add an item to the agenda to waive civil service rules for appointment of a Public Safety Director.
- To add an item to the agenda to immediately form a subcommittee to address the items in the Charter.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 117911 through 118033 in the amount of \$399,100.60 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$16,586.51 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks and also for lawn cuttings at various residential homes and lawn restorations. (3) approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$51,310.67 for the purchase of new Orion automatic read water meters in various sizes to replace stopped, missing or damaged meters as well as the upgrade of meters. (4) approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$41,920.60 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of October 2019. (5) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$24,831.30 for professional services during the month of October 2019 for the following projects: Stormwater Asset Mgmt Plan, #180-202; 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-204; Christian Financial Credit Union, #180-216; Taco Bell Remodel, #180-219; 20025 Eastwood Plan, #180-223; Housing Rehab Project, #180-178 and the Kelly Road Pedestrian Crossing, #180-208. (6) approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,049.50 for software support on the district court's computer system and SOS/Lein fees. (7) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,257.25 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of November 2019. (8) approve payment to Uni-Dig, Inc. in the amount of \$5,280.00 for leaf disposal in conjunction with the curbside leaf pickup program. (9) approve payment to MI Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Resource Management (EGLE) in the amount of \$5,859.31 for the city's annual water supply fee.
- To confirm the appointment of Vincent Smith as Public Safety Director for the City of Harper Woods and further, to approve the employment agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Director Smith and further to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.
- that the City and COAM agree to a waiver of the Civil Service rules for the appointment of the Director of Public Safety for one time only to be completed by the next City Council meeting.
- approve payment to L. Anthony Construction Inc., in the amount of \$37,966.10 for Progress Payment No. 4 on the 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-204.
- approve payment to Doetsch Industrial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$38,673.61 for Progress Payment No. 8 on the 2018 SAW Grant - Storm Sewer CCTV Investigation Project, #180-202.
- Approve the lease of five (5) 2020 Ford Interceptor Utility AWD vehicles in the amount of \$173,990.00, and \$122,431.37 for the changeover of equipment and installation, for a total of \$296,421.37 in three annual payments of \$105,232.25, through the Macomb County Extended Purchasing Agreement, and further, in that these vehicles were competitively bid by Macomb County that the City's formal competitive bidding process be waived.
- Approve the lease of three (3) 2020 Ford F-350 Regular Cab 4x4 one-ton dump trucks in the amount of \$89,658.00, and \$62,901 for the purchase and installation of the necessary equipment, for a total of \$153,104.00 in three annual payments of \$54,353.30, through the Macomb County Extended Purchasing Agreement, and further, in that these vehicles were competitively bid by Macomb County that the City's formal competitive bidding process be waived.
- to Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No. 2019-02 entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-56, Consumption of Alcohol of the City of Harper Woods Code of Ordinances," and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- to form a subcommittee to address items in the City Charter.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2019

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilperson Sawicki.

MOTIONS PASSED

- To excuse Councilperson Sawicki from tonight's meeting because of prior commitments.
- To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on October 21, 2019 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on September 26, 2019 and the Planning Commission meeting held on October 23, 2019.
- To open the public hearing on the 2020 Budget.
- To close the public hearing on the 2020 Budget.
- To approve the changes to the City Council meeting dates as listed for 2020; January 20 to January 22, 2020 for the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr; February 17 to February 19, 2020 for the observance of President's Day and September 7 to September 9, 2020 in observance of Labor Day, and that the City will meet on the second Monday of June, July and August 2020 and further that the first meeting in November be cancelled due to the 2020 Presidential Election.
- That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 117786 through 117910 in the amount of \$480,269.74 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$9,340.00 for the professional services provided by the managing partner during the P.A. 312 arbitration hearing. (3) approve payment to Pella Holdings, LLC in the amount of \$33,645.09 for the renovations and repair work at 19893 Cedar Court as part of the CDBG rehab loan project. (4) approve payment to Greater Detroit Heating and Cooling, Inc. in the amount of \$11,967.78 for the emergency repair to the boiler at City Hall. (5) approve payment in the amount of \$14,000.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several watermain breaks and necessary stop box repairs at various residential locations.
- adopt the Tax Levy Resolution set forth on page 1 of the budget document hereby establishing the following tax rate for 2020.
- approve the Budget Adoption and Appropriation Resolution found on Page 2 of the budget document, thereby adopting the 2020 Budget as presented.
- that a rate of \$210.00 per residential equivalent unit will continue and is hereby established for the storm water utility charge to be billed December 1, 2019.
- to confirm the appointment of Lt. Vincent Smith as Public Safety Director for the City of Harper Woods, conditional on the City Council's approval of an employment contract between the City of Harper Woods and Vincent Smith, and separately, confirmation of the completion of proper procedures followed at the November 18, 2019 meeting.
- Approve the transfer of \$260,573.19 for delinquent Water and Sewer bills, \$30,106.25 for Miscellaneous City Services, \$9,097.28 for Special Pickups and \$2,800.00 for Meter Replacements (total of \$302,576.72) to the 2019 Winter Tax Roll as proposed and submitted by the Finance Director/Treasurer.
- to approve the amended special land use application submitted by William Hass, Project Manager representing Christian Financial Credit Union at 19770 Harper Avenue, based on the criteria in zoning ordinance Sec. 10-770F and as recommended by the members of the Planning Commission.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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HOLIDAY:

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ARTWORK BY EMERSON H.

Center!" I announced.

"Okay!" my grandmother said. We all sat down in the dining room. After a little while, our grandma won!

"Hooray!" we all cheered. After that it was time to go.

Did you enjoy my favorite holiday traditions? Well ... I still have more to tell. I said goodbye to everyone and we got into the car and left. "Bye," I said. — *Declan*

You will not believe what I do for the holidays! These traditions are spectacular! The three topics are Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. Thanksgiving first!

Every year, family, and us, go to the Thanksgiving Parade and breakfast. Our family comes and we take them to Detroit and we arrive. We go inside and I gasp. It was amazing! We check out the view before our eyes!

It was a gigantic waterfall. Triangles hung from the ceiling. We ate and watched the parade.

Floats pass, gigantic balloons in the shape of different characters from shows fly past and over my head.

It was a miracle how beautiful all the parade was. I loved it all!

holiday with presents? Well, today I will teach you about how I celebrate my winter holidays. First up is Christmas. Before we do Christmas, our family sets up the Christmas tree. It is a lot of work. Then we wait. On Christmas Day, we eat a good Christmas feast. Lots of people come to our house to eat. And that is our Christmas.

Now I am going to tell you about New Year's Eve. So first we have mommy's and daddy's friends come over to our house. It is so exciting. We have a good feast (like Christmas), then, we count down.

10!9!8!7!6!5!4!3!2!1! Now it's New Year's Day! Our friends had a sleepover to celebrate January 1st!

Here we go again. See you next year! — *Sam*

I have a whole lot of holiday traditions. My brother Teddy has a birthday in December so we have to bake a cake. We also need to put up the Christmas tree and then we make cookies. We decorate and decorate and decorate.

Then we wrap the presents. A whole lot of presents. Finally we're ready for the holiday cheer! — *Eleanor*

My Christmas traditions are pretty much the same as a lot of people.

Buy a tree, decorate it, have a family over, eat ham for some reason and get presents.

Well, first we buy and decorate it. We get it from Eastern Market and put it on top of our car. We decorate it with three boxes full of like 200 ornaments in each bin.

Next I said we have family over, usually our grandparents and my cousin and sometimes they stay overnight. And we have ham for breakfast and do not ask why.

And last we get presents. Usually there is like 20 presents for everyone.

Those are my holiday traditions. I hope they last. — *Oscar*

Are you ready to hear about my holiday traditions? On Thanksgiving I always go to a big house with all of my family and we ate a big dinner and decorated a gingerbread turkey for desert. At Christmas I go to the hardware store to get a Christmas tree. First we looked through the whole tree section and we found a tree with a good place for a star. We bought and decorated it.

On Christmas Day my whole family goes to my grandma's house and we open lots of presents. — *Elsa*

Oh the holidays, the best part of the year. And I think these are the best ones: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. That's why I will be telling you about those holiday traditions.

On Thanksgiving, every four years I go to my cousin's house for Thanksgiving. It is a long

drive, eleven hours, but it is worth it. They live in Virginia. They have three kids. One is nine and the others are teenagers.

Now Christmas, my other cousin comes. They live in Iowa. It takes nine hours to get there. And have a huge party at my house. At night I can hear the reindeer on the roof.

On New Year's we go to our friend's house. There is a huge group that goes. Over 40 people go. It's a lot of fun. I hope this tradition goes on for a long time. — *Ben*

I have traditions for Thanksgiving, Christmas and I once did something for New Year's Eve. I hope it becomes a tradition.

On Thanksgiving every year we switch. One year we go to Adrian to celebrate with Dad's side of the family. The next year we stay at home and Mom's side of the family comes over.

For Christmas we stay at home and here are some of the things that we do. We have Dad's side of the family come over. We also track Santa Claus. We also give each other gifts.

Then one time me and my sister went around the house collecting things that we could make games with. We made five games and Mom and Dad really liked it!

On Christmas Day we celebrate with Mom's side of the family and we eat cookies!

I love all of my traditions. My favorite one is my Christmas tradition! — *Emma*

Merry Christmas ho-ho. Every year my family

goes to the tree farm inside the hardware store for a tree and lights. I help tie the tree to the car. Dad jumps in the car. Time to go home. Thanksgiving is here. Ding dong the cousins are here. Want to go out back? Sure, dinner's ready. Mom calls everyone to sit down. — *Jonas*

Here are my holiday traditions: 1. Christmas here we go! One Christmas I woke up multiple times. Finally I saw presents! I yelled "presents!" but nobody heard me so I marched upstairs and woke them up and we went downstairs and started opening the presents. We got ... Legos, Wii and WiiU games, Pokemon, candy, stuffies. And tons of other stuff. Then we read the letter that Santa left. In our stockings we got candy and other tiny things. We played and played until it was time to go to my grandma's house. When we got there we opened presents. Then we played with our cousins. Then we went home and Christmas was over before you knew it. — *Andrew*

Hi, my name is Max and I would like to tell you about my Christmas and Thanksgiving traditions.

When we go to my cousin's house for Thanksgiving we usually stay for about four days.

Then we make art and ornaments to hang on the tree.

Then I have two Christmases because I go out. — *Max*

Look for New Year's wishes from Defer students in the Jan. 2 edition.

Teacher of THE WEEK



Therese Schrage

School: Monteith Elementary School
Years at Monteith: 25
Grade/Subject: Grade 5
Nominated by: Shelleyann Keelean, principal

Principal's quote:
"Therese is the heart of Monteith. Her kindness and thoughtfulness for everyone show through in everything she does for Monteith. She helps students become independent and confident learners and individuals who give back to their communities. She supports our staff and students inside and outside of school; she's at every concert, play and event taking pictures and cheering her Monteith family through all of their achievements. Therese is the kind of teacher whose impact on a child lasts a lifetime and students remember all the incredible experiences they had in her classroom for years to come. Monteith is so lucky to have Mrs. Schrage as a part of our community each and every day."
What motivated you to become a teacher?
In high school and col-

lege I was fortunate to have several teachers who made a lasting impact on me. I knew they truly cared about their students and created a welcoming, positive and productive learning environment. They made the conscious effort to first and foremost get to know their students; the academics and instruction followed naturally. I recognized and appreciated their efforts to connect with their students, while teaching, supporting and guiding them. I am fortunate to be in contact with several of them today; I am proud to share my love of teaching with them. I know the importance of building positive relationships with my students and I want them to feel valued, special and loved.

What are some of your inspirations?
My colleagues and principal inspire me. They each have unique talents and skills, and are always focused on how to best help children. We are a team and I am proud to be teaching and learning with them each day. My students inspire me because they are striving to learn,



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do their best and be kind. My family also inspires me; they are a constant source of support, encouragement and love.

What advice would you give a new teacher?

I believe that making positive connections with your students is the foundation for success. Building relationships with your students, their families and your staff is the cornerstone to a happy, positive and productive learning environment. Showing students that you genuinely care about them, value them and want them to succeed are some of the most important things we can teach.

Favorite quote:
"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Grosse Pointe Public School System (GPPSS) will receive sealed proposals for:

2020 Move & Technology Move Management Services

Until 11:00 a.m., local time, Wednesday, January 15, 2020, bids will be received by Richard Van Gorder – Manager of Buildings and Grounds, Grosse Pointe Public Schools, 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 at the Administration Building at which time, and place, all proposals will be opened and read aloud. Proposals received after the above stipulated date and time will not be opened, considered or accepted. Grosse Pointe Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

On or around December 16, 2019, Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at:

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=d4d27bb0a93d412d9d356df7872bbf1f>

Please contact LaMerra Hobbs at lamerra.hobbs@plantemoran.com if you have any questions regarding obtaining this information.

All interested firms are requested to attend a pre-proposal meeting on **Monday, December 30, 2019 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** at Grosse Pointe South High School Cleminson Hall located at 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI. for tours at **GP South HS, Defer ES and Ferry ES** and **Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at Parcels MS and Kerby ES.** It is strongly suggested that interested bidders make arrangements to attend.

All proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by Plante Moran Cresa and comply with the requirements of the RFP. Bid Security in the amount of 5% of the bid is to be included either in the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, payable to Grosse Pointe Public Schools.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner (bidder) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education or District Administration, a signed and notarized statement to comply with the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012, and the Equal Opportunity Statement. No bid shall be accepted that does not include these documents.

GPPSS reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein and accept that bid, which best serves the District's interest.

Richard Van Gorder
Manager of Buildings and Grounds
Grosse Pointe Public Schools

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan
PUBLIC NOTICE - CITY COUNCIL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Grosse Pointe City Council will be accepting applications from residents who would be interested in an appointment to the City Council. Per City Charter and Ordinances, the minimum qualifications for a Council Member can be summarized as follows:

1. Must be a qualified and registered voter in the City for at least three years prior to the date of taking office.
2. Not being in default to the City of Grosse Pointe.

The City Council will make the appointment for a term expiring November 2021. Additional information regarding the position, including responsibilities, can be received by contacting the City at (313) 885-5800, during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

Letters of application and resumes summarizing one's experiences and qualifications which could help demonstrate leadership qualities including any specific experiences on governing boards or committees of other public or civic service organizations should be sent to Julie Arthurs, City Clerk, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230 or jarthurs@grossepointecity.org.

Application deadline is January 17, 2020. Applicants will be interviewed by the City Council on January 27, 2020 starting at 7 pm.

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GPFPE awards educational grants

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Representing its fall grant cycle, the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education awarded \$40,721 to the Grosse Pointe Public School System at the Dec. 9 regular meeting of the Board of Education.

The GPFPE grant committee approved 15 grants written by teachers, administrators, students and parents across the district.

"It is the GPFPE's mission to bring the community together to fund extraordinary educational opportunities for our students," said Christie Scoggin, GPFPE vice president and grants co-chairman.

Two literacy awards were funded through the Lois J. Warden Fund established in Warden's memory and designated for elementary programs within the school system. These will provide the Fountas and Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention Gold Kit for Richard Elementary School's second- through fifth-grade fluent readers to support their guided reading groups (\$4,950); and kits from Jan Richardson's Literacy Footprints Guided Reading System designed for classroom teachers, special education teachers and support staff who teach reading and writing at Monteith Elementary School (\$8,378).

Other grants provide:

- ◆ A variety of therapeutic equipment to cre-

ate a sensory space for students with special needs and general education students at Ferry. The grant will allow teachers to sign out trial sensory equipment from a lending library to help students with issues stay and participate in class to their fullest potential (\$2,808).

- ◆ A fourth-grade after-school science program at Mason Elementary School. Lab Rascals will be a science, technology, engineering and math program providing inquiry-based, hands-on experiences to ensure conceptual understanding of scientific topics (\$3,000).

- ◆ Chromebooks, mice and a charging center to supplement Monteith's kindergarten centers (\$1,200).

- ◆ The purchase of several titles of PermaBound books to be used for a book club as part of English language arts at Brownell Middle School (\$2,500).

- ◆ A program allowing Parcels Middle School students who commit minor infractions to learn about community service, make amends and see themselves as school and community leaders. Members of Parcels' National Junior Honor Society will work with students one Saturday a month to visit a local senior center or work on school or community improvements (\$160).

- ◆ Expansion and replacement of percussion instruments such as gongs, tambourines and snare drums for Grosse

Pointe North High School's band program (\$2,825).

- ◆ Competition and registration fees and/or supplies for Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools' combined robotics team (\$2,000).

- ◆ Gardening supplies and tools for North's new school beautification club, which will use the school's greenhouse and bring in community master gardeners to teach members new and modern ways to garden through science (\$520).

- ◆ Acquisition of 20 compound microscopes for North's required biology classes to improve instruction (\$3,240).

- ◆ Creation of a sensory room at South to support students with a wide range of special needs, providing a variety of equipment to encourage calm, focus or alertness and assist in cognitive processing. Students may then rejoin peers in their class and be ready to learn more effectively (\$3,200).

- ◆ Support for South's Science Olympiad team to participate in competitive tournaments and be tested in the STEM fields (\$1,110).

- ◆ Purchase of a portable and chargeable sound system to be used by South's marching band during rehearsals (\$1,900).

- ◆ Training and

certification of a therapy dog at South (\$2,930) — See "Therapy dog lends a paw" below.

In addition to these grants, the GPFPE continues to raise money for the Leader in Me program, Scoggin said.

"Our campaign for the Leader in Me program over the last few years has been and continues to be highly successful," Scoggin said. "This renowned, evidence-based, whole-school transformation for emotional and behavioral learning

has now begun implementation at all nine elementary schools with whole staff training and administrative commitment.

"Just this fall alone, the GPFPE funded over \$100,000 for the Leader in Me staff training and program supplies to bring the final three elementary schools on board in starting the three-year process," she continued. "This effective training will move with the staff and students wherever they go in the classroom and out. We are proud to

be part of this effort in teaching our youngest children lifetime habits in leadership, kindness, awareness of differences, accountability and cooperation."

The board approved the motion to accept the GPFPE grants 7-0.

Board President Summerfield thanked GPFPE for its "gracious gifts" as well as the grantees for their hard work in writing the applications.

For more information, go to gpfpe.org.

Therapy dog lends a paw



While GPFPE Vice President Christie Scoggin announced each of the 15 awards presented, the grant proposal writers had an opportunity to go on stage and shake hands with members of the Board of Education.

Accompanying Grosse Pointe South High School counselor Beth Walsh-Sahutske for this recognition was a special guest of a furry variety — Walsh-Sahutske's rescue dog, Tuka, a 5-month old Siberian husky and golden retriever mix. The \$2,930 award from the GPFPE will fund Tuka's training and certification as a therapy dog.

As an extension of South's counseling pro-

gram, Tuka's duties will include greeting students, working with them in high stress and anxiety-inducing situations and offering support and aid in social-emotional learning at the school, Scoggin said.

Walsh-Sahutske adopted Tuka from the Good Karma Puppy Rescue.

"It was great to be able to connect with her so early so we could do some therapy dog assessments of her temperament while she was little," she said. "Developing a therapy dog program at South has been a dream of mine for a while, so having the support of the GPFPE and GPPSS is such a blessing. We are so fortunate."

Beth Walsh-Sahutske anticipates Tuka, left, will complete her training in time for next school year.

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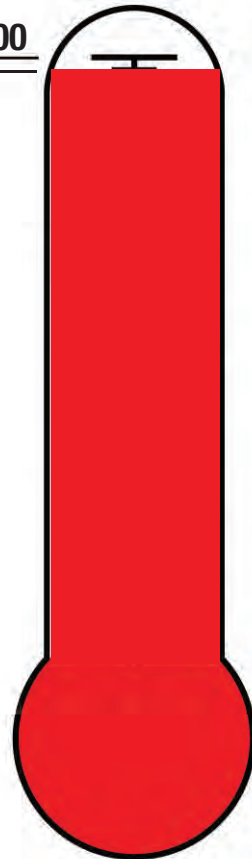
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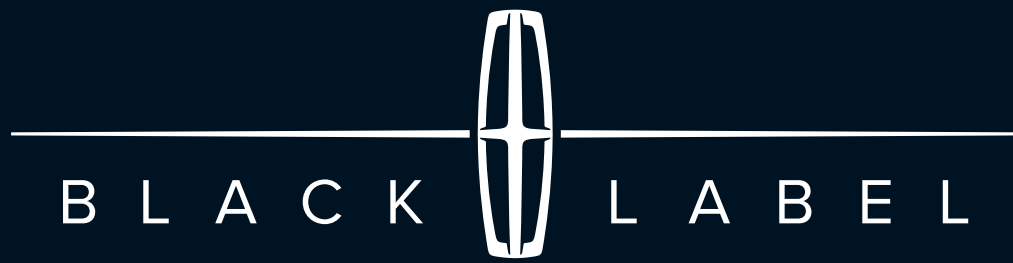
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Mail carrier Michael Edwards cheerfully delivers mail — and more — to homes in Grosse Pointe Woods and Shores.

Cheerful giving

Mail carrier delivers gifts, smiles to children on route

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The joy was palpable in the Benigni household the week before Christmas.

Three-year-old Colin repeatedly showed his mother, Rachel, the cool toy tractor he'd just unwrapped, while 5-year-old Alexander exclaimed, "This is the coolest!" after unwrapping a set of remote-control cars.

Both boys had ear-to-ear smiles again after a second round of gifts — Batman and Spider-Man watches, respectively — as did their mom.

This is the second season U.S. Post Office mail carrier Michael Edwards has delivered more than mail to the Grosse Pointe Woods home. Apart from his usual haul, Edwards made special Christmas deliveries to the Benigni boys Dec. 19.

"The family here is so remarkable," he said. "Alexander has taken my heart. His little brother, Colin, too. Rachel is a sweetheart as well. ... They just touch my heart. They are so special."

Edwards, who's been a mail carrier 24 years, has been delivering this route — Grosse Pointe Shores, as well as three blocks in the Woods — for three years. Last year, he brought presents with him.

"I started with these two kids; now I'm up to five," Edwards said. "These two here, Vivi and Christian on Stillmeadow and, on North Duval, Brady.

"It makes me feel good



Brothers Colin, left, and Alexander Benigni warmly greet Edwards, who came bearing gifts Dec. 19.

inside when I give the toys to the kids," he added. "I see these kids and their parents every day. I feel like a part of the family. Christmas is a time for giving and I really enjoy doing that; it makes me feel good inside."

Edwards, who lives in Clinton Township with his wife, Alina, and their children, Donovan, Karsten and Marilyn, credits his mother with his spirit of generosity.

"She was a caring, giving person," he said. Edwards wasn't the only giver of the day, as he graciously accepted a gift from the Benigni boys.

"These are my friends, my customers, and they take me in as part of their family," he said. "It's remarkable to see the kids grow up from when they're little and watch them become adults. To see the smile



The Benigni boys thank Edwards with hugs.

on their faces when they get Christmas gifts touches my heart. I just want to show these kids they really touch me.

"I know they'll get something from Mom and Dad, but I wanted to give them something

from my heart." Rachel Benigni said what Edwards does for her family is awesome.

"It's really nice that we have such a great mail carrier," she said. "The boys love him and we do, too."



Edwards helps Alexander open part of his gift.



Colin and Alexander Benigni give Edwards a gift of his own.



Edwards displays the Christmas card he got from the boys.



Alexander Benigni is thrilled with his new remote-controlled car set.



The Benigni brothers, with Edwards, hold up their new toys.

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Pictured from left are Kamai Sanders, Lt. Pam Boateng, Sherry McRill, Mark Garmo, Lt. Henry Boateng, Josh Garmo and Jacob Garmo.



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ASK JEFF AND DEBRA

Holiday mocktail cheer

Dear readers:

Today, so many delicious non-alcoholic drinks are available, especially with the popular trend taking hold to drink less or not at all. Even the alcohol beverage industry has taken note of this new trend, understanding it is requisite to have “no proof” beverages as part of its lineup.

This year, we are sharing our favorite no-proof recipes for dazzling holiday cheer. The first is for guests who like something sweet (from SteakBar in Chicago), the second for those who don't (from Emmeline in Stockholm).

French 75 Mocktail

Ingredients:
 ¾ ounce lemon juice (we use Italian Volcano from Costco)
 ½ ounce simple syrup
 sparkling water
 San Pellegrino
 Limonata Soda

Directions:
 Mix lemon juice and simple syrup into a champagne flute. Top with equal measures of spar-

ling water and the Limonata Soda. Garnish with a lemon twist.

Sober Santa Christmas Punch

Ingredients:
 4 ounces cranberry juice
 4 ounces red grapefruit juice
 salt (fine salt or margarita salt)
 whole grapefruit
 lime (optional)
 ice cubes

Directions:
 Pour salt onto a plate. Rub rim of glass with a grapefruit slice. Dip into salt, turning the glass to coat the rim. Add a few ice cubes to the glass. Mix cranberry and grapefruit juice and pour into the glass. Garnish with a slice of lime.

Follow these tips to stay safe this holiday season:

- ◆ Never get behind the wheel of a car when you've been drinking.
- ◆ Be a real friend: Call an Uber for those in need.
- ◆ Be a responsible host by always offering alco-

hol-free beverages.

◆ Don't allow guests to pour their own alcoholic drinks. Hire a bartender or choose a designated bartender. Properly measure alcohol for each drink. One drink equals 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1 ounce of hard liquor. It's the bartender's responsibility to monitor anyone who's over imbibing.

◆ Serve foods high in protein to slow the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream.

◆ Plan games so drinking isn't the primary focus of the party. Games are great icebreakers and make for memorable evenings. Search the internet for ideas.

◆ Close the cocktail bar an hour before the party ends and set up a dessert and coffee bar.

Jeff and Debra Jay are co-authors of "Love First: A Family's Guide to Intervention." The addiction specialists live in Grosse Pointe Farms and may be contacted with questions at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

Working together for good

By Karen Love
 Guest Writer

Northeast Integrated Health, formerly Northeast Guidance Center, supported its community partner and neighbor, the Conner Creek branch of The Salvation Army, by participating in its 2019 Red Kettle Campaign at Village Market in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Red Kettle Campaign was founded in 1891 under Salvation Army Capt. Joseph McFee as a resolve to provide a free Christmas dinner for the destitute and poverty stricken. Nearly 130 years later, through the annual Red Kettle Campaign, it is continuing to do “good works throughout the year to lift up and sustain children, adults and families with much-needed resources such as emergency housing, food,

employment and recreation, clothing, literacy and summer camps, as well as spiritual guidance,” said Sherry McRill, president and CEO of Northeast Integrated Health.

Annually, the staff of NIH participates by covering each weekend at Village Market on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Farms. Mark Garmo, owner of Village Market, said, “Village Market is happy to celebrate the holiday season supporting The Salvation Army by having their Red Kettle Campaign bell ringers at our doors and we are especially pleased to have Northeast Integrated Health staff — one of our community partners — as weekend bell ringers again this year.”

Red Kettles raise millions for The Salvation Army programs that provide food, shelter, reha-

bilitation, disaster relief and more for people and families in crisis.

“But it also takes partnerships such as what we have established with our neighbor, Northeast Integrated Health, to make that happen,” said Salvation Army Lt. Henry Boateng. “It also takes people; we hire consumers from NIH to work as bell ringers during the holiday season. We will probably hire close to 20 individuals from NIH.”

“We are delighted to support our community partner and next door neighbors, the Connor Creek branch of The Salvation Army, in this year's Red Kettle Campaign,” McRill said. “I can think of no other human service organization on Detroit's and Wayne County's east side that has touched so many lives of people in immediate need as the Salvation Army.”

AREA ACTIVITIES

Libraries

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

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

◆ 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

◆ 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

◆ Playtime Pop-ins, noon Thursday, Dec. 26.

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

The Helm

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

◆ Grief Support Group, 4 to 6 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, beginning Jan. 9. Psychotherapist Frank Wilberding facilitates.

◆ Guided Meditation Series, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 14 to Feb. 18, facilitated by

Jonathan Itchon. Cost is \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members.

◆ Pilates, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 16 to March 5, with facilitator Amy Pugleisi. Cost is \$48 for members, \$58 for non-members.

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

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 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.

◆ 1 to 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, Grosse Pointe Memorial

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Leathers-Brecht

Jennifer and Michael Leathers of Bettendorf, Iowa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Chelsie Kay Leathers, to Karl Gregory Brecht, son of Michelle and Greg Brecht of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Miss Leathers earned degrees in marketing and advertising and business management from Grand Valley State University. She works for MotorCity Casino Hotel.

Mr. Brecht earned a degree in business administration from Grand Valley State University. He works at Mayco International.

An October 2020 wedding is planned.



Chelsie Kay Leathers and Karl Gregory Brecht

daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, to Oliver Charles Cole, son of Amanda and Vernon Cole of Little Bookham, England.

Ms. Cullen, a graduate of Brown University, is a fourth-year medical student at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, applying for residency in pediat-



Oliver Charles Cole and Catherine Elizabeth Cullen

rics.

Mr. Cole, who graduated from Southampton University in the United Kingdom with a degree in business studies, is a merchandise planner for the Anthropologie headquarters in Pennsylvania.

An April 2020 wedding in Philadelphia is planned.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Volunteers collect items that will fill their gift baskets.

Baskets for the homebound

More than 30 volunteers gathered at The Helm to assemble holiday gift baskets for homebound seniors Dec. 10.

Volunteers filled 100 baskets with non-perishable food items, paper products, toiletries, puzzles, games and various sundries, wrapped the baskets in cellophane and tied them with ribbon.

The completed baskets, which filled many rooms at The Helm, were separated into groups for each driver to pick up and deliver.

The baskets were delivered the week of Dec. 16 to homebound seniors in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. These homebound seniors appreciate a friendly visit, smiling face and a gift of surprises they can use and enjoy.



Adele Kerske helps Roz Peters and Jackie Thomas wrap the baskets lined up by the table.

BIRTHS

Jane Marie Olney

Elizabeth and Stewart Olney of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the birth of their daughter, Jane Marie Olney, Dec. 4, 2019.

Maternal grandparents are Jan and Elica Joubert of Orania, South Africa. Paternal grandparents are Dave and Jane Olney of Ortonville. Great grandparents are Donald and Dorothy Secor of Amherst, N.H.



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Thelma Fox Murray

A story of young love and silent philanthropy

On June 2, 1917, 20-year-old Thelma Fox did an impulsive thing — she eloped. For her impulsive decision — perhaps her only impulsive decision — she paid dearly.

The young Thelma Fox, born at the turn of the 20th century, attended Eastern Liggett School, located in Detroit's Indian Village. It was the city's elite college preparatory school for young women.

Like her classmates, Thelma Fox came from a well-off family. Her family's rise to wealth had dove-tailed with the city of Detroit's growth. When her grandfather on her mother's side, Thomas Barlum, arrived in Detroit, it was a provincial city of 46,000 people with one high school and a volunteer fire department. Barlum invested in downtown real estate, which his son John J. Barlum developed into soaring towers in Cadillac Square.

Her father, Harry J. Fox, was a striving young banker, who would eventually become chairman of Detroit Trust Co., predecessor of Detroit Bank & Trust. In 1920, the city was a metropolis of a million residents and growing, as was her family's fortune and influence.

But on the eve of her 1917 graduation — the day before commencement exercises — Thelma Fox eloped with William Murray, 23, newly graduated from the University of Michigan.

Her wedding witness that day — June 2, 1917 — was Lydia Winston Kahn, her classmate and daughter of the architect Albert Kahn, who designed Liggett's building on Burns Street.

Liggett's administration was not amused. Under school rules, a married student could not graduate. On the Commencement Day program, Thelma Fox's name included an asterisk: "Attended but did not graduate."

She never went to college.

Fast forward to the 1960s. Mrs. Murray lived quietly and alone. Her husband, of whom she spoke little, had died a decade before. An only-child herself, she had no children.

Enter S. Gary Spicer, today a highly respected Grosse Pointe attorney. Spicer, at that time, was a managerial trainee, employed at a GMC Truck and Coach in Pontiac, when a colleague asked



him for a favor.

Maude P. Mack, who worked with him, asked if he might help her cousin, a widow, with her taxes — immediately. It was, of course, April 14, which was then as it is now, the day before taxes are due.

Spicer had graduated from Adrian College. He came from a hard-working family. His father and his uncles grew up as farmers in Tennessee, before they had gradually all migrated north to work at the Ford Motor Co.

After work that day, Spicer drove downtown, where Thelma Fox Murray lived in The Whittier, an elegant apartment building fronting the Detroit river.

From her floor-to-ceiling windows, Spicer could watch freighters ply the waters below, as he methodically calculated her investments and other income.

When Spicer arrived in her apartment, he was struck by Mrs. Murray's elegant furnishings and manner of living. Full of curiosity about his new

client, he observed her antiques, her domestic employees who brought them midday cocktails and chicken salad sandwiches and slices of cake.

Mrs. Murray was a cautious but keenly engaged investor. Over two decades, as Spicer built his own clientele, she came to rely on his legal advice and judgment.

That evening, neither he nor Mrs. Murray had an inkling that the young, would-be lawyer and the elderly matron of Detroit gentility would have a profound impact on each other.

Over the years, as she came to trust Spicer, and he recognized the importance of education to her, he asked her why she did not donate to the Liggett school. That is when she told him her story.

Spicer, upon hearing her tale, helped her devise a legacy, one that also addressed the central dramatic event of her life. He suggested she leave some of her wealth to Liggett in the form of a scholarship fund.

Spicer contacted the Liggett headmaster at the time and they quickly agreed to right a half-century-old injustice. The Liggett administrator gave Mrs. Murray a gift she desired: A diploma.

In the year before she died in 1987, Mrs. Murray created three \$100,000 scholarship funds, one to Grosse Pointe Academy, one to Liggett/University School and the third to Harvard University.

Remarkably, all three funds are thriving today, worth over a \$1 million and have generated over \$1 million in scholarships since their inception.

Generations of young women at the Liggett School — 200-plus — have been aided in their education by the scholarships, which continue to be given every year and published in the Grosse Pointe News.

In announcing the scholarships, the school proclaims Thelma Fox Murray as "a 1917 Liggett School alumna," perhaps her proudest epitaph.

"Mrs. Murray's legacy is a great example of what I call 'silent philanthropy,'" said Spicer, volunteer trustee of the scholarship fund. "It shows how we had taken three \$100,000 contributions and built a \$1,000,000 endowment and at the same time awarded over \$1,000,000 in scholarships to students from three schools."

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Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.
 ♦ 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
 Register at redcross-blood.org.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

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.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Ruth Azar of Second Mile Center speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.



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PASTOR'S CORNER

By the Rev. Ben Van Arragon

The real reward

The entertainment event of late 2019 was the release of Disney Corp.'s service, Disney+. This latest entry into the world of streaming media features access to Disney's copious film library, television programs from Fox and National Geographic, and all "Star Wars" video properties. The latter includes the much-anticipated original series "The Mandalorian," which takes place in the wider "Star Wars" universe.

"The Mandalorian" is about a professional bounty hunter who is offered a fortune to hunt down a valuable target. Said target turns out to be a baby. This precipitates a crisis of conscience, as the bounty hunter knows his clients do not have the baby's best interests at heart. He chooses to keep the baby — a choice that costs him everything: his career, his credibility, his security. The baby started out as a means to a reward. The baby becomes the real reward, though that reward takes over his life.

We approach Christmas hoping it will deliver rest from our many commitments; reunions with loved ones; bonuses and presents to compensate for the sacrifices we've made all year. Christmas is, if you will, a means to other rewards. In spite of our efforts to sanitize it, Christmas remains a controversial holiday. At heart, Christmas is about an encounter with a baby. You can't talk about Christmas without talking about Jesus Christ. And you can't talk about Jesus Christ without talking about everything Jesus came to be and do. Jesus came to show peo-

ple how we were meant to live. Jesus came to serve as the perfect mediator between God and humanity. Jesus came to die a sacrificial death in our place. Jesus came to embody God's perfect power and love and so establish God's reign on earth. Jesus came to redeem humanity and restore the world.

Most people are comfortable with some dimension of who Jesus is. Most who claim Christianity as their religion do so with an incomplete Jesus. Most of us pursue Jesus as a means to some other reward: empowerment for a political cause; intervention for an acute crisis; assurance that we're good people who can expect a good life and a peaceful afterlife.

Some of us encounter the real Jesus. When we do, Jesus becomes the reward that replaces all others and takes over your life. Jesus demands to be all that he is: friend, savior, Lord. In exchange, he offers a hope, love, joy and peace that cannot be found elsewhere. If Christmas 2019 did not live up to your expectations, if you've experienced Christianity as a threat or an offense, if you've used Christianity as a rhetorical weapon or political tool, stop looking past the baby at the heart of the holiday. Find the real Jesus. And in him, find the real reward.

Ben Van Arragon is pastor at the First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park. Visit firstcrdetroit.org.

St. Michael's welcomes new rector

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Parishioners at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods recently welcomed a new rector, the Rev. Michael Bradley, who officially started at the post Dec. 1.

He replaces interim pastor the Rev. Mary Jane Peck, who served since 2017, after the departure of the Rev. Marianna Gronek, 2008 to 2016.

"We have really noticed and appreciated the Midwestern welcome," Bradley said. "The people here are friendly. They stop to chat and ask how you are. It's a kindness we've really noticed and appreciated."

"And the congregation is a down-to-earth, wonderful group of people," he added, noting that sometimes the ritualistic ways of Episcopalian churches can put people off, "but there's a lot of warmth here."

Originally from Portland, Maine, Bradley attended the University of Southern Maine, earning a Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance. He put his degree to use as an organist and choir director.

After his marriage to Becky, the couple moved to Boston, where he worked as a public school administrator and did administration work for the diocese.

In 1987, Bradley was led to attend Harvard Divinity School, from which he earned a Masters of Divinity degree in 1990. He served as a hospital chaplain at Massachusetts General Hospital until, in 1993, he was called to his first congregation.

"My first parish was in rural Newfoundland, in Canada," he said of the Anglican Parish of Plum Point. "We spent four years there. That's where our son, Carter, was born, so he has dual citizenship."

Bradley enjoyed the rural surroundings of his



COURTESY PHOTO

The Rev. Michael Bradley began his ministry at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods Dec. 1.

call — he was pastor to five rural communities on the Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland — but soon it was time to move on. In 1997, the family moved to Durham, N.H., where Bradley began serving at St. George's Episcopal Church.

"Durham is home to the University of New Hampshire, but otherwise it's a small place," he said. "Similar to St. Michael's, it also started in the 1940s. ... So I was at St. George's and also in the chaplaincy for the university."

"We got settled there," he continued. "When Carter started first grade, Becky went back to teaching. We stayed 22 years."

Two years ago, while celebrating his 20th anniversary at the church, Bradley started thinking about moving on. "Maybe one more church before I retire," he said.

Soon he was connected to St. Michael's and after a lengthy Zoom video interview — "It flew by; we had a wonderful conversation," Bradley said — he became hopeful. Six months and a couple plane trips later, he got the call in September.

"I'd never been to the Midwest," he said. "I said to Becky, 'These are the nicest people.'"

"It's been a wonderful adventure all the way," he added. "We've had fun with the folks here. All the interactions have been so positive. I'm starting to feel like I've known people a long time. Everyone is so warm and supportive."

While his wife has yet to move to Grosse Pointe, Bradley currently is house hunting and hopes she will join him next month. Their son will stay on the East Coast, where he works as a commercial truck driver.

"Becky is a teacher," he said. "She's looking for teaching opportunities here and volunteer opportunities in Detroit."

The Bradleys also will bring with them Earl, their "well-trained and church-appropriate Corgi."

Now that he's settled into the area and his new congregation, Bradley is looking toward more opportunities for St. Michael's and its role in Grosse Pointe.

"This congregation has done very good work with the building and with repairs and maintenance," he said. "We want to expand our outreach and how we can use this building to work in the community. We also plan to grow our ministry to families and youth. Our organist and music minister wants to start an after-school music program."

The approximately 250-member congregation draws nearly half its numbers each Sunday. Bradley would like to see that number increase.

"At our advantage is our geography," he added. "We have folks coming here from Harper Woods, Eastpointe, St. Clair Shores, East English Village, Warren, Sterling Heights. They come from all the Pointes, too, but also from areas outside. It makes for a wonderfully diverse congregation. That's a great gift. We'd like to expand that kind of demographic."

"I'd certainly love to have new people come and try us out and experience St. Michael's."

Bradley can be reached at (606) 661-7860 or (313) 884-4820, or via email at rector@stmichaelsgpw.org. St. Michael's is located at 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, visit stmichaelsgpw.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its annual Christmas Tree Walk and Afternoon Tea from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27. Self-conducted tours of the church's decorated Christmas trees culminate with tea, finger sandwiches and sweets. Call (313) 884-5040.

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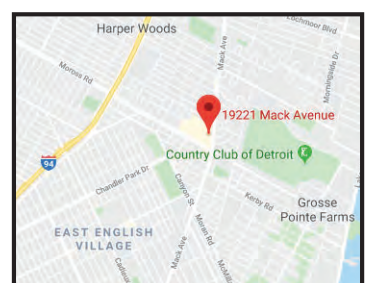
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Girls basketball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights end calendar year at 4-2

By Micah White
Special Writer

On consecutive days, the University Liggett girls basketball team was challenged with back-to-back games where they defeated Everest Collegiate 58-53, but fell to Cranbrook Kingswood 40-27.

The Knights had a compelling matchup against Everest Collegiate as the team went shot-for-shot but fell behind four points, ending the quarter down 15-11.

Three minutes into the second quarter, Everest jumped out on the

Knights to lead 22-15.

But that did not deter the Knights at all.

Freshman Samantha Krasnicki got an 'and 1' and junior Delaney Garvey drained a three for the Knights to cut the deficit to two points.

To end the half, the Knights continued to trail behind Everest within two to three points, until Garvey made a buzzer-beating three-pointer to tie up the game 28-28.

The Knights also committed 13 turnovers.

"We needed to slow down and take our time," Garvey said. "We had to realize our mistakes and

fix them in order to get back in the game."

Running into the second half, Everest went on a 12-4 run to lead 40-32, but the Knights were not deterred when they pushed through to cut the deficit to two points. Freshman Summer Orłowski made an important layup to help the Knights cut the deficit to 42-40.

Krasnicki started the fourth with another hoop and converted the free throw. They continued to add to the lead as Orłowski and Krasnicki made key lay-ups to secure a win.

Garvey led the way

with 24 points and seven rebounds. Krasnicki pulled another double-double with 16 points and 13 rebounds. Freshman Grace Rahaim had 13 points, while Orłowski added nine points off of the bench.

"I think the coaches helped us by keeping us calm as possible," Garvey said, "we kept our cool but they really helped us by letting us know what needed to be done."

While the Knights were satisfied with the well fought win, the team still needed to hit the road the following night to face Cranbrook Kingswood.

Starting out the game, the Knights maintained a lead to end the first quarter 11-9.

ULS struggled in the second quarter offensively as the team only scored four points, but defensively it was a hard fight as it ended the half down 20-15.

Rahaim began the third quarter making one free throw before the Knights went cold from the field for four minutes. Cranbrook pushed the lead to 27-16.

Ending the third, the senior Margaret Dunn made a three-pointer, while Rahaim made two key lay-ups to fight back

within five points, making it 28-23.

Yet, there was a repetitive theme from the second quarter when the Knights only scored four points total in the fourth as Cranbrook prevailed.

Rahaim led the Knights with nine points.

"We are a young team and I'm still proud of the girls," head coach Craig White said. "Playing back-to-back is huge, but we're going to take this 'L' for learning."

The Knights ended the year 4-2 overall. The team can be seen back in action in 2020 hosting Detroit Cristo Rey at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 7.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team began its Macomb Area Conference Red Division schedule last week with a 57-45 road win over Port Huron Northern.

Junior Alexa Downey led the Blue Devils with 13 points, seven rebounds and five steals, and junior Cameron Lundh added 13 points.

Sophomore Kamryn Richards added 12 points, five steals and did not have a turnover to help the Blue Devils win the division opener.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

South's Kamryn Richards, shown in the season opener, scored 12 points to help the Blue Devils beat Port Huron Northern.

Head coach Kevin Richards and his Blue Devils improve to 1-0 in the MAC Red Division and 4-1 overall.

Next for South is a

game Friday, Dec. 27, against Chelsea in the Skippers Holiday Basketball Tournament at St. Clair Community College.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Rough patch

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team dropped its first game of the season last week, losing 47-35 to host Dearborn Divine Child.

"Unfortunately, we did not bring our 'A' game to our transition defense last night against Divine Child," head coach Gary Bennett said.

Junior Maddie Kohler scored 11 pts and had four assists, while senior Christina Braker had 10 points, nine rebounds and three assists.

One key to the loss was the ability of the Falcons to score transition baskets.

The Norsemen have used their trapping defense to their advan-



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

North's Christina Braker, shown in the season opener, scored 10 points in a tough loss to Divine Child.

tage during their four-game winning streak, but that backfired against the Falcons.

Later in the week, North opened its

Macomb Area Conference Red Division slate at Macomb Dakota and lost 44-30 to drop to 0-1 in the division and 4-2 overall.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys swimming and diving team cruised to another victory last week.

This time, the Norsemen defeated L'Anse Creuse 126-58 to move to 3-0 overall.

They took second in the 200-yard medley relay with Ian Donahue, Owen Schaaf, Gianni Carlino and Jacob Dall posting a time of 1:59.58.

After that, it was all Norsemen as they dominated the rest of the meet, including taking the top three spots in the 200-yard freestyle with Donahue, Owen Nowacki and Alex Agius doing the honors with times of 1:50.88, 2:08.87 and 2:10.37.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Jack Gehlert and Kyle MacGillis finished first and second with times of 2:14.68 and 2:29.82, and Carlino won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24.33.

Trever Mulkey and Andrew Peabody took first and second in diving, earning 186.65 and 180.45 points, and in the 100-yard butterfly it was Schaaf and Gehlert finishing first and second with times of 58.81 and 1:01.40.

Agius and Jonathan White gave the Norsemen another first- and second-place finish as they had times of 59.28 and 1:00.38 in the 100-yard freestyle, and Schaaf was the easy winner of the 500-yard freestyle, posting a time of 5:30.48, which was nearly a min-

ute faster than the runner-up.

In the 200-yard freestyle, the Norsemen's team of Donahue, Gehlert, Carlino and Nowacki won with a time of 1:35.73, and Donahue came back to win the next event, the 100-yard backstroke, with a time of 59.34.

Carlino and Nowacki took first and second in the 100-yard breaststroke, turning in times of 1:09.84 and 1:14.81.

The Norsemen ended the meet by winning the 400-yard freestyle relay with Schaaf, Agius, Gehlert and Nowacki posting a time of 3:46.14.

North's next meet is on the road Tuesday, Jan. 14, against Macomb Area Conference Red Division foe Macomb Dakota.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils edge UD

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys swimming and diving team was pushed to the limit in its meet against U-D Jesuit last week, but prevailed 98-87.

The Blue Devils won less than half of the events, but used their depth to beat the Cubs.

In the opening event, Thad Mackrell, Jackson Jogan, Keirnan Rahman and Tucker Briggs took second with a time of 1:43.61 in the 200-yard medley relay.

Ryan English was second in the 200-yard freestyle, turning in a time of 1:52.26, and Drew Vandeputte was runner-up in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:03.58. Mackrell took third and Peter Costello

was fourth in the IM with times of 2:06.69 and 2:15.85.

The Blue Devils finished second, third and fourth in the 50-yard freestyle with Briggs swimming a 23.07, followed by Raef Akkary at 23.73 and Michael Currier at 23.82.

Logan Hepner earned the Blue Devils' first top finish, winning the diving competition with 231.70 points, and it was Rahman taking second in the 100-yard butterfly at 53.02.

Briggs won the 100-yard freestyle and Akkary was third with times of 50.66 and 51.92, while John Gelle won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:04.22. English was second in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:04.44.

The Blue Devils won

the 200-yard freestyle relay with Currier, Akkary, Ethan Kinkade and Briggs posting a time of 1:34.49, and in the 100-yard backstroke it was Rahman and Mackrell placing second and third with times of 56.29 and 58.47.

Vandeputte won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:01.36, while teammates Jogan and Adam Johnson placed third and fourth with times of 1:06.76 and 1:06.97 to keep the Blue Devils ahead of the Cubs.

The Blue Devils secured the win by taking second in the 400-yard freestyle relay as Mackrell, Rahman, Gelle and English had a time of 3:27.08.

Next for South is its division opener Jan. 14, against host Chippewa Valley.

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Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Road defeat

Senior Alex Shaheen, right, and the Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team came up short on the scoreboard in last week's battle at Macomb Dakota, losing 68-62. Sophomore Will Johnson led the Blue Devils with 21 points. Two other players, junior Matt Edwards and freshman Anthony Benard, also scored in double figures, finishing with 13 and 11 points. Grosse Pointe South is 2-1 overall. It was the second straight Macomb Area Conference Red Division team the Blue Devils faced. They beat Chippewa Valley the week before.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights see positive vibes

By Micah White
Special Writer

The University Liggett boys basketball team's locker room roared with cheers after defeating Parkway Christian 61-42 last week, pushing its record to 2-1.

Top scorer, junior guard Cameron Strong, ended the game just short of a double-double, netting 14 points and

eight rebounds. Sophomore Alex George was second with 11 points and five rebounds. Off the bench, junior Sawyer Szajenko also added 11 points and freshman Jarren Purify contributed 10 points.

The Knights forced six turnovers and only allowed Parkway Christian to score six points in the first quarter. Into the second quar-

ter, the Knights forced another six turnovers. Three of them were caused by Szajenko. Parkway Christian fought back with going shot for shot but the Knights made sure to maintain the lead, which was 28-21 at the half.

After two steals back-to-back from senior Anthony Green, the lead was pushed to 32-21. Parkway Christian

fought to get within four points, but the Knights flourished after forcing turnovers to gain a larger lead, 46-30.

The Knights, ended the week with a 65-50 road loss to Cranbrook Kingswood, dropping their record to 2-2 overall.

Next for the Knights are games Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27 and 28, at Cranbrook.

Wrestling

SOUTH & NORTH

Blue Devils, Norsemen start slate

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South wrestling program has taken a steady climb in the past several years, thanks to dedicated coaches.

Patrick Salazar is back at the helm as he guided the Blue Devils to a Macomb Area Conference Silver Division regular season title last season with a 5-0 record.

This year, the Blue Devils' Silver Division foes are Warren Lincoln, Madison Heights Madison/Bishop Foley, Eastpointe, New Haven, St. Clair Shores South Lake, L'Anse Creuse North and Sterling Heights.

The Blue Devils have posted several big wins in team districts in recent years.

This year's team is led by seniors Sean O'Connell, Sebastian Oxholm-Barrazza, Graham Romer and Colin Southers.

The juniors are Alexander Roth, Morgan Richards, Jonathon Nelson, Corey McGraw, Michael Koerber, Charles Klunder and Garrett Gannan.

Sophomores on the squad are Lukas Baer, Charles Brandon, Hayden Kaspyk, Maxwell Klaasen, Peter Lawrence, Ashton Losier

and Heathcliff Stidham, while the freshmen are Matthew Sonstrom, John McCreavy, Mason Losier, Andrew Kolojeski, Griffin Klautky and Daniel Gerhardstein.

It's one of the biggest rosters in recent memory. The team district tournament is Wednesday, Feb. 12, at St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

The host team and rival Grosse Pointe North are the competition.

Last week, South beat Sterling Heights 58-23 to improve to 1-0 in the MAC Silver Division and 6-0 overall.

Winning matches were Ashton Losier at 112 pounds; Richards at 119 pounds; Brandon at 140 pounds; Roth at 145 pounds; McCreavy at 152 pounds; Southers at 215 pounds; and Oxholm-Barrazza at 285 pounds.

North results

Grosse Pointe North dropped its matches last week, falling 45-34 to St. Clair Shores Lake Shore and 54-24 to Imlay City.

Leading the way for head coach Derek Davison and his Norsemen were Logan Ladach, Artan Berisha and Elliot Lyman, who each won both matches.

Ladach competed in the 125-pound division while Berisha was at 152 pounds and Lyman at 171 pounds.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen take step forward

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Cameron Perrino scored a career-high 22 points, but it wasn't enough to prevent the Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team from losing 61-50 to host

Warren Woods-Tower. A poor first quarter doomed the Norsemen as they were outscored 21-6.

Head coach Andy Ayrault and his Norsemen battled back to win the second quarter 13-4 to cut the deficit

to 25-19 at the half. They continued to make runs at the Titans, but they never led.

They used a 10-3 run in the third quarter to cut the deficit to 35-29 and Perrino hit a layup early in the fourth quarter to keep it a five-point game,

39-34.

However, the Titans drilled a couple of three-pointers and used some transition baskets to bump their lead to double digits, and they never looked back.

Junior Louis Randazzo had eight points, and senior Isaiah Williams had five points.

Earlier in the week, North lost 46-38 at Chippewa Valley to drop to 0-4 overall.

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The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M. ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilpersons Tom Jenny and Vivian Sawicki.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilpersons Tom Jenny and Vivian Sawicki from tonight's meeting because of prior commitments.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 7, 2019 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held August 15, 2019 and the Election Commission meeting held October 8, 2019.
- 3) To adjourn to the Budget workshop session.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) To approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 117687 through 117785 in the amount of \$675,644.18 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$23,606.23 for professional services during the month of September 2019 for the following projects: Stormwater Asset Mgmt Plan, #180-202; 2018 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-204; Christian Financial CU Parking Lot, #180-216; Extenet Fiber, #180-220; 2018 Gas Main Replacement, #180-198; DTE Map Request, #180-222 and the Kelly Road Pedestrian Crossing, #180-208. (3) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of 7,484.95 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of October, IT support services and the purchase of battery backup devices, a desktop computer and a printer. (4) approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$220,790.00 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for the third quarter 2019 and \$88,961.00 for the City's proportionate share of the supplemental construction funding for a total of \$309,751.00. (5) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$8,708.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks. (6) approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$43,729.60 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of September 2019. (7) approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$6,799.25 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (8) approve payment to Suburban Library Cooperative in the amount of \$5,419.20 for the automated system services, laser scanner and printers, staff user fees and the subscription to Creativebug Enterprises.
- 2) approve the twelve (12) month renewal of the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and SAFEBuilt Michigan, LLC and further that the City Manager be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.
- 3) approve the extended contract between the City of Harper Woods and WCA Assessing for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, and further to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.
- 4) approve payment to Doetsch Industrial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$49,899.98 for Progress Payment No. 7 on the 2018 SAW Grant - Storm Sewer CCTV Investigation Project, #180-202.
- 5) to introduce and place for first reading an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-56, Consumption of Alcohol of the City of Harper Woods Code of Ordinances," and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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ACROSS

37 Decoration math, perhaps
 39 Finish 10 Reed instrument
 41 Ireland 11 Send a naughty message
 42 Secular 17 Embrace
 45 Servile 19 Billions of years
 49 Form a union 22 Wilkes—, Pa.
 51 Top 24 Peculiar
 52 Isn't well 25 Brazilian tourist mecca
 53 Calendar abbr. 26 Lure
 54 Prolonged sleep 27 Ache aid
 55 Run away 29 Junior
 56 Automaton, for short 30 Teacher's—
 57 Slaughter of baseball 33 Rid of rind
 36 Put in a box
 38 Threaten
 40 Novelist Brown
 42 Unsliced bread
 43 Seed coat
 44 Owl's perch
 46 PC picture
 47 Magazine contents
 48 Meadows
 50 Menagerie

DOWN

1 Zinger
 2 Pelvic bones
 3 Nut partner
 4 Pvt. Bailey
 5 Cherub, in art
 6 The girl
 7 Picnic invaders
 8 Musically keyless
 9 Flood after-

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