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DPW moves forward

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The Department of Public Works will move to Detroit.

In a packed room at the Neighborhood Club Monday, Dec. 18, council voted unanimously to move the DPW to 4849 Canyon.

At the November council meeting, Mayor Christopher Boettcher called for city management, working with Partners in Architecture, to take one more look at viable options for the DPW site.

The due diligence resulted in two options: the Canyon site in Detroit or retaining DPW at its current location on Maumee and building a new, enclosed structure. The Maumee plan, however, called for a satellite location on



City of Grosse Pointe will move its DPW to Detroit. The building at Canyon and Mack was originally built as the Grosse Pointe Tennis Club and currently is being used as St. John Hospital & Medical Center medical record storage.

parking lot 8, behind the BP gas station on Mack at Rivard, to store materials. The satellite location would force City employees to travel back and forth between Maumee and Mack to retrieve materials. It also is situated directly behind residents on Washington and Rivard.

The Canyon location enables DPW to store all

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One step back

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The preferred developer for the proposed Village hotel, Pedersen Development Co., came to council Monday, Dec. 18, asking for guidance moving forward.

“We think we need (direct input from council),” Curt Pedersen, principal at PDC, said. “We know we need that. We would like to request council provide us some guidance as to what direction they would like, because you’re the ones that created the RFP to follow.”

Councilman Andrew Turnbull said he regrets the lack of direction council provided initially.

“Thank you guys for all the hard work you’ve put in so far,” Turnbull said. “I’d like to apologize on our part for the process and not giving you as much direction as we possibly could have. That led to ultimate speculation, rumors and innuendos as to what it was you were proposing, what it was going to do, how it was going to affect our community.”

Councilman Chris Walsh echoed that sentiment.

“In terms of how we handled this, from our

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Woods enforces rules for park use

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Woods city management rolled out new procedures for using Lake Front Park and the city’s recreational facilities by Woods residents and their guests.

“To increase the safety within the Lake Front Park,” a notice to Woods residents stated, the city “is implementing a new element to the 2018 park pass system.”

The new element is photo identification for residents 8

years old and up.

“We’ve had some incidents,” said Grosse Pointe Woods City Administrator Bruce Smith. “It’s come to our attention that some of these incidents involved non-residents. We want to ensure everyone (using the park and facilities) is a resident or the guest of a resident.”

Prompting tighter enforcement of current residency requirements were incidents during this season involving assault of park staff and damage to facilities, often by non-residents, Smith said.

For 2018, the city will issue passes to residents 8 years old and older, which will be renewed every five years. The passes will have a scan code linking to photo identification stored in a database. The photo of the passholder will appear on a screen and be checked by park staff upon entry into the park or a recreational facility, ensuring the pass is registered to the person using it.

Because children use the city’s bus transportation program to get to Lake Front Park in the summer, the city is requiring

children as young as 8 to have passes linked to the system’s electronic photo identification. The bus driver will verify each child’s identification as they board for swim team or other park activities.

Approved during Monday’s city council meeting, Dec. 18, the city purchased a new camera system for monitoring the park gate and activities center. In addition, Smith said, park staff will undergo additional training, and the city will hire

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Library contract negotiations stalled

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Negotiations between the Grosse Pointe Public Library and its employees on a new contract, which expired June 30, are expected to continue into the new year.

Following receipt of a non-binding fact-finding report Nov. 17, library administrators and both

bargaining units — the Grosse Pointe Librarians Association and Grosse Pointe Library Support Personnel Association — returned to the bargaining table Nov. 21, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12, yet failed to reach an agreement. Another meeting is scheduled Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018.

The main issue prior to submission of the fact-finding report was the new insurance plan proposed

by the library board and administration. While employees wanted to keep their current health, dental and vision plan administered by the Michigan Education Special Services Association, the library proposed a Blue Cross/Blue Shield Platinum zero-deductible plan. The MESSA plan was a high-deductible plan, with employees paying only 20 percent of the deductible

in addition to 20 percent of the premium and the library contributing to an employee savings account to cover additional deductible costs. With the BC/BS plan, employees would pay 20 percent of the premium in addition to any co-pays and co-insurance.

“The fact-finding report concluded that both insurance plans were

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GPYC names new GM

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

When Aaron Wagner was 15 years old, he walked into Grosse Pointe Yacht Club General Manager Jack Sullivan's office looking for a job.

"Jack," he said, "I'm Aaron Wagner and I am going to be the best busboy you ever had."

Sullivan told the young Wagner to sit down and asked what he wanted to do.

"I said, hopefully one day I'd like to be sitting in your seat," Wagner said.

He was hired and spent 15 years slowly climbing the ladder until May 2015, when he was hired as Bayview Yacht Club's general manager.

Now 34, Wagner is set to return to GPYC and fill

Sullivan's position come February.

Wagner said he is happy to go back to GPYC.

"Grosse Pointe Yacht Club is very near and dear to my heart because I spent so much time there," Wagner said, "I think it is a very special place. You don't see many clubs like that, as far as yacht clubs."

He said most of the time a yacht club is simply a clubhouse and harbor, but GPYC stands out because, "They have every amenity you can think of."

He also said he enjoyed his time at Bayview and is sad to leave so soon.

"It gave me the opportunity to have my own ship," Wagner said. "I got the experience I needed to do what I want to do and I thought I would be

there for 20 years. I have really enjoyed the ride. We've done a lot of good things."

He hopes to take the lessons learned at Bayview to help GPYC climb back to the top.

It is currently ranked the No. 3 best yacht club in the country by Platinum Clubs of America. But, for 12 years running, Wagner said, GPYC was named the best.

"That's one of my main goals," Wagner said, "to bring GPYC back to being the top club."

The Woods native and

father of two young children is looking to make GPYC more attractive to younger families. He said at Bayview there wasn't room for large capital improvements. Instead, he relied on simple solutions to show the club was family friendly; creating a "kid's corner" and initiating yoga classes, among other things. During his tenure, he said membership improved, reaching about 1,000.

With GPYC, he said he doesn't have the issue of space or amenities. It's just a matter of market-



Aaron Wagner

ing the club properly.

"The forward thinking of how we attract the next generation of members, that's a challenge I look really forward to tackling," Wagner said. "And it's not just throw-

ing projects out there. It's more about how you market it, how you introduce different activities. Most people look at clubs like that and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club isn't stuffy, but they look at it and think, when I'm in my 50s or 60s I'll join. So how do you change that attitude?"

Wagner noted he will be the youngest GM in GPYC history, joining the youngest commodore and chef — a sign the club is working diligently to attract younger members.

"It's a commitment to the future," Wagner said. "It's a commitment for the members to say, we are willing to go in that direction."

Corrigan joins Butzel Long

Justice Maura Corrigan joined Butzel Long as counsel Nov. 27. Corrigan will concentrate her practice in litigation and appeals.

"Maura is highly regarded and deeply respected for her legal acumen and her exemplary service to the state of Michigan," said Justin G. Klimko, president and managing shareholder, Butzel Long. "Our clients and our attorneys will benefit greatly from the talent, experience and wise counsel she brings

to our firm."

Corrigan, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, served as a law clerk to Judge John Gillis of the Michigan Court of Appeals. She then became a Wayne County assistant prosecuting attorney in 1974, and chief of appeals in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Detroit in 1979. In 1986, she was promoted to chief assistant U.S. attorney, the first woman to hold that position. She became a partner at Plunkett and Cooney in

1989.

In 1992, Gov. John Engler appointed her to the Michigan Court of Appeals. In 1997, the Supreme Court named her chief judge of the appeals court. She was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in 1998 and reelected in 2006. Corrigan is the only person ever to serve as chief judge of both the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. She served two terms as chief justice. She left the court Jan. 14, 2011, to become director



Maura Corrigan

of the Michigan Department of Human Services under Gov. Rick Snyder.

From 2015 to 2016, Corrigan was a visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a think tank in Washington, D.C., where she worked on poverty and child welfare issues. In that role, she testified in Congress, authored papers and book chapters and served as liaison to state secretaries of human services.

Corrigan has participated in numerous community and professional activities. She currently serves on seven nonprofit boards. She is a past president of the Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers and the Detroit chapter of the Federal Bar Association. She served as a public member of the Michigan Law Revision Commission 1991 to 1998, an executive board member of the Michigan Judges Association and a member of the Judicial Advisory Board of the Center for Law and Organizational Economics at the University of Washtenaw County Law School. She was vice president of the

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An advertisement for Priebe Mechanical. It features a blue background with a white hand icon pointing to the right. Inside the hand is the text "CALL TODAY FOR FREE QUOTE". To the right of the hand is the phone number "586-293-6883" in large, bold, white numbers with a red outline. Below the phone number is the website "PriebeMechanical.com" in white. At the bottom, the company name "Priebe mechanical" is written in a large, stylized font, with "Priebe" in red and "mechanical" in white. Below the company name is the text "since 1989" in red and "Heating & Cooling" in white.

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Express wishes

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its annual Polar Express event spanning two weekends, giving families the chance to tour the lights in Grosse Pointe on a shuttle bus while listening to the Polar Express story. After the tour, they went to the Cook Schoolhouse to see Santa, eat cookies and drink hot chocolate. There they also received a bell; according to the Polar Express story, the bell only rings for those who believe in Christmas. Left, Santa’s helper elf, Sarah Westrick, asks 21-month-old Jack Grillo what he would like for Christmas.



Hunter St. Pierre holds up his Polar Express ticket.



Niki Napolitano holds her 18-month-old daughter, Giada, who was not so sure of Santa, but in the end gave him a fist bump, signaling all was well.



Victoria Panzenhagen gives Santa a bell because she believes in Christmas.

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standpoint, I apologize,” Walsh said. “I think there should have been a great deal of increased deliberation on what people would actually consider a viable project. I would like to see a project and have the community be able to see a project and say this might work, this might not work.”

A final proposal has not been submitted. The cur-

rent iteration, the eighth since January 2017, calls for a five-story, 105-room hotel with 2,500 square feet of commercial space on Lot 2, including a 193-space parking garage.

PDC stopped working on the project when it started to hear the rhetoric surrounding the November election. It hopes to continue to work with the City on a hotel development, but would like to work closer with council to figure out a viable solution. PDC was

retained as the preferred developer for lot 2.

Council decided to step back and form a small work group with members from council, the Downtown Development Association, business stakeholders, residents and PDC. Members will be approved at the January council meeting.

Mayor Christopher Boettcher said he hopes the work group will come to a decision, whether to move forward with a hotel or decide to stop the pro-

cess altogether, by April 2018.

“The city must be more specific,” Boettcher said, “stating what the city will provide and allow in terms of infrastructure, what we are willing to do, size, space, location, necessary parking demands, style and architecture, just to name a few.

“It is clear Pedersen Development has presented as much as they could considering there are so many unknowns with this RFP”

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good, but because the employees expressed a desire to stay with what we had, we agreed to do that and the board is accepting that part of the recommendation,” said GPPL Director Jessica Keyser.

John Clextion, Ewald branch coordinator and Library Association president, agreed maintaining their insurance plan was “our big fight” and said he is thankful the library agreed with that part of the fact-finding report. However, the meetings didn’t go as well as he hoped in other areas of the negotiation. For example, the bargaining units are holding off on a proposed short-term disability plan to replace the sick bank employees previously used.

“This is something we’ve had many, many years ... where if you have a long-term illness or an injury or recuperation from surgery, you would go into a sick bank and it’s funded by the employees,” Clextion said. “They would like to get rid of that and replace it with short-term disability.”

The issue, according to

Clextion, is the bargaining units are being asked “to sign off on an insurance policy that we do not even have the terms and agreements for. We’ve been asking since June in writing what this insurance policy would cover — the terms and agreements — and they have only given us a template of these things. I think any rational person would want to see the black-and-white print before they sign off on anything. We are kind of befuddled that this is a holdout because we’re asking for a written policy before we sign anything.”

Keyser said while they provided a sample policy, the underwriter for the disability plan typically doesn’t write a policy until they have a commitment, “but we are working to try to get a draft policy written.”

The plan is “through Principal Insurance, which I understand is the largest provider of short-term disability in the country,” Keyser said. “The board feels that would be better for the employees and easier for us to administer.”

Keyser said the associations agreed to the disability plan at the Dec. 5 meeting, but changed

their minds at the meeting a week later.

“We were told throughout the process that the health care was the key-stone issue, but since we’ve given them the health care they wanted, they’ve pivoted,” she said.

Until the contract is signed, employees do not receive the 2.5 percent wage increase the library has proposed, with another 2 percent increase beginning July 1. Per state law, wages are not paid retroactively. Employees also continue to pay the increase in insurance premiums out of pocket. A signing bonus, offered with the BC/BS plan, is off the table with the retention

of the MESSA plan, Keyser said.

“We got really close,” Clextion said. “We thought we were coming to an agreement. We just didn’t feel comfortable; we can’t do this to our members ... until we see the numbers ... If they could show us a written policy and show us the details, we could either say yes or no to it and move on.”

“I really don’t believe that not having the draft policy is what is holding (the contract) up, because they agreed to it originally,” Keyser said. “We hope to get to a resolution Jan. 9. We had hoped to get a resolution for several months now, but it is really up to them.”

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additional park employees.

To obtain a 2018 Lake Front Park pass, each Woods resident 8 and older must visit the Woods Community Center to have a photo taken. Adults must show state-issued photo identification and children 12 and older must present school- or state-issued photo identification. Children ages 8 to 12 must have their photo taken for the system.

Based on first letter of last name, the schedule is:

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Tuesday, Feb. 13, 4 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 4 to 8 p.m.

Smith said the city will work to accommodate Woods residents as they have their photos taken for the new park-pass system. Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 21, the Woods Community Center will extend its hours from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

Residents may pick up park-pass applications at the Woods Community Center or apply online at gpwmi.us.

For more information, call (313) 343-2408 or email parks@gpwmi.us.

The Week Ahead

THURSDAY, DEC. 21

◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Central Branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

◆ 48th annual Belle Isle New Year’s Eve Family Fun Run/Walk. The one-mile fun run begins 3:30 p.m.; the 5K starts 4 p.m. Cost is \$20 for ages 12 and younger, \$40 for ages 13 and older. Registration is due Dec. 21. Call (313) 886-5560 or (313) 715-5560.



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Conference of Chief Justices 2003 to 2004. She is a published author in the legal and child welfare fields. She holds seven honorary doctorates from Michigan col-

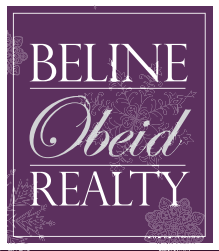
leges and universities, among numerous honors and awards.

She earned her Juris Doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts degree magna cum laude from Marygrove College.

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The quest of a vulnerable man

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

Five years ago, City of Grosse Pointe resident John Quinlan and his wife, Fiona Tanner, were driving down a road in Papua New Guinea when five men emerged from the brush. Three took aim with World War II-era rifles and fired.

Luckily, the would-be assassins missed their mark, leaving Quinlan and Tanner shaken, but alive.

How Quinlan got to that moment in Papua New Guinea is long and winding, and often in the seat of a motorcycle. His story is one of a vulnerable man, of a man opening himself up to the world.

Quinlan grew up in Grosse Pointe Park. During the '70s and '80s, as a young man, he created and ran a publicly traded company in Detroit. After the company's ultimate demise, he went back to school and earned a master's degree in organizational development from the American University in Washington, D.C., and started working as a consultant. But the failure of his business stuck with him, gnawed at him. He needed to get out. So, he jumped on his Harley and headed west.

"I don't believe in accidents," Quinlan said. "My assumption in life is there's purpose every day. I take a very serendipitous view of life. So that part of my journey started with a very innocent motorcycle ride across the United States where I met (Fiona).

"I had no idea I would

end up being married in Tabuane and living in a hut," Quinlan continued. "Just no idea."

Quinlan met Tanner, a Papua New Guinea native, in a bar just outside of Crested Butte, Colo. He was immediately smitten and asked if she would like to go for a motorcycle ride.

"Only if it's a Harley," she said.

At the time, Tanner was living in New York City, working as an activist and lobbyist. Quinlan would visit her and soon a romance was born.

After Sept. 11, 2001, however, Tanner had to return to the Pacific because of issues with her visa. Quinlan was left with a choice — stay in the States or follow Tanner to Australia. For Quinlan, the choice was easy. So without a plan, "I followed her," he said.

Tanner continued her work in remote areas of Papua New Guinea with indigenous clans.

"It was remote, but they were not lost," Tanner said. "They aren't lost, they are definitely well and truly living their life. But as they come up into this Western world, there's going to have to be a way of supporting and transitioning them into a system. They can't control that system barging into their life. They can only control how they interact with it. Which is what we were doing."

In the small village of Tabuane, they grow coffee. But because of the remoteness of the village, it was often too difficult to transport the goods for sale. That left open the



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN QUINLAN

John Quinlan spent eight years living and working in Papua New Guinea.

opportunity for middlemen to take advantage of the villagers.

"The middleman would come in there and convince the farmers to sell their coffee on credit or at a reduced rate," Quinlan said, "then not even come back and pay them for it, or if they did, it was pitance."

The villagers never made money and the crop often would spoil, forcing them to burn their supply.

When Quinlan went to Tabuane with Tanner, he saw an opportunity to help the villagers. So, with his business expertise and Tanner's societal knowledge of the area, they went to work.

They organized local farmers and created Java Mama.

"We created a complete value chain," Quinlan

said. "Planting practices, cultivation practices, training practices. All the way to the literal buying of that coffee, drying of that coffee, bagging, our vehicles bringing it down to the wharf."

They were able to sell directly to exporters.

At the peak they organized farmers in 30 surrounding villages, creating a network and support system for the impoverished area.

They received organic and Rainforest Alliance certification, started to develop chili pepper cultivation as a second crop, built a technically top-of-the-line solar drying facility, a new warehouse and office. They started to become assimilated. The villagers named Quinlan "Tau Bada" or Big White Man.

"We put both feet in,"

Quinlan said. "They loved us."

Everything seemed to be going well, but a deep resentment bubbled below the surface.

"We cut out the middlemen and the politicians," Quinlan said. "We circumvented their whole chain of corruption."

Then in August 2012, an attempt was made on their lives.

"We had no idea that certain people would be jealous, vindictive, vengeful that we were stepping on their turf," Quinlan said. "It was hard to comprehend something like that when you believe you're wearing a white hat and you're doing all the right things. Then you realize that means nothing."

They lost everything, squatters took over their property and the facilities

went into disrepair. Justice was slow moving and corrupt. Police files were lost and the would-be assassins were let out on 50 kina, or \$25 bail.

"Shooters were identified by witnesses," Quinlan said, "one (shooter) being the husband of our office manager. It got really deep. We embraced her deeply, and her little girl, and to turn around and to realize she was complicit in our murder attempt? It just blew me out.

"I never experienced such deflation and disappointment in my life," Quinlan said.

Quinlan said afterward, he spiraled. He would have to leave Papua New Guinea, return to the States and start over. It was simply too dangerous to stay.

The reception he received in Grosse Pointe wasn't exactly what he expected.

He was told, "The only thing that matters is matter," Quinlan said. "If you can't quantify it, if it's not at the bank, you failed. That was a mind bender for me. It was an incentive to write the book."

The book, "Tau Bada: The Quest and Memoir of a Vulnerable Man," details his experiences in Papua New Guinea, how he got there and the mental fallout after he returned. It was an attempt to make sense of what happened. A cathartic practice.

Today, five years after leaving Papua New Guinea, Quinlan and Tanner live in the City. He works as a business consultant and is assimilating back to Western culture.

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materials and vehicles in one location. It also is the less expensive option.

"Renovation is always cheaper," David Gassen, Partners in Architecture principal, said.

Canyon needs renovations, but the structure is

established. The approximately 30,000-square-foot facility was built as the Grosse Pointe Tennis Club and currently is used by St. John Hospital & Medical Center for medical record storage. It has office space and locker rooms, requirements for the DPW facility. The only structure needed to be built is a separate salt storage

barn to avoid degradation of the building.

The total project cost for Canyon is estimated at \$7.2 million, including \$2 million to purchase the property, versus \$8.7 million for a new facility at Maumee.

The move also alleviates a persistent rodent problem at Maumee. Residents in the neighborhood of the current DPW site have been vocal about the issue.

"We have rats," a resident in the 400 block of Neff said. "A serious rat problem. They got into my house. A dead rat is a smell you will never forget. It takes months to go away. We paid an exterminator for two years to put bait traps in our backyard resulting in a lot of dead squirrels. We have garbage in our yard all the time. We have bones, corn cobs and



Residents at the Dec. 18 city council meeting hold up signs in support of moving the DPW to Detroit and out of their backyards

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Bruegger's must have thrown out all their blueberry bagels because they all ended up in the garbage and in our flower pots because squirrels don't like blueberry bagels either."

For Councilman Daniel Williams, the numbers make sense to move.

"I can think of good reasons to keep (DPW) in the city, I can think of good reasons to move," Williams said. "But, at the end of the day it's what's financially best for the citizens because it's your tax dollars. Looking at it, I have to go based on these numbers that we have in

front of us. If it's really \$1.5 million difference in total cost, I think we have to move."

Councilman John Stempfle said there are no advantages to staying at Maumee.

"I've been a strong advocate of moving to Canyon a month ago and I am a strong advocate now," Stempfle said. "The current DPW site, I believe, is an eyesore. It is an embarrassment. We need to get out of there as soon as possible."

Boettcher said he accomplished what he sought to accomplish, which was to ensure the bond money was spent

wisely.

"I got elected, I think, because I kept saying we need to check everything," Boettcher said. "This investment, public safety and public works, is the largest investment that this city has taken ever. There's no question about it that due diligence has happened all the way along the process. But, I will tell you this, tonight is the first time I have seen two options fully laid out. Maybe the numbers aren't exactly right, but they show what I needed to see so I could follow through with what I promised all of you."

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Stories with Santa

Children came dressed in pajamas, brought blankets and stuffed animals and snuggled around the tree while Santa read “’Twas the Night Before Christmas” during The War Memorial’s Bedtime with Santa program. After the story, children shared their wish lists with Santa, then had milk and cookies. Right, Jack Ropke was the first to talk to Santa and he cracked up the crowd with his wish list.



Sariya Tejani sits on the floor with her stuffed reindeer, Clarice, who was Rudolph’s girl-friend in the original movie.



Giuliana Cubba colors a picture of Rudolph before Santa arrives.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Haggart case bound over

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Alexander Haggart, 36, who was arrested in Grosse Pointe Farms Tuesday, Oct. 24, for carrying a concealed weapon, will be bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court. When the St. Clair Shores resident, known in Detroit as a fire-chasing videographer, was pulled over on Lakeshore near Whitcomb, Farms police found a handgun in his glove compartment and arrested him for not having a valid Michigan concealed carry pistol license. Charged with one felony count of carrying a concealed weapon, Haggart was arraigned Tuesday, Oct. 31, before Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora, who set a \$10,000 personal bond. During a preliminary examination Wednesday, Dec. 13, Haggart’s attorney, Patrick Gagniuk, requested Judge Rumora waive the matter. Not waived, Gagniuk requested the matter be bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court, which was granted. An arraignment on information hearing is scheduled Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018, in Third Circuit Court. — Melissa Walsh

City of Grosse Pointe

Smelly wallet

A wallet containing \$20 and a Michigan ID was stolen sometime between 4 and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the 17000 block of Waterloo. The victim placed the wallet in his street shoes on the sideline while he played basketball. When he returned, he discovered his belongings missing.

Fraudulent insurance

A man was arrested for fraudulent insurance 10:40 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, near Cadieux and Waterloo. Officers pulled the man over after running his license plate through the system and discovering a fraudulent application or insurance warning.

The suspect stated he had purchased the insurance on Facebook. He also had two warrants out of Macomb County for assault and aggravated domestic violence.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Speeding down Lakeshore

Officers observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed midnight Saturday, Dec. 16, on southbound Lakeshore at

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Stillmeadow. The officer estimated the speed at 70 to 100 mph. Because of snowy conditions, the officer informed dispatch and followed at a distance. The driver was eventually pulled over at Jefferson and Cadieux by City officers. The driver was traveling 35 to 44 mph around the curve at Moran, according to City officers. The driver denied speeding and was cited for careless driving. — Anthony Viola Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park ‘Tis the season

Packages continue to be stolen from porches in the area. Approximately noon Thursday, Dec. 14, a package containing a \$211 power washer was taken from a porch in the 800 block of Westchester. Between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, a package in the 15000 block of Windmill Pointe was stolen from a porch. The package contained books and DVDs valued at \$55. In the 800 block of Harcourt approximately 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, a package was stolen

containing \$35 in vitamin C supplements. Lost in shipment A resident in the 1200 block of Buckingham bought a 2014 Porsche from a seller in the United Kingdom just after Thanksgiving. However, after the victim wired \$40,000 to the unknown person, communications ceased and the victim has yet to receive the vehicle. — Anthony Viola Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Farms Driver’s test arrest

When a 16-year-old was pulled over for committing a traffic infraction at Mack and Canyon about 11:05 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11, he presented his level-1 driver’s license

explaining he was in the process of taking his driver’s road test. The test evaluator was in the passenger’s seat; the teen’s father was in the back seat. A database search showed a valid U.S. Marshals Service warrant for the father, wanted for selling heroin. Large amounts of cash were found in the man’s coat pockets when he was arrested. When an officer asked the man about the odor of marijuana on him, he presented a medical marijuana card. K9 Officer Tim Harris and his partner, Duke, indicated the presence of narcotic odor on the 365 bills totaling \$8,639 found on the man, which were submitted as evidence to the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office.

Caught driving high

An 18-year-old Hamtramck man was

arrested 10:19 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 17, following a traffic stop for suspicious driving in the 18000 block of Mack. During the stop, the officer noticed a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle and the “glassy, blood-shot and droopy” eyes of the driver, who admitted to smoking marijuana within the previous 30 minutes. He surrendered 5.8 grams of marijuana before being arrested and taken to Henry Ford Cottage Hospital for a blood test. — Melissa Walsh Report information on these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Kroger thefts

◆ At 2:29 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, a

store employee reported two men pushing a cart full of unpaid-for groceries into the parking lot. The men loaded the stolen items into a Ford Windstar van. An employee provided officers with photos of the suspects and vehicle. ◆ At 4:22 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13, a store manager reported a theft of beer and energy drinks. The dispatched officer found suspects in a vehicle matching the report’s description and determined the suspect had exited the vehicle before the stop. The driver, who showed multiple traffic warrants, said the suspect who fled stole the beverages to pay a drug debt. He then requested an ambulance for his own drug addiction. The officer called for an ambulance. — Melissa Walsh Report information on these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

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OUR VIEW

Blue ribbon referendum

If you expected the Grosse Pointe board of education’s blue ribbon facilities committee to come back with recommendations on school closings, you were undoubtedly disappointed last week.

Rather the committee — in its report presented by Superintendent Gary Niehaus and Paul Wills, partner at Plante Moran Cresa, at the Dec. 11 meeting of the board of education — recommended the board go to voters next November for a \$111 million, 1.5-mill, 20-year Critical Needs Bond Referendum.

Barring triggering mechanisms, it will not be until 2022, long after the bond approval passes, or fails, that school closings will be considered. And even at that, the blue ribbon committee already has ruled out closing the high schools or middle schools. Up for discussion will be Barnes Early Childhood Center on Morningside Drive, the administration building at 389 St. Clair and possibly an elementary school or two.

In looking at enrollment decline, Monteith, Poupard and Richard stand out. Monteith lost more than 100 students over the past five years; Richard fell by 45 and Poupard by 31. But, as Dr. Niehaus pointed out, closing schools means changing boundaries, a process fraught with emotion — and winners and losers.

However, there are two school system properties that offer promise with less pain. The selling of 389 St. Clair has been proposed in the past — perhaps 20 years ago — but discussions ceased when a petition drive surfaced with the goal of forcing a referendum on the sale. Perhaps now is the time to relook at that. Beaumont Hospital seems like it would be the most likely interested party. Dr. Niehaus pointed out that the first level of the administration building could be vacated and leased out. Perhaps that would be an option in lieu of selling the property or until a buyer can be found and the sale closed.

Another piece of property to look at is Elworthy Field in Grosse Pointe across Waterloo from The Neighborhood Club. The 9.22-acre site currently incorporates four ball fields, 10 tennis courts, two paddle courts and a tot lot. At \$230,000 an acre, the PMC report places the value at \$2.12 million. The school leases the property for \$1 a year. The lease expires in 2021.

The school system could offer to sell the property to the City or put it up for sale for development. The property should be ample size for a hotel. Yes, it would be a shame to lose the recreation space, but can the school system continue to subsidize non-school sports programs?

We will not weigh in on the efficacy of the \$111 bond referendum at this time. We are heartened by the fact the superintendent has recommended, if the measure passes, that an Oversight Advisory Committee be formed by the board of education to monitor and report back to the board and public on the projects being planned and implemented.

That’s a good start.



Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mary Zeock snapped this shot, which she titled, “Birdbath Snowflake Souffle,” Thursday, Dec. 14. “Quite a pleasant surprise when I spotted it while looking out my kitchen window,” she wrote. “It’s almost 7 inches high and a lovely example of how fresh snow adds to the beauty of our community.”

PHOTO COURTESY OF MARY ZEOCK

OUR VIEW

City moving DPW location

No doubt the residents on Neff and St. Clair surrounding the City of Grosse Pointe’s Department of Public Works yard on Maumee are pleased with Monday night’s unanimous city council approval of moving the DPW operations to a site across Mack Avenue at 4849 Canyon.

The move represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to relocate the City’s DPW facilities out of a residential neighborhood and into a confined building in a zoned commercial area.

The building needs minor adaptation. As the former Grosse Pointe Tennis Club, it has built-in men’s and women’s showers and locker rooms (required for DPW facilities), inside storage for piping and landscaping materials, tall clearance height and, importantly, no columns to impede the passage and storage of large vehicles and equipment.

Indeed, all the City’s rubbish compactor trucks can be parked inside, out of the elements, and power-washed and repaired indoors.

The site plan already has been approved by the city of Detroit, and funds needed for the purchase, renovation and updating of the existing warehouse (currently owned and used for medical records storage by St. John Providence) were approved by voters in August.

While the Canyon site seemed like a done deal prior to the November municipal elections, new Mayor Chris Boettcher wanted another look. He got one. Partners in Architecture was directed to go through the arduous task of doing a line-by-line comparison of the proposed Canyon location with the current site on Maumee. The architects also were told to price out a new, completely enclosed DPW building on the Maumee site so it would be as functional as the Canyon site. Under the Maumee plan, the upstairs of the current Public Safety building would have served as the DPW’s locker rooms and showers for men and

women.

Unlike the Canyon site, under the Maumee plan, materials such as wood chips, gravel, asphalt, excavated soil and salt would have had to be located on Lot 8 behind the BP gas station on Rivard at Mack. Residents and business owners near and abutting Lot 8 took exception to the loss of parking, unsightly outdoor storage bays and the beep beep beep of salt trucks being loaded in the wee hours.

The team at Partners in Architecture did a thorough job pricing out both locations and listing pros and cons. In the end, the Canyon site came in some \$1.5 million less than using the current Maumee property. To build new on Maumee came in at \$8.177 million, while making use of the existing facilities on Canyon came in at \$6.6 million.

New Councilman Dan Williams questioned some of the Canyon location numbers that had changed since a year ago. But after being satisfied with the architects’ explanations, he said the \$1.5 million difference made it clear: “I think we have to move.”

Councilmembers Sheila Tomkowiak, Chris Walsh and John Stempfle, who had already gone through the Maumee vs. Canyon due diligence process, readily agreed; though Mr. Walsh expressed resentment at having to go through it all over again. Councilman Andrew Turnbull noted that during the past election, he detected insinuations that the council was not fiscally responsible. “As Councilman Walsh said, ‘It’s a no-brainer.’” He also apologized to the residents around Lot 8 and the Maumee for “having to come down here.”

Mayor Boettcher said that while running for mayor, he told voters, “We have to check everything.” Now he had two proposals for the DPW facilities. He was satisfied. “At the end of the day, I found out what I needed to find out.”

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Library contract negotiations

To the Editor:

We are writing to provide the community with an update regarding the ongoing contract negotiations with the Grosse Pointe Public Librarians Association, MEA/NEA and Grosse Pointe Public Library Support Personnel Association,

MEA/NEA. The contracts for both bargaining units expired June 30, and despite many meetings and the intervention of a mediator, we have not successfully reached an agreement since then. The library and associations participated in fact-finding in October, a non-binding dispute resolution process available through the state of

Michigan. We received the fact-finder’s report Nov. 17. Once the report was issued, bargaining resumed. The library has chosen to accept some, but not all, of the fact-finder’s non-binding recommendations.

The keystone issue throughout the negotiations has been health-care. Based on concerns raised by employees regarding service and coverage, the library solicited bids for all insurance benefits prior to negotiations. After careful review of all options, the library proposed switching from the MESSA high-deductible plan we currently offer to a Blue Cross Blue Shield Platinum \$0 deductible plan.

The union expressed a desire to maintain coverage with MESSA. The fact-finder in his report

stated both plans presented were very good, but due to the desire of the employees to remain with MESSA, he recommended we remain with the MESSA insurance. Upon receiving this recommendation, the library has included the MESSA plans in all offers to the associations. Our recent offers also include an immediate 2.5 percent wage increase and a 2 percent wage increase July 1, 2018.

We sincerely believed our compromise on the health insurance would bring the negotiations to a swift resolution. Unfortunately, that has not been the case. The library has continued to bargain in good faith, and we truly hope to reach an agreement soon. Meanwhile, operations

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I SAY By John Minnis

Who’s moving our cheese in the Woods?



Bah, humbug! We don’t like change in the Woods. It was bad enough we found out a few weeks ago that our garbage — sorry, rubbish — pickup was changing, but now our park passes are changing as well! First, the rubbish bins. Meet the new contractor, same as the old contractor: Beginning the first of the year, the Woods’ new refuse contractor will be GFL (Green For Life) Environmental Services. Except GFL is the current

contractor — at least since last year when it purchased Rizzo Services, the previous contractor. What has some residents exorcised is that GFL plans on rolling out new 64-gallon wheeled bins — brown ones for mixed refuse and green ones for recyclables. The problem with the bins is that they are YUGE! Several years ago, Rizzo gave us shiny, new red bins for recycling. It is so big, I have to keep it outside next to the garage. I use one of the Woods’ old, small, green bins in the garage and empty it as needed into the red bin, which I usually set out every other week. My question is, what do I do with the red bin when

I get the new, shiny, green one? Now I understand I will be getting a new brown bin to replace the two 55-gallon bins from Lowe’s I use for temporary storage of garbage — sorry, rubbish — bags until rubbish pickup day. For years, we have been trained in the Woods that trash cans and bins are unacceptable. We only use bags in the Woods. That bags are susceptible to squirrels, dogs, coyotes, etc. that leave my garbage — sorry, rubbish — strewn across the street has, apparently, been an acceptable risk. Not anymore. My, and my colleague Shelley Owens’, question is, where will I store a second big, YUGE, shiny bin? I suppose I could let

my wife Terry’s car stay outside in the winter to accommodate the bins. (Try telling her that!) No, I guess the shiny, new brown bin will have to go outside — alongside the shiny, new green bin to replace the old red one. The side of my garage is getting to look like a city alley. I even had to plant a dozen arborvitae to screen the view from passers- and walkersby. But the capper, and what has my colleague Karen Fontanive so upset, is not only are we scrapping garbage — sorry, rubbish — bags for 64-gallon, wheeled bins, our pickup days are changing. Ours on North Higbie Place is moving from Friday to Thursday. We’ve only lived there 10 years, so we’re not so ingrained that we cannot

cope, but what about poor Karen, who’s been on North Renaud for, well, forever? Her day is changing from Friday to WEDNESDAY! I’m sure, at first, there will be many a Tuesday night when her husband jumps out of bed, declaring, “OMG! I forgot to take the trash out!” I am sure I will have many Wednesday night episodes. And then there’s our park passes. It was bad enough that every year we had to go to city hall, hat and ID in hand, to get our park passes. It was bad enough we had to haul Terry’s 88-year-old mother up there with her state-issued ID to prove her identity. (No, we can’t take her daughter’s word for it.) Now we have to go to

city hall on certain days and get our (and mom’s) photo taken! This is apparently to make our Lake Front Park safer. (Who would have known it wasn’t safe? It always seemed pretty safe to us.) I’m not sure how Mom’s going to handle this. And Terry doesn’t like her picture taken on any occasion. Maybe we will just have to enjoy our patio instead ... like we did last year. We certainly hope Woods officials aren’t overplaying the safety thing. Apparently, there have been incidents and vandalism ... by outsiders. (How do they know they were outsiders?) At any rate, so much change in the Woods in such a short space of time. Yikes!

CANYON

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The mayor joined the majority in approving Ms. Tomkowiak’s motion to move the DPW to 4849 Canyon and to close on the purchase from St. John. We applaud Mayor Boettcher and the city council in rightly taking advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get the DPW out of “the neighborhood.” And they have the numbers to back them up. Now, hopefully, something good can come out of the Maumee site — more parking for City Hall and court, more green space and, perhaps, condominiums to add to the City’s tax rolls.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1942
75 years ago this week
LARGE CROWDS RUSH TO NEW POST OFFICE: It’s been busy at the substation post office on Maumee. Set up by the Detroit Post

office to handle holiday mail, Grosse Pointers are using the facility in large numbers in hopes for a permanent post office.
1967
50 years ago this week

SCHOOL ELECTION DATE SET: The Grosse Pointe Board of Education set Feb. 26 for a bond and millage election for the schools and public libraries. Voters are being asked to to approve a two-year levy of 7.5 mills

Pointe Shores couple agreed to let their 17-year-old son have a party in their house and to make themselves scarce for the evening. But before they left, they called Shores public safety and told an officer where they could be reached should the party get out of hand. It did. The couple’s son called police for help saying he invited only 25 people, but more than 150 showed up.

— Karen Fontanive

LETTERS

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continue as usual at all three branches of the library, and we continue to add new services and resources for the community to enjoy.
JESSICA KEYSER
Director
ELIZABETH VOGEL
President

Guns in America: Do the math

To the Editor:
The letter appearing in the Dec. 14 edition of the Grosse Pointe News authored by Margaret Potter ... contends that the internecine flood of guns in America can be purportedly justified by her six examples of “good guy” rescuers using their weapons to save the day, saving innocent lives. Overlook that Ms. Potter’s good guy fable resorts to the yesteryear of 1966. This is literally ancient-history. That apologia is not a rational equivalency for the nation to keep the pervasive, killing power of 300 million guns in the first place. ... “Good guys” on the scene is microscopic. This is hardly the logical *ratio decidendi* for modern life in America as it further makes us an armed camp. For babies in schools it makes no sense. The Oct. 5 edition of the British Guardian newspaper is an overwhelming rebuttal: Gun-related deaths in this country (since 1968) have been carefully tallied as 1,516,863 as of 2015. The macabre death toll of 1,516,863 after 1968 must be contrasted with the number of deaths calculated by the Guardian of all Americans killed in

combat: 1,396,733. This death toll includes all wars, conflicts or police actions by the United States from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War, through both World Wars I and II and Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan and other actions. Let this mind-boggling statistic sink in: The bizarre and shockingly lethal Second Amendment interpretation of Ms. Potter and her NRA worthies has cost this country more lives than all American wars put together. That there have been a handful — Ms. Potter cites only a *de minimis* six — of “good guys” rescues does not logically nor morally excuse the catastrophic slaughter now standing at 1,516,863 since 1968. It gets much worse for Ms. Potter: Her foregoing argument does not even touch the incredible

number of wounded persons like the Las Vegas wounded or Gabby Giffordses: 70,000 wounded people per year are forever maimed by gunshot, if they are “lucky” enough to survive. Yes, 70,000 per year. Since Ms. Potter chooses to go back to 1966 for her “good guys” argument, this means that roughly 3.5 million injured/wounded and 1,516,863 killed should all be added together to be seen as totaling over 5 million victims forever dead or handicapped, and for what? John Wayne machismo? Against this 5 million-person carnage stands the burlesque of Ms. Potter’s occasional “High Noon” bravery of the would-be Gary Cooper, not acting as a trained cop, just a happenstance, regular “good guy” who is, on that fateful day, happily packing heat. On moral and logical

grounds of statistical evidence, I deny that argument.
JOHN P. JACOBS
Grosse Pointe Farms

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Trombly student touches vet’s heart

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

A local student made a veteran’s day and he decided to return the favor.

During a Veterans’ Day recognition breakfast at The War Memorial, members of Boy Scouts handed out letters written by local schoolchildren to each of the vets in attendance — nearly 300 of them. John Maliszewski received one of those letters, written by a student named Avery.

Maliszewski said he read the letter when he got home and “it really touched my heart. It made me proud to be a veteran. And when I looked at it again, it made me smile.”

It touched him so much

he decided he wanted to meet Avery and recognize her publicly. After a little sleuthing on the part of Superintendent Gary Niehaus and Walt Fitzpatrick, principal at Trombly Elementary School, the writer was identified as Avery Jakubowski, who wrote the letter as part of an activity for Trombly’s Be Kind Club. Arrangements were made for Maliszewski to meet the third-grader at Trombly’s town hall Friday, Dec. 15.

Maliszewski brought a copy of the letter to read at the all-school assembly. The original is on his dining room table where it passes by and looks at it every day.

“I’ve been told by my wife that some day I’m going to have to move

that letter off the dining room table,” he said. “It’s been a month and it’s still there.”

‘If you continue to write these letters, I guarantee you’re going to make a veteran smile.’

JOHN MALISZEWSKI
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps

The letter reads: “Dear Veterans, Thank you for fighting and saving our country. I respect everything you do. You believe in America. I do too. I look up to you. You make America great. Your friend, Avery.”

Maliszewski, a captain and fighter pilot in the

U.S. Marine Corps who served in the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1973, wrote a note in response and included a photo of the F4 Phantom, the plane he flew in Vietnam. Flying at more than two times the speed of sound, the F4 Phantom was the fastest plane at the time, Maliszewski said.

Maliszewski had a parting message for Trombly students.

“Before I go, I’d like to ask you guys a favor and I have a guarantee for you,” he said. “I hope all you boys and girls continue writing these letters. We get them, us veterans read them and we appreciate it. My guarantee is this: If you continue to write these letters, I guarantee you’re going to make a veteran smile.”



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Vietnam veteran John Maliszewski and Trombly third-grader Avery Jakubowski display the letters each received from the other.



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The Tower brought home a Best of Show trophy. At the conference were Tower editors, from left, Henry Ayrault, Alyssa Czech, John Francis, Liz Bigham and Grace Reyes.

Tower wins best of show

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

John Francis, co-editor-in-chief of the Tower, Grosse Pointe South High School’s newspaper, didn’t expect to walk away with a trophy and Best of Show award when he attended his first National High School Journalism Convention Nov. 15 to 19. Held in Dallas, the convention is a semi-annual gathering of high school journalists and advisers sponsored by the Journalism Education Association and its partner, the National Scholastic Press Association.

Representing South

along with Francis were co-editor-in-chief, Liz Bigham, and other top editors, Henry Ayrault, Alyssa Czech and Grace Reyes and their adviser, Kaitlin Edgerton.

In addition to submitting last year’s work, students in attendance were eligible to select an issue from this year for consideration for a Best of Show award in newspaper, magazine, broadsheet or online categories. Tower won a NSPA Best of Show first-place for newspaper broadsheet with a student population of more than 1,500.

“We had no expectations going into it,” said Edgerton. “You submit one newspaper you want.

It’s pretty nerve-wracking. The students picked the one they wanted to put into the competition. We crossed our fingers and we ended up getting first place out of 500 submissions in the country.”

Francis said the national acclaim among the 6,000 journalism students in attendance “totally boosted our staff, gave everybody that sign we’re doing something right this year.”

Supervising editor Katherine Byrd, who was not in attendance, won fifth place for sports feature writing for a story she wrote last year on ACL tears in female athletes.

Edgerton said she hopes to bring students to next year’s convention in Chicago.



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Letters to Santa

Letters to Santa Claus from Trombly Elementary School students were sent electronically to the North Pole in time for all wishes to be considered — from old-fashioned favorites like an Easy Bake oven to latest trends such as Hatchimals animal hatching eggs. True to our long-standing tradition, we have printed a sampling on page 9B.

Teacher of THE WEEK



Robert Wozniak

School: Mason and Poupard elementary schools
Years at Mason: 2
Grade/Subject: Physical education
Nominated by: Mason Principal Roy Bishop
Principal’s quote: “Mr. Wozniak is not only an exceptional teacher but an outstanding person. On a daily basis, he connects with students beyond the four walls of his classroom to ensure they know he cares about them. Students and staff see him as an invaluable resource because of his energy, positivity, growth mindset and ability to make difficult situations into opportunities. Rob has never considered himself to be solely a physical education teacher but a teacher that appeals to the needs of all children. Our school and district are great because of wonderful educators like Mr. Wozniak!

What do you enjoy most about teaching? I am fortunate to be able to work with stu-

dents who range from young 5’s to fifth grade. My students bring positive energy every day and I must be ready to meet that challenge daily.

Describe a teaching accomplishment you’re proud of or a “teachable moment” you experienced. I am most proud of achieving my master’s degree and obtaining CAPE certification as a teacher. My CAPE certification allows me to teach both general education and special education. My special education background helps me to incorporate differentiated instruction into all of my classes, emphasizing we are all different and unique and we all have varying abilities and talents that we need to embrace.

Please share a book or person that has inspired you or your teaching. The person who has inspired me the most is former Monteith physical education teacher Gail



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Frederick. The recently retired Frederick was a mentor for many years. Her passion for physical education taught me the importance we play to each student, each class and to the community. She pushed me to demand the best from myself, so I could design lesson plans which could engage all students. In addition, she taught me the importance of maintaining a positive environment and class experience. Positivity brings prosperity.

Favorite quote: Never miss an opportunity to be great.

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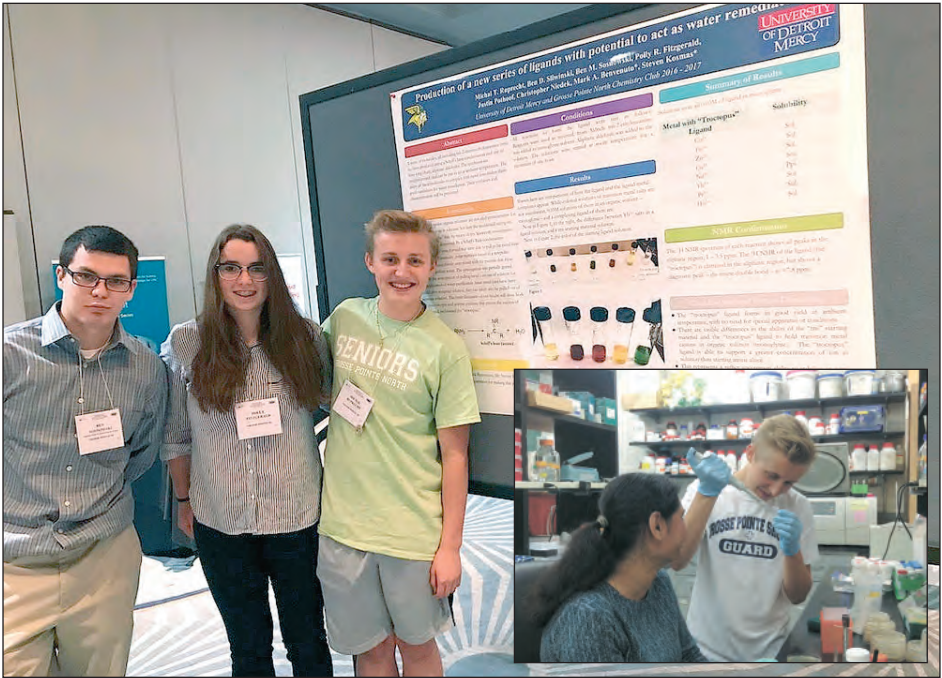
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North student takes research to next level

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Winning an American Chemistry Society Ciba award in green chemistry is achievement enough. Winning it as a high school student is unprecedented. Grosse Pointe North High School senior Michal Ruprecht became the first high school student in the country to achieve this distinction since the program began in 2010. The other three awardees were graduate students from the University of California – Berkeley and University of Massachusetts Boston and an undergraduate student from Simmons College.

Administered by the ACS Green Chemistry Institute, the Ciba Travel Award enables students with an interest in green chemistry to travel to an ACS conference and expand their education by attending symposia, presenting their research and networking. Ruprecht plans to present his research topic — use of ligands to remove metals from aqueous substances — at the 226th ACS National Meeting and Exposition in Boston Aug. 19 to 23, 2018.



Presenting their poster at the ACS Chemistry Regional Conference in Dearborn were, from left, Ben Sosnowski, Polly Fitzgerald and Michal Ruprecht. Ben Sliwinski did not attend. Inset photo, Ruprecht, pictured with research assistant Chithra Kannachazhath Muralaeddharan, worked in Sunbin Xu's lab at Wayne State University last summer.

Ruprecht's research was inspired by the Flint water crisis. Beginning last fall, he and fellow students from North's chemistry club participated in advanced organic and green chemistry research at the University of Detroit Mercy. Working with professor of chemistry Mark Benvenuto Ph.D., the

group — Ben Sliwinski, now a student at the University of Michigan, Ben Sosnowski, currently at Michigan Technological University, Polly Fitzgerald, a junior at North and Ruprecht — investigated the use of ligands — molecules that bind to other molecules — to pull metal ions from aqueous solutions. Benvenuto said his research team is in the process of publishing results from the project, with Ruprecht listed as a co-author.

While Benvenuto said he had done "plenty of outreach to high school students," this was his first time working with them as part of his research group.

When students approached North chemistry teacher and chemistry club adviser Steve Kosmas about research possibilities, Kosmas reached out to Benvenuto. The result was what Kosmas described as a "great syn-

ergistic learning environment," with the four students working on a project Benvenuto said was a natural outgrowth of something his own students were doing.

"We were really passionate about this subject," Ruprecht said. "We concluded this ligand could potentially pull out ions from tainted waters. After several months of data collections, we were able to come together and analyze our data and create a science poster."

The students — representing the only high school group in attendance — presented their poster to professors, undergraduate and graduate students at the ACS Central Regional Conference in Dearborn in June. This achievement led to Ruprecht being awarded the 2016-17 Network of Educators in Science and Technology Student Award: Promise of the Future, setting the

stage for his Ciba Travel Award.

It was Kosmas who initially challenged Ruprecht to apply for the travel grant.

"I joked that we need to go to a national conference and present this research — knowing we didn't have the money," Kosmas said, adding he understood it was a long shot; the previous year's recipients were all Ph.D. candidates.

Ruprecht took the initiative to follow up, as he said the opportunity to present the poster at the national meeting will allow him to see how research is applied to other fields, including the medical field, which he hopes to pursue, and the political science field.

"Overall this experience was really great," he said. "I was able to pursue something I was really passionate about and I never thought it would go this far. I hope it inspires other people to do research."

In addition to the research experience, Kosmas credits Ruprecht for driving the chemistry club in other new directions as well, including development of the rock-etry club and more outreach activities. Membership has also grown, from about 10

members in 2015-16 to 40 this year.

"He has done so many amazing things, it's hard for me to keep track of them," said Kosmas, adding Ruprecht will graduate with three years of chemistry — honors chemistry, AP chemistry and organic chemistry — under his belt, an "extremely unusual" feat.

Last summer Ruprecht expanded his research horizons into the biological field with a focus on immunology, working with Shunbin Xu Ph.D., professor of anatomy and cell biology at Wayne State University School of Medicine, on a research project to develop new approaches to fight antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections and tumors that bypass the immune system. He hopes to continue this research in Xu's lab next summer.

"When you do research, you never really know what the end point will be," Ruprecht said. "You have an idea where you want to get to, but it's always a mystery and that's why I love research. I want to pursue this in my undergraduate and graduate studies and I can't wait to see what I uncover. I think of it as digging in a sandbox. You never know what you'll find."

Liggett student creates robotic elf

A new elf hit the shelf just in time to help deliver presents. Bella Metry, a sixth-grader at University Liggett School, finished building a robotic elf using the littleBits Droid Kit and Code Kit during Hour of Code, an annual event held during National Computer Science Education Week Dec 4 to 10, to promote interest in coding.

Through engagement with games and hands-on learning, students use littleBits Code Kits to invent, create and collaborate.

"I'm excited about the possibilities littleBits opens up for students interested in exploring STEAM concepts," said Nicholas Provenzano, middle school technology integrator and maker space director at Liggett. "Watching students explore and create using them is a wonderful part of the new maker space here at Liggett. I can't wait to see all the great things

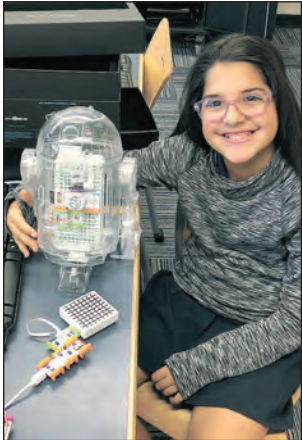


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Liggett sixth-grader Bella Metry with her robotic elf.

students will create in the coming months." Educators are at the forefront of science, technology, education, arts and math curriculum across the country, according to Ayah Bdeir, founder and CEO of littleBits.

"The Hour of Code is just one element of what is becoming a dynamic and significant shift to more advanced STEAM," Bdeir said.

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Above, Toni Urso-Salvador, aka Christmas Carol, waves to onlookers during the 2017 Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. Right, Urso-Salvador smiles brightly with Santa, portrayed by Ed Tujaka.



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A Christmas legend
Role of a lifetime for Shores resident

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Toni Urso-Salvador gets a great response from children during the annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, but it's the baby boomers who really recognize her. The Grosse Pointe Shores resident has appeared as Christmas Carol in the local event "at least 15 years," but was among the original Christmas Carols at Hudson's Department Store downtown decades ago.

"A lot of baby boomers

smile and wave," she said. "Younger people today don't know Christmas Carol."

The character was first brought to life in 1953, by Maureen Bailey, who after a few years went on to pursue a show business career.

As Urso-Salvador explains it, the role was meant for her.

"It goes back to when I was younger," she said. "My mom was a dancer and singer on the Danny Thomas radio show. She taught us dance. Then I studied dance and theater. When I was younger I would perform for the family. When it's a part of you, you can't hold it in. You've got to get it out."

In her teens, Urso-Salvador got involved with Grosse Pointe Theatre. She also was a member of the Vanguard Playhouse, Detroit's first full-equity professional theater; choreographer for the Traverse City Playhouse; actor with the Dearborn Civic Theater and professional dancer with The Stylettes, a precision dance team.

"I was always on the end, because I was the shortest, but I could

dance just as well as the rest of them," she said.

"I remember going downtown to the Hudson's store when I was younger. They had the 12th floor — Santaland. I remember the old brass elevators; the elevator attendants wore white gloves.

"One day I was skipping around and a gentleman there asked me what I do. I told him I was with the Grosse Pointe Theatre. He said, 'You could be a good Christmas Carol.'"

There were only a handful who took on the role. Urso-Salvador dabbled in it a few years in the 1960s before fully taking on the part in the '70s. Christmas Carol, she explained, is Santa's No. 1 elf at the North Pole.

"She is in charge of all the elves and all they do to make sure all the toys and everything are ready," she said. "Christmas Carol was known for her patent leather hair and patent leather boots. The beauty of this is, I know there are other people who have played her, but I'm one of the last remaining."

During the early 1990s, Christmas Carol was phased out of the celebration, "but that didn't stop me from continuing," she said.

Urso-Salvador, 76, has participated in many Shores tree-lighting ceremonies and has made numerous appearances at hospitals, senior centers, charity events and other occasions.

"The Parade Company reinvented her around 2007 and brought her back," she said. "I loved it. That was just me. I have a lot of passion in life. This is something I'm very passionate about."

The revamped role included riding on Santa's Workshop float during the annual Thanksgiving Day parade downtown.

"When Christmas Carol arrived with Santa, mayors in Detroit would hand us the key to the hearts of all the children," she said.

Urso-Salvador, a health and wellness specialist, said her motto is "live well, laugh often, love much."

"This is my favorite

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- ◆ 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.
- ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Grosse Pointe Woods

Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

To register, visit red crossblood.org.

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

- ◆ 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 9 to 30, "Pen and Ink with Al Sonnenberg."
- ◆ 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 9 to 30, "Acrylics with Al Sonnenberg."
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- ◆ 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, January birthday celebrations. Celebrate your January birthday with lunch, birthday cake and a keepsake photo. Reservations are required.
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The Lake House, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores, offers the following programs:

- ◆ Drum Circle 2 to 3 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. Instruments are provided, but participants may bring their own percussion instruments as well.
 - ◆ Gentle mat yoga 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays and chair yoga noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays. No experience is needed and all ages are welcome.
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Other fitness offerings at Assumption are Yoga Slow Flow and Yin Yoga; Tae Kwon Do Karate for adults and Young Dragons Tae Kwon Do for children; and pickleball, for those who enjoy competitive sports.

For more details or to register, visit myassumption.org or call (586) 779-6111.

Assumption is located at 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

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time of year," she said. "I find myself reliving everything. I think it keeps you going. The biggest joy is when I see the little children's eyes light up. I do it because of the joy I see in others.

"Elves can never grow old," she continued. "They stay the same. Even though I'm aging, it's still a role I can continue to play."

Urso-Salvador still wears the same costume she donned at Hudson's four decades ago, though it's been updated with fur trim and "fixed up" with the addition of ear muffs and a jacket.

Her original shoes, however, are commemorated in a shadow box at the Parade Company.

In addition to her Christmas Carol appearances, Urso-Salvador stays active race walking; she completed a 10K this fall. She also enjoys

spending time with family — husband, John; children, Isa and John; three grandchildren and a fourth on the way.

"You have to stay active," she said. "You're only as old as you feel and I feel three years younger every day. I have to thank God for that. There are a lot of good things going on and I don't want to miss anything. I am a woman of faith; God has really helped me. I believe there's more for me to do."



Toni Urso-Salvador assists Santa as he visits with children.

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Small child, big gesture

Tot donates birthday gifts to Capuchins

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Elizabeth “Elle” Shalla turned 5 years old Dec. 10.

Having a birthday that close to Christmas has always resulted in an abundance of gifts.

This year, the young Grosse Pointe Woods resident and her mother, Kristine Shalla, decided at least some of those gifts should go to those in need.

“I had a conversation with her,” Kristine Shalla said. “She gets all these toys. I asked her what we should do with them. She said she wanted to give them to kids who Santa doesn’t get to visit.”

Shalla suggested her daughter ask friends invited to her birthday party — a movie party at the Grosse Pointe Park theater — to bring a gift for charity instead.

Forty children attended, each bearing a gift for donation to the Capuchin ministries.



Elizabeth “Elle” Shalla sits among the more than 150 gifts she’ll donate to the Capuchin ministries.

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“On Christmas at the Capuchins, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. everyone comes in and the kids get a ticket,” she said. “After they have a meal, they

get to pick out a gift. “We decided on the Capuchins because not only do we like what they do — it’s a charity that as a family we sup-

port a lot — but what really moved me was ... last year, the Capuchins went on the news pleading for gifts because they run out.”

Not only did Shalla get support from the children at her daughter’s birthday party — where they watched “The Polar Express” — but her aunt

offered to match any gifts through her company, Armaly Brands. Another aunt did the same, bringing the donation total to more than 150 items.

Additionally, “we realized there are older kids and adults in need as well, so our company bought hats and gloves, boots and coats, sweaters and blue jeans,” Shalla said.

“(Elle) said she really wanted to help the kids,” she continued. “She has enough of her own stuff that she doesn’t need more. She’s very conscious of what she can donate. She’s happy and she wants to help them because she knows Santa won’t visit them. She said, ‘Maybe they don’t have an (Elf on the Shelf) to tell Santa they’ve been good, so that’s why we need to help them.’”

Shalla, who has two other children with her husband, Ryan — Ryan, 6, and Margot, 3 — is considering taking her middle child to the Capuchins on Christmas so she can see the impact her donation will make.

“She’s five going on 25,” Shalla said. “She’s very conscious of her surroundings and she recognized a need.”

Museums offer free family programming for the holidays

The Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum will be open all week between Christmas and New Year’s Eve, offering free programming for the whole family Tuesday, Dec. 26, to Sunday, Dec. 31.

At the Detroit Historical Museum throughout the week, guests may take part in a social media history hunt throughout the museum, make a holiday craft in the Gallery of Culture 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or watch two films:

“Detroit, Remember When: Motor City Memories and Hometown Traditions” at 11 a.m. and “Detroit Remember When: Made in the Motor City” at 1 p.m. daily in the auditorium. The week is capped off

by a New Year’s Eve event 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. Preschool and elementary-aged children and their families may visit the Detroit Historical Museum to make their own noisemaker, write a

time capsule letter, partake in cookies and hot cocoa and ring in the New Year with a countdown to noon.

In addition, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum will be open Tuesday, Dec. 26, to Sunday, Dec. 31, fea-

turing daily film screenings of “The Christmas Tree Ship” at 11 a.m. and “More Bob-lo Memories” at 1 p.m. each day.

More details about films and holiday week activities are available at detroithistorical.org.

“Cheers” To A Finer Diner... The SideStreet Diner!



It’s been more than seven years since cousins Meghan Joseposky and Sheila Taylor took over the old Clairpointe Restaurant and added new life to The Village. They decided to commit themselves to the rundown restaurant and bring it back to life. In the era of the market crashing, these two visionaries saw what is now the SideStreet Diner. The tavern license and outside seating are something new to what they have done before and they say it’s better than they ever anticipated. They wanted a sort of “Cheers” atmosphere and feel they have achieved just that. Like “Cheers” there are no televisions or Wi-Fi, so set down your phone and step back in time, unless you are checking in or posting a picture on social media. The SideStreet Diner is a favorite gathering place for family, friends, teenagers, even the little ones enjoy the social aspect of the diner. The cousins brought together a wonderful staff from other businesses

they have owned and worked in to bring you the best. Many employees have worked together for more than 20 years. Sheila and Meghan are so grateful to have a wonderful staff that reflects how they feel about their customers. They are a big, happy, diner family.

Sheila and Meghan get involved with other local businesses to ensure a cohesive shopping, dining and playing environment for the whole Village. They meet once a month to discuss with other business owners the happenings in The Village. They work together to ensure success for all the businesses. They participate in many community events, including Get Your Pink On, tailgating



at the high school, window decorating, trick-or-treating and more. They were out during the annual Santa Parade handing out hot cocoa. Everyone is welcome to stop by and say “hi.”

They want to wish everyone happy holidays, merry Christmas and happy New Year. May we all be happy, healthy and prosperous in 2018.



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OBITUARIES

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

Emily “Gaby” Elsey
Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Emily “Gaby” Elsey, 85, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017, in Jensen Beach, Fla.

She enjoyed the arts, traveling and participating in various philanthropic organizations.

Gaby is survived by her loving husband, Lee L. Elsey; sons, Daniel Mink (Joann) and Timothy Mink (Cheryl); stepdaughter Katy Elsey (Mike Ryan); stepsons, Lee L. Elsey Jr. (Susanne) and James Elsey (Catherine); grandchildren, Danielle Mink, Jack Elsey, Celeste Elsey, Katrina Elsey, Jaye Elsey, Brenna Grazioli, Lee Elsey III, Christopher Hildebrand, Ian Hildebrand and Colin Hildebrand and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in Jensen Beach at a future date.

Donations may be made to National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, 1731 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314 or at nhpc.org.

John Arthur Schrader Jr.

John Arthur Schrader Jr., 68, of Lakeport, passed away Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017, at Blue Water Hospice Home after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Aug. 5, 1949, in Detroit, to Jack and Jean Schrader, and lived in Lakeport the past 20 years. He married Justine Harrington Sept. 9, 1999, in Big Sky, Mont.

John was a graduate of Grosse Pointe High School and attended the University of Michigan. He was an engineering consultant and member of St. Edward on the Lake Catholic Church. John was an avid downhill skier and competitive sailor. He was a lover of the Vintage Tavern and its patrons.

He will be deeply missed by his loving family and friends.

John is survived by his wife, Justine; daughters, Montana and Sylvie; son, Cameron Z. (Jennifer) and grandchildren, Ellie and Emmett. He also is survived by his sister, Jill (Bob) and aunt, Shirley.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 12 at St. Edward on the Lake

Catholic Church. Donations may be made to St. Edward on the Lake Church or School, 6945 Lakeshore Road, Lakeport, MI 48059.

Share a memory at smithfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Edward John Russell Jr.

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Edward John Russell Jr., 95, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Grosse Pointe Woods.

He was born in Detroit, to Edward John and Anna Russell. He graduated from Roosevelt Military Academy and continued his formal education at Wheaton College in Illinois.

Mr. Russell was a World War II veteran. His fluency in the German language led to his being commissioned as a guard for German Prisoners of War in Texas. He then served in the Pacific Theatre for the U.S. Army as a supply logistics officer. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Feb. 25, 1946.

In 1948, Mr. Russell married the love of his life, Madeline Elizabeth Newitt, raised their three children and traveled the world with family and friends. The couple were married 62 years. Mr. Russell led an active life and especially enjoyed the pursuit of big game hunting in the western United States and Canada, as well as bird hunting. His other interests included fellowship at Grosse Pointe Baptist Church and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. He and Betty spent the winter months at their home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with friends from around the Midwest. Edward and Betty had a united passion to minister to young people in the Christian faith and put forth efforts in fundraising and support of numerous organizations that encouraged these values.

Mr. Russell was predeceased by his wife, Betty, and sister, Esther Knopf. He is survived by his daughter, Mariann Russell Looney (Michael); sons, Charles Matthew Russell and Edward John Russell III (Marcia), along with eight grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He also is survived by his brother, Richard Russell.

Memorial donations can be made to Grosse Pointe Young Life, 475 Fisher, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48230.

Dorothy Christie Chenoweth

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Dorothy Christie “Chris” Chenoweth, 94, died peacefully Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017, surrounded by her loving family.

Chris was born July 3, 1923, in Akron, Ohio, to John A. and Ruth E. Christie. After spending many years in Grosse Pointe, Chris moved to Akron in 1970 and most recently, Naples, Fla. She was active in the Women’s Board of Akron Children’s Hospital, the Junior League of Akron and the Akron Garden Club.

Chris is survived by her devoted and loving husband of 47 years, Richard A. Chenoweth; children, Rick Tomkinson (Kate), Betsy Getz (Art), Chris Yuhasz (Jeff), Gindy Smith (Dick), Jean Vernon (Tony) and Bill Chenoweth, as well as 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Richard F. Tomkinson; parents and sister, Catherine Broers.

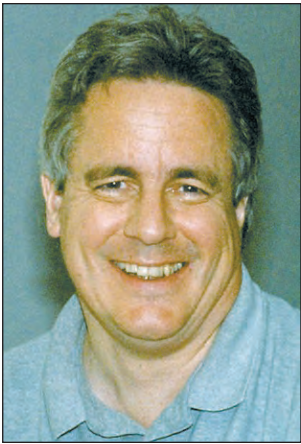
A memorial service was held Dec. 14, in Naples.

Donations may be made to the Women’s Board of Akron Children’s Hospital at akronchildrens.org; the Dick and Chris Chenoweth Fund at the Akron Community Foundation, 345 West Cedar St., Akron, OH 44307 or a charity of the donor’s choice.

Norma K. Reynolds Cavanaugh

Norma K. Reynolds Cavanaugh, 96, of East China Township, passed away Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017.

Norma was born March 18, 1921, in Newburyport, Mass., to Henry and Rose Reynolds. Norma graduated from Newburyport High School in 1938. She earned a bachelor’s degree in 1942 from Salem State College and a master’s degree in 1967 from Boston University. She taught in Charlestown, N.H. one year and spent 39 years teaching in Amesbury, Mass., retiring in 1987. Norma married Walter Cavanaugh in



John Arthur Schrader Jr.



Edward John Russell Jr.



Dorothy C. Chenoweth

1987. In addition to her parents and husband she was predeceased by sisters, Eleanor Reynolds and Ann Zabriskie.

Norma is survived by Michael Cavanaugh (Jill), Thomas Cavanaugh, Dennis Cavanaugh (Pamela), Patricia LaFontaine (Frederick), Virginia Rivard (Hendrick), Eleanore McDowell (John) and Maureen Vyletel (Eugene) and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date.

Donations may be made to The Salvation Army at salvationarmyusa.org.

Share a memory at youngcolonial.com.

Theodore Henry Hinchman III

Theodore Henry Hinchman III, 83, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017, in Houston.

A sixth-generation Detroiter, he was born July 9, 1934, in Grosse Pointe to David Ballentine Hinchman and Anne Matheson Hinchman. Following graduation from Grosse Pointe High School in 1952 and service during the Korean War in the Army’s 101st Airborne Division, Ted earned a bachelor’s degree from Michigan State University and a graduate degree from New York University’s Stern School of Business. After working in marketing and manufacturing sales several years in Michigan, Ohio and Texas, he founded Hinchman & Assoc., a manufacturers’ sales firm specializing in commercial furniture and systems, in Houston. His family called him the original “King of the Road.”

Never without an opinion, Ted excelled at swimming, tennis, telling stories and enjoying his children and grandchildren. He loved sunsets on the dock at their cottage on Gull Lake, taking photos of the family and organizing them and beach activities, fondly recalling his summers growing up on the shores of Grand Haven. He and his wife, Jan, have made their home in Houston more than 40 years, while continuing to spend their summers at Gull Lake.

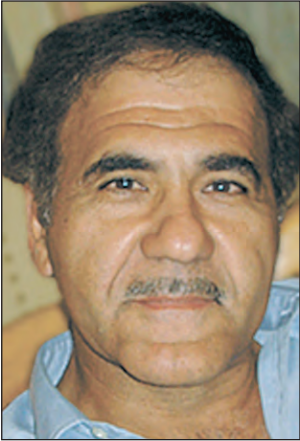
Ted was predeceased by his brother, David Hinchman and daughter, Nancy Lee Hinchman. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, the former Janeth LaMont; children, Judith Hinchman and husband, Patrick Garver; Emma Hinchman and husband, Jim Meston; Sara Howell and husband, Brad; Carolyn Gray and husband, Dan; David Hinchman and wife, Pauline and Ted Hinchman. Additionally, he is survived by his grandchildren and their spouses, David and Alyssa Garver, Danielle Garver, Connor Meston, Stefan and Lauren Howell Anderson, Neil and Victoria Howell,



Norma K. Cavanaugh



Theodore Hinchman III



Dino D. Paviglianiti



Richard T. Kingston

Chase Howell, Audrey Gray, Ryan Gray, Ross Hinchman and Grace Hinchman and great-grandchild, Charlotte Garver.

He also is survived by his sister, Anne-Louise Berry and her husband, Sterling and his “Berry girls” nieces, Jaie Berry, Ginna Ericksen, Martha Long, Barbara Pappas, Melissa Hibdon and their families.

A funeral service was held Dec. 9 in Houston.

Dino Demetrio Paviglianiti

Dino Demetrio Paviglianiti, 58, passed away peacefully Saturday Dec. 16, 2017.

Born in Detroit to Grazio and Carmela Paviglianiti, Dino graduated from East Detroit High School in 1977 and earned an associate’s degree in construction management from Macomb Community College. He was a member of the Eastpointe Police Reserves, serving as treasurer, and enjoyed boating, practicing at the gun range and most of all, spending time with his family and friends. He was especially devoted to his construction work—a skill taught to him by his father and shared with him by his brother.

He will be remembered for being a supportive friend, having a determined spirit and for always giving a helping hand.

Dino is survived by his mother, Carmela; brother, Paul Paviglianiti (Joyce) and sister, Bernice Ouelette (Gerard); nephew, Vince; nieces, Angela, Valarie (James), Melina (Jonathan), Alysa (Charley) and Nadia (Ryan) and great nieces and great nephews, Francesca, Liam, Jett, Charley III and Dex. He will be greatly missed by his dog, Max.

Dino also is survived by many relatives in London, Canada and Calabria, Italy, friends

and business associates. He was predeceased by his father, Grazio.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at St. Barnabas Church, 24800 Phlox, Eastpointe. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m.

Donations may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation at themmrf.org.

Share a memory at wujekcalcaterra.com.

Richard Thomas Kingston

Richard Thomas Kingston, 66, of Rochester Hills, passed away Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017.

He was born June 11, 1951, in Detroit, graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and earned a bachelor’s degree from Wayne State University. He married Peggy Smyk May 28, 1977.

Richard had a career in facilities for T.I. Automotive, formerly Bundy Tubing Co. He volunteered for Kensington Church, Older Persons’ Commission and Leader Dogs for the Blind. Richard had a passion for rock ‘n’ roll, playing the drums, his Jeep Wrangler and his Boxer Bronx.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; children, Patrick (Lindsey) and Shannon Kingston; siblings, Kathleen Ottoy (Robert) and Patricia Finn; mother-in-law, Stephanie Smyk; sisters-in-law, Sharon Lisak and Mary Malewicz (John); brother-in-law, Wally Smyk (Lisa) and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at Pixley Funeral Home, 322 W. University Dr., Rochester. Visitation begins at 10 a.m.

Donations in Richard’s memory may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI, 48307.

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OBITUARIES:
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Joseph A. Feldman

Joseph A. Feldman, 68, died peacefully Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017, at home in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, his wife and daughter by his side.

He was the cherished husband of Anna Feldman Gronau and beloved father of Evelyn Meigs Feldman. He also is survived by his brother, Michael Feldman (Barbara); sisters, Margaret Feldman Prokopuk and Mary Feldman.

He was predeceased by his parents.

Joe was born Oct. 31, 1949, in Detroit, to Thomas J. and Lucile R. Feldman. His early life was full of love and happy social activity, often at the Detroit Yacht Club. He grew up in the Indian Village neighborhood and graduated from Austin Catholic High School in 1967. He attended Wayne State University before emigrating to Canada in 1969 at 19, and becoming a Canadian citizen in 1975.

Based in Toronto, Joe started out doing factory work, then began building architectural and

engineering scale models, followed by a career in computer drafting and design.

In 1988, Joe married Sandra Meigs and their daughter, Evelyn, was born in 1993. The family relocated to Victoria, British Columbia.

Joe was endlessly curious, knowledgeable on many subjects and adept at solving technical problems. An insatiable reader and proud “nerd,” his varied interests included history, science, politics, literature, architecture and sports, especially Blue Jays baseball.

Joe’s marriage ended, but soon after, he reconnected with Anna, an old flame. They married in 2001 and settled down in Victoria.

Discovering indoor rowing in his 60s, Joe won National Champion in his category at the Monster Erg regatta at the University of Victoria in 2012 and qualified to compete in the Boston World Championships in 2015.

In 2014, he developed incurable prostate cancer. His family said that through the long, tough struggle, Joe’s optimism and focus on the good in life amazed and inspired them.

A memorial service will be held Dec. 30 in Victoria and a gathering in

Ontario, summer 2018. Contact the family for details.

Donations may be made to BC Cancer Agency at bccancer.bc.ca or Victoria Hospice at victoriahospice.org.

Dolores Ellison

Dolores “Dee” Ellison, 83, passed away peacefully Friday, Nov. 24, 2017, after a long life. She is survived by her children and stepchildren, Harrison Maddock; Julie Bade (Michael) and her children, McKendry and Michelle; Linda Astemborski (Henry); Kathy Ellison Hope; Rick Ellison; Dan Ellison (Debbie) and Kathy Ellison; 15 stepgrandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and stepsisters, Joan Frear, Pat Peck and Mary Lou Willetts.

She was predeceased by her husbands, Fredrick Maddock and Eugene Ellison and children, Capt. Fredrick “Ken” Maddock II, John Ellison, Patrick Ellison and Susan DeGrandchamp.

Dee was born July 19, 1934, in Detroit, to Harry and Ria (nee Eberhard) Wise. She earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Barat College in Lake Forest, Ill., in 1955, and a master’s



Joseph A. Feldman

degree in social work from the University of Michigan in 1963. While teaching was her profession 16 years, friends, family and especially grandchildren profess she practiced teaching every day of her life. Dee grew up in Grosse Pointe and in her later years after marrying her last love, Gene, she lived in Hillsdale and Jupiter, Fla. She spent the last seven years near her daughter in Fenton. Boating, playing tennis and bridge, entertaining, traveling and spending time with her family and friends filled her days.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Share a memory at temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.

PASTOR’S CORNER By Roger Skully

The Sabbath

It is understood from scripture that the Lord worked for six days and, on the seventh, he rested. He blessed the seventh day and throughout Jewish history it occupies a special place in Judaic life. In fact, it is poetically referred to as a bride coming to her bridegroom. She is radiant and beautiful, full of love and affection. The Hebrew word “Sh - B - T” means to cease or desist. Work, in many forms, is prohibited on the Sabbath.

To look at it from outside Judaism, it may be seen as a day of austerity. The Pilgrims saw it as such, and it was, in all likelihood, a day of prohibition and oppression.

In fact, from such observation of prohibition, it would be like a group of dancers doing their dance without music. Once the music is heard, it becomes an entirely different experience. Then the burdensome becomes delightful. In the Talmudic view of paradise, it is an eternal Sabbath day, or day of endless delight.

The Sabbath becomes,

in effect, a day of thought and contemplation. It is a day when study, thought and education is encouraged. The day is to be used for study of Torah. Shabbat also is considered a holy day, different and set aside from other days of the week. It is a day of edifying thoughts and spiritual significance. It should refresh the body and nourish the soul.

In many oppressive cultures, days of thought are not encouraged. Work keeps people busy and prevents them from thinking. Pharaoh, in Exodus, intends to make the work of the Hebrews more difficult, so, in effect, they have less time to think and experience other aspects of life.

A totalitarian system does not encourage idleness and study. Rather, it would bind the human spirit with labor, to avoid disruption and exploration of the human experience. The inner world is to be repressed, the outer world enhanced to remove cognitive awareness of humanity and its relation to the divine.

Every denial of work and enhancement of thought becomes an expression of an opportunity to elevate the divine. The Shabbat is called “brit olam,” an eternal covenant between the Lord and us, his creations. This covenant elevates us, frees us and exalts our creator.

For the creation of this wonderful gift, we say, amen and amen. “Amen” means God is a Trustworthy King. This gift verifies that affirmation.

Skully is cantor at the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue.

CHURCH EVENTS

United Methodist

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts several holiday worship services Sunday, Dec. 24, beginning with its 9:30 a.m. worship service. A family service begins 5 p.m., a candlelight service begins 9 p.m., a college reception begins 10 p.m.

and a candlelight service with chapel begins 11:15 p.m. Call (313) 886-2363.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents its Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24, morning worship at 10 a.m. Three candlelight

services are offered in the evening. At 5 p.m., a special children’s time is featured. Before the 7:30 p.m. service, music is performed at 7:15 p.m. At 11 p.m., Holy Communion is offered with music beginning 10:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, the New Year’s Eve service begins 10 a.m. Epiphany worship takes place at regular times Monday, Jan. 8.

The church presents its 11th annual Christmas Tree Walk and Afternoon Tea, spotlighting the 35-plus lighted and decorated Christmas trees on

three levels of the church and other decorations throughout the complex, culminating in a festive afternoon tea. The self-conducted walks take place noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27. The tea, chaired by Waynette Hostetler, chairwoman of the Women of the Church, takes place in The Luther Center and includes tea sandwiches and an assortment of sweet breads, cookies and crème puffs along with hot tea. Freewill donations and nonperishable food gifts for the pantry

will be accepted. RSVP by calling (313) 884-5040.

St. Michael’s

St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, offers Christmas Eve worship 9:30 a.m., 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24. Christmas Day worship takes place 9:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 25. New Year’s Eve worship takes place 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. Call (313) 884-4820.

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It’s OK to be uncomfortable

Essayist reveals personal story in latest Chicken Soup book

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In the latest edition of Chicken Soup for the Soul, “Step Outside Your Comfort Zone,” more than 100 essays urge readers to try something new, overcome fears and embrace change.

Mary Jo Wyse, a Grosse Pointe Park mother of two — Aidan, 10, and Audrey, 8 — is one of those writers.

In the section “Just Say Yes,” readers will find “A Woman with a Secret,” penned by Wyse and featuring the Park’s community swimming pool — and Wyse’s fear of revealing herself in a two-piece bathing suit.

“There wasn’t a pool when I was a kid,” she said. “The last time I wore a bikini I was 12. Then I moved here. It’s hot. You have to. You do it for the kids.”

As the story goes, Wyse spent a summer dashing from the deck into the pool, nervous of what onlookers may think. Watching other women in their bikinis exuding confidence gave her pause.

“I’ve got a life, too,” she



Mary Jo Wyse with her children, Audrey and Aidan.

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Mary Jo Wyse has been published several times.

said. “You’ve got to think of your life and be proud of what you’ve accomplished and enjoy the moment.”

Wyse said she still feels a bit self-conscious at the pool, but she realized people have other things on their minds than what she looks like in a bikini.

“That’s exactly how I felt, but I still feel that way,” she said. “But people don’t think things about you as much as you might think. I’m still self-conscious. I’m not as

brave as I want to be, but I try.”

Getting published is nothing new to Wyse — who settled in Grosse Pointe in 2014 after living in Rochester, N.Y., Ohio, San Diego, Ann Arbor, Alaska and Boston. She earned a Master of Arts degree from Kansas State University and a Master of Fine Arts degree in writing from Vermont College.

She was first published in “Reconciling Catholicism in

Feminism,” her master’s thesis, followed by an essay in the travel book, “Italy from a Backpack.”

Two essays were published in “Cup of Comfort,” before she found her niche writing Chicken Soup for the Soul essays. Her work can be found in five of them, including “Tough Times, Tough People,” “Thanks Dad,” “New Moms” and “The Power of Positive,” in addition to the latest release.

“I’ve been writing for a

long time,” the former English teacher said. “But with kids, I don’t have a lot of time. The Chicken Soup essays are small and it’s a challenge. I figured I’d write a little here and there, maybe make a little money on the side. It’s good incentive.”

“The stuff closest to my heart is the easiest to publish because it’s authentic,” she continued. “I tried to publish other essays that were not as dear to my heart, but they weren’t published. Mostly I write with hope others can identify with what I’ve gone through.”

Wyse also has partici-

pated twice in the Grosse Pointe Public Library’s short story contest; she placed first for fiction in 2015, and fourth the year before.

“Ultimately I’d like to start writing novels,” she said. “It’s such a time commitment and with kids it’s hard to devote time.”

As for her latest essay, she hopes other women can relate.

“This is the one I’m most embarrassed about,” she said. “It’s the most revealing, in more ways than one. I was nervous to give it out, but then I kept hearing, ‘More women need to read this in Grosse Pointe.’”

The Aeolian Chorale performs at St. James Lutheran Church at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7.



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St. James welcomes Aeolian Chorale on Jan. 4

The Aeolian Chorale returns to St. James Lutheran Church for an Epiphany concert at 4

p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7.

This concert, given in honor of the Feast of Epiphany, which concludes the 12 Days of Christmas, features both accompanied and unaccompanied choral music to celebrate the Christmas season. This event is free and open to the public and is appropriate for the entire family. A free-will offering is collected.

St. James Lutheran Church is located at 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact Kurt

Heyer, minister of music, for additional details at music@stjamesgp.org.

The Aeolian Chorale is a small, mixed-voice ensemble based in southeast Michigan that specializes in a cappella music. The chorale, under the direction of F. Marshall Dicks, recently received 501(c)3 status and now operates as a nonprofit organization.

To learn more about the Aeolian Chorale, visit facebook.com/aeolianchorale/.

ASK JEFF AND DEBRA

The Great Pretenders

Want to have some great non-alcoholic beverages to offer your friends and family this holiday season? We’ve got you covered. For many years, AAA has published “The Great Pretenders” holiday drink guide, with creative and delicious recipes, including these:

Festive Peppermint Cocoa Cocktail

Submitted by Erle Webber, executive chef formerly of The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn

Ingredients:
ginger ale (use your favorite brand)
fresh limes
granulated brown sugar
fresh mint sprigs

Directions:
For two drinks, cut one lime into eight wedges. Place two lime wedges into a sturdy glass with two to three sprigs of mint and one tablespoon of brown sugar. Muddle until all the sugar is absorbed into lime juice. Add half a glass of ice and ginger ale. Stir it so

the muddled fruit and spice are mixed, then top with more ginger ale. Garnish with sprigs of mint and two more lime wedges to serve. Repeat for the second glass.

Cinderella

Submitted by Irresidence, Detroit

Ingredients:
1 oz. lemon juice
1 oz. orange juice
1 oz. pineapple juice
2 oz. Vernor’s (or gin-ger ale)
dash of grenadine
orange slice

Directions:
Mix ingredients, then pour them into a glass. Garnish with an orange slice.

For more great recipes, follow this link: bit.ly/grtprtd.

Happy holidays.

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

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Submitted by Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island



SOC salutes veterans

Services for Older Citizens hosted its annual veterans luncheon Nov. 8, where the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 154 Color Guard conducted a flag ceremony before distributing medals to veterans. The Daughters of the American Revolution gave SOC a flag that had flown over the U.S. Capitol. Grosse Pointe American House provided the medals and sponsored the luncheon. Above, Glen Cash, Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 154 Color Guard, received his medal from Kay Burt-Willson, regent of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of DAR.



Korean and Vietnam War Army veteran Bill Collins receives a medal from Glen Cash of the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 154 Color Guard.



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Above, in partial uniform, David Knox, a World War II and Korean War Army veteran, shakes hands with Glen Cash, Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 154 Color Guard. Left, Bob Sims, a Vietnam War veteran, bows his head to receive a medal from Cash.



Paul Pittman, an Air Force veteran, makes a dog tag for Bill and Kathy McNair.



Above, Grosse Pointe Woods resident Ted Stahl, owner of Stahl's Automotive Museum, addresses the crowd. Right, Mike, a recipient of a Guardian Angel Medical service dog, his service dog Julie and Mary Lamparter, an advocate of Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs.

Honored

Stahls Automotive Museum hosted its annual Veteran's Day event Nov. 11, for all veterans, current service members and the public. The event featured historic footage of Bob Hope's USO tour, historic military footage and a tour of the museum's vehicles. The event was open to the public and donations matched by Stahl's went to Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs Inc., which pairs Michigan veterans with individually trained medical service dogs.



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There were military items on display, such as this letter from the Secretary of War in Washington, D.C., telling a father his son is being awarded a Purple Heart posthumously. The letter is dated Nov. 18, 1944.

Celebrate the new year at St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, offers a unique way to greet the new year with a special event designed to create hopeful tomorrows. "Step into the New Year" begins 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 31, with light refreshments and fellowship, as well as prayers of thanksgiving and hopefulness, followed by several activities to reflect on 2017 and offer hope for 2018. Guests are invited to walk the indoor or outdoor candlelit labyrinth, draw and/or color a mandala, use a finger labyrinth, write thoughts in a journal or sit silently to pray or meditate. At 5:45 p.m., guests gather to receive a blessing for the new year. For more information, call (313) 884-4820 or visit stmichaelsgpw.org.

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Jardinieres donate to Festival of Trees

La Societe des Jardinieres has donated trees and wreaths for five years to the Festival of the Trees, which raises money for Children's Hospital of Michigan. The event took place the week of Thanksgiving at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. The decorated trees and wreaths were displayed and available to purchase. The event also included a gift shop, refreshments, activities for children and visits with Santa.

Dear Santa

Each year the Grosse Pointe News asks local school children to submit their letters to Santa Claus. Trombly Elementary School was gracious enough to accept the challenge. Below are letters from Trombly first- and second-graders.

The following letters were written by first-graders in Kate Price's class. They appear as read by their teacher.

Dear Santa,
You are the best! I know you would let me have a Xbox 1. 1) You would let me have it because I Jack would take good care of it really good 2) I would play with it all the time just for you 3) My mom and dad I do not know about them but I know about you.
Love, video game player Jack

Dear Santa,
I want a Polaroid camera because I like to take pictures of my mom. Merry Christmas Santa.
Your friend William

Dear Santa,
You are the best Santa. I want a Squisy please because I have been good.
Love, Alyssa

Dear Santa,
Can you get me an iPhone because I am working my best. I have been practicing words. And I have been helping my mom cook.
Love, David

Dear Santa,
I really want to have an I Fon 7 so I can take a picture of my sister Kayla and so I can call my friends.
Your friend, Micah

Dear Santa,
Can you come back soon. If you can I will be happy. I also want a lap-top for Christmas. If you can I will be surprised with lots of games.
I love you, Cameron

Dear Santa,
I hope you can bring me a Hatchimal because me and my sister can play with it and share it.
Love, Aria

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would love to have a camera. I hope you bring a camera for me because I love to take pictures.
Love, Scarlett

Dear Santa,
I know that you are busy up in the north pole but this is what I am wishing for Christmas. It is a laptop so I can be on Raz Kids and Front row and 4J.com. Pretty please?
Love your wishing friend, Gordon

Dear Santa,
I know you're busy up in the north pole but if you elves have time I really want a Glow and Style Rapunzel. I won't let the hair get knotty. I will take really, really good care of it and I'll keep it in a safe place.
Love, Grace

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a new pair of dangly earrings. I have barely one pair of them. I like them. They look pretty and I love you.
Love, your friend Louisa

Dear Santa,
Can you get me a toy truck when I am a good boy?
Love, Coy

The following letters were written by second-graders in Steve Buckman's class. They appear exactly as written.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing down at the North Pole. How are the deer? Hope you have a good Christmas. I really want an ipod. Because I never had an ipod and I spend my time playing sports. I hope you have a great trip.
From Youssef

Dear Santa,
How's the reindeer? I was wondering if I could Amidos for Crasmas so I can use it for Zelda Breth of the Wild. I would like it because I have been teching my brother math facts. And been nice to my brother. I hope you get here safely.
Your frind Caleb

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers? Are you busy getting the presents packed to the people in the world. Mr. Santa may I deserve a lego set with a green daragon. Because I diserve it and because my mom and my dad let me have it. I hope you have a graet trip to the world.
Your frend, Varvara

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the elves and the reindeer. How are you Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. I want a snow globe for Christmas. I want a New York snow globe of the city. I think I'm on the good list this year. I want the snow globe because I got to shac it up and see the snow go in the air. I got the snow globe to myself. I hope you have a safe treip.
From Bethany

Dear Santa,
It's Reid. I was wodering if spartey my elf brought my letter to you at the north pole? I was also wodering if I could have a Star wars lego set. I think I deserve it because I have been helping my sisters get ready for school. I have been taking my dog out to go to bathroom. I hope you have a great December 25.
From Reid

Dear Santa,
How have you been? I hope the reindeer are okay. I can't wait for your visit. I was wondering if I could have a new mac book lap top. I think I deserve a mac book because if I had a new lap top I wouldn't have to fight over the ipad with my brother. Another reason is then it could be in my room with me. A third reason is if I had a lap top I could go on cool math. I hope you have a safe trip on the way here.
Sincerely, Mia

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are you doing up at the north pole? I was wonering if you could get me a gigantic stuff panda with a pink bow around it's nack. I think you sould get me it because I deserve it. Another reason why you sould get it for me. Becaues I'm relly responsibil for what I say and do. I hope you don't



ARTWORK BY ABBEY, TROMBLY SECOND-GRADER



ARTWORK BY MADDY, TROMBLY SECOND-GRADER

need to go to the bathroom. If you do use are bathroom just remember to flush.
From Maddy

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole Santa hows the reindeers. For Chismas may I have a PSL. May I have a Wii 4 for Chrimas because I miss my Wii 4 or a Crate creature. Because I can scare Ben he is going to be tarified. Also do you like the cookies. Sometimes I be a good boy. Sometimes I am a nighty boy. Some times I be the just right person to get my presents that I love. Sometimes I run downstars and everyone is downstars. Then we wrap presents then I get one that I love.
Your friend Matthew

Dear Santa,
Your probably busy up in the North pole cheaking off nodea and nise and etaing cookies with milk. But I was wondering if you could get me a real life looking doll house. With litted that akshuly tern off and on. And famuly with fernucher because I think that I hev been good moest of the year. But it's ok if you doet think so. But if you think I hav been good. Will you please get me a real life looking doll house. I really think I deserv it. I hop you like the cookies.
frum your dear friend



ARTWORK BY KEENAN, TROMBLY SECOND-GRADER

Noelle
Dear Santa,
I know you are busy for Christmas. I just want to write a note. Look on my Christmas tree, you'll see someone special! May I hav a tade baru and a rander and a ipod6S, makup and a elf on the shalf and an ipad.
Sincerely Sherridon

Dear Santa Claus,
Your probably busy at the North pole and looking if children that are good or bad and eating a lot of

cookies and lot of milk have a good dinnertime. I wonder if I can have a Easy Bake oven. If I have been good to desof it. Can I have a kichin with my toy. If it is ok to have a nothr toy. My next and last toy of all is American Girl Doll because sum of my frends have it and I do not have it and it mens a lot to me so can I have it Santa Claus cus pepol have been bragging abot me because I do not have a American girl doll so can I pless have a American girl doll and can

it come with a close in short and long slevs with pants and snow close summre close fall close and party close with pga-mus. And haire clips and food with candy. And a costyoum of Halloween as a wich and pucit. And school close with a Bakcpakc. And a pet. With firends so she is not sad. A hows so she is grie and safe. A rokeing chair wud be good to sit on. And books so the American girl can read

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SANTA:

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and to injoy the story. And mony so the American girl doll can by food and eat it. A baby and dipres. And a bed to sleep in and read a story and games to play with hr friend. And a techer to learn things to know. And a papr and a pensle to rit things that are importit and to rummber importit things.

from Raimela

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Pete and Mia are doing great. I am being a good girl this year. Can I get a video camera for Crismas I want it to be blue. I want it because I want to be on youtude and take videos of me singing my songs. If you can't get it I understand. I hope you have a good Christmas ride this year.

Your friend Abbey

Dear Santa
Happy Christmas. How are the elves, Santa? I was a good girl. Can I have a Num Num Nail Polish making machine smell for difrint color and spin this yellow thing and it get shaken. At home I listen. The first time and wakeing up without getting told. I really super-duper wont. One the color. Smell really good.

Your good friend, Natalie

Dear Santa,
Hope Mrs. Claus is alright too and you of corse. Could I have a Apple iphone — white because I have ben vary good this year like when I went to Fort Meyers Beech I washed the dishes. I also hope you will bring me the barbie



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dreabie house that when you til it sothine it will do wute you say to do. I hope all the kids get cookies and I hope that your sliegh works to jrup the presents off becaues you don't want to make the kids sad and lite donw and I hope that the ephs are arerite and the rander are ritiey to. And overwlney is are- rity you are the bety santa that we avry had a lest that wuet I thiike how is the North polye I hope you don't get sick by all the cookies. Havee a mary christmas Santa and I hope you have a wundrul Christmas Santa. Ho

From your friend Gracie

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I hope the elves are doing good too. How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? If I was good may I have a lego police station? I would like a lego police station with three lego robbbers and four police with one police dog with a lego jail. I think I deserve it because I was nice with my little sister. I hope you have a safe trip around the world. And I hope you don't get sick

from all the cookies.

Your friend Keenan

Dear Santa,
I want a stuff Mario because Jaysun only has four stuff toys. So Jaysun would like a stuff Mario and how are the elves making the toys. I hope you like the lights in every bodys house. How are the raindeers are they ready for Christmas.

Your friend Justin

Dear Santa,
I know that you are busy oh! How are the reindeer and Mrs. Claus and the Elve. I was wondering if I could have a Nintendo Switch I have been a good boy this year and the reasons why I deserve it is because I help my mom fix hear car. I hope you have a good Christmas. Mack suer you don't get sick from all thos cookies.

Your friend Savvas

Dear Santa,
I know your bizzze relly bizzze about the reindeers and the elves are bizzze too. you'll be relly tyird after the trip and dlivring all the toys the trip and the reindeers most be

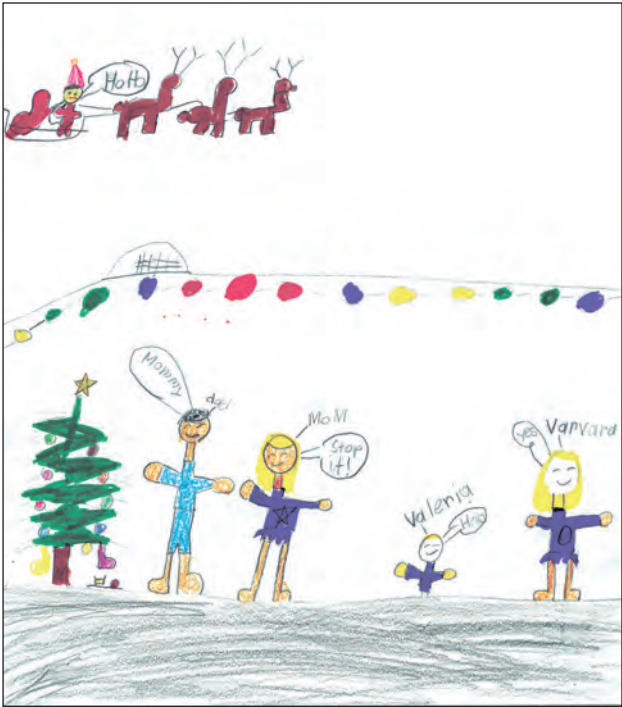
tyird too. speking of toys I have a nuthr Chrisstmas list in my houes and I am going to wirt my toys that I want for Chrisstmas sevan things Legos, a Slime Kit, ipod that has a pasword, a cute little puppy and clay. Oh and scrach that sevan make it five things. Oh and I desrvs the toy becus I have been doing my chor. have a good trip.

Your friend Angela

Dear Santa,
How are you up there in the North Pole? How are the reindeer in the North Pole? Santa I now you'r buy's but can I have for Christmas LOL Surprise Doll becues I thik I deserve it and can I also have a slime kit for Christmas. I know your wocking me. I am putting milk out for you.

Your friend, Shaniyah

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer. I hope the reindeer are ok. Can I have Pokemon cards. I have ben verey good this year. Can I have a Xbox one. My brother Aidan want it. I also want a cut puppy to ckutl with me. I also want a lot of



ARTWORK BY VARVARA, TROMBLY SECOND-GRADER

legos to bild. I also want 12 pack of hatchamls. I love Christmias. I hope you do not get sick with all the cookies.

Your friend Audrey

Dear Santa Clause,
How are you on this snowe day? I've been wandering if I could have 12 pack hachimole and a cellphone and a blue dog collar and a farm Lego set with three horses and an Easy Bake oven. I think I shoull deserve because I will share with my sister. I hope you will come here safely with the reindeer especially Rudolph.

Your friend Eva

Dear Santa,
How is Jai-laurny's elf doing. I hope he is being a good citizen. I was wondering if you could bring me this cute thing. An avalanche tecup puppy for Christmas. Can you bring some accessories for it. The two reasons why I deserve it are well my dog Cody died. He was my best friend in the

whoel wolrd. I would need a friend when I back from shcool. That will get me into the Christmas spirit. If I had a friend even if it is not a human that will still make me so happy. My next reson why my pan-tentrents trust me. I will pick up afeter it. I will buy food for it, I will keep it away from other dogs. I will give it 3 walks a day, I will give it a bath every week. I will be responsible for it. I will do my best to take care of it. I will make sure he/she is safe every day. As it grows I will be more responsible for it. I hope you have a safe trip on your way to peopoles houses.

Jordyn

Dear Santa,
I hop you have a good ride. I hop you have a good rad with your radner's. Santa Claus I wish I can have a sell phone and a X Box 2 becace I am being good to my mom dad and brothers.

Your friend, Gopal

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Boys basketball

RIVALS

South nets rivalry win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Facing an 0-4 start, Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team played its best game of the young season last weekend, beating city rival Grosse Pointe North 59-51.

The win came on the Norsemen's home court and was due to the fact the Blue Devils shot lights out.

"We attacked the seams and when you shoot the ball as well as we did tonight, it's hard to lose," South head coach Troy Glasser said. "We knew it would not be easy, especially since North has a huge squad. We needed to shoot the ball well and we did."

"Julian (Harrell) hit shots all over the court and he came up huge in his first game of the season."

Harrell scored a game-high 30 points. His long-range shooting was the reason the Blue Devils won. He hit seven three-

pointers, one two-point field goal and seven free throws to account for his 30 points.

South led 15-10 after the first quarter and 27-18 at the half. North chipped away in the third quarter, winning it 23-19 to cut the deficit to 46-41.

The home team had all the momentum in the fourth quarter and a steal followed by a dunk by Ryan Webb cut the deficit to 53-51.

The gymnasium was loud and rocking, but those would be the final points the Norsemen would score as the Blue Devils ended the game on a 6-0 run.

Webb finished with a double-double, scoring 16 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

The Norsemen out-rebounded the Blue Devils 42-14, but shot poorly from the field, missing more than a dozen shots in the paint.

Despite getting badly beaten on the boards, the great field-goal shooting



South's Dwight Belyue II, left, and North's Troy Herd battle for a rebound during the Blue Devils' win over the Norsemen.

was an equalizer. Stephen Gulley, Theodore Niforos and Ryan Downey scored eight points apiece for South, which improved to 1-3.

For North, 2-1 overall, Joe Ayrault had 13 points and six rebounds, and Hunter Levick added nine points. Joseph Rheame had four points and six rebounds.

Boys hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Sweetness

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys hockey team shrugged off its first loss of the season to put two big wins on the board last week.

The Knights edged Wyandotte Roosevelt 3-2 and blanked Detroit Country Day 3-0 to improve to 5-0 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League East Division and 6-1 overall.

Head coach Mike Maltese knew both games would be a test for his Knights. They passed as freshman goaltender Grant Lindsay earned both wins, stopping 20 shots in each game. Lindsay stopped a break-away in the third period against Country Day with the Knights clinging to a one-goal lead.

In the home game against Roosevelt, senior Spencer Stefani scored the first two goals, with senior Sean Detloff and sophomore Tristan Reilly assisting the first. Stefani's second goal was unassisted and tied the game 2-2 early in the third period.

About midway through

the final stanza, junior Luke Zinn scored the game-winning goal, with sophomore William Nicholson and junior Caden Lewandowski notching the assists.

In the shutout victory over Country Day, senior Alex Johnson led the way with a goal and assist. Other goal scorers were senior Spencer Warezak and Reilly, while Nicholson, Lewandowski, Stefani and junior Dan Bowen had assists.

"This was our biggest game of the season," head coach Mike Maltese said. "Country Day was returning a lot of players from last year's team as well as some newcomers, and it was going to be a good test for us. I was happy with how we responded throughout the entire game."

"The team is starting to understand and executing the systems that are necessary to turn an average team into a championship caliber team."

"And still letting the team know that it is a process, and to take it one game and one practice at a time."

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Falling in overtime

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys basketball team played two overtime games the past few days, but dropped them both.

Monday evening, the host Knights lost 55-47 to Warren Lincoln, and on Friday they traveled to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest and lost 65-63.

"We had the last shot in each game and couldn't get the shots to fall," head coach Chris Housey said. "The guys are picking up the pace and playing hard. Of the three games we played, tonight against Lincoln was our most complete."

Against Lincoln, the host Knights trailed 12-6 before running off 15 straight points in the second quarter to build a 21-12 lead.

The Knights led 23-17 at the half, but the Abes made a run to cut it to 29-27 after three quarters. Turnovers hurt the home team in that third quarter.

It was a tight fourth quarter and with the score tied at 40, the Knights had one last shot, but senior Anthony George's three-point attempt missed the mark. However, with 1.0 left, the Knights had one final shot, but junior Charlie Amine missed a shot from the top of the key to send the game to overtime.

In the extra session, the Abes hit a couple of

three pointers and used their superior size to score in the paint.

"We ran out of gas tonight, but I'm proud of the guys for playing until the final buzzer," Housey said.

George led the team with 15 points and Amine had 11. Seniors Desmon Darby and Casey Scoggin scored six points apiece, while sophomore Nick Post had five and freshman Cameron Strong had four.

Against Lutheran Northwest, Amine had a career-high 27 points, followed by George with 17 and Scoggin with 13.

Liggett fell to 0-3 overall.

The team plays in the Cardinal Mooney Tournament Wednesday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Dec. 29, at Marine City Cardinal Mooney High School.

The Knights' semifinal game is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. and game time on Friday is yet to be determined.

"I like our effort and I know if the guys continued to play like this the wins will start to come our way."

Girls results

The University Liggett girls basketball team dropped its Catholic League Intersectional Division games last week, falling 41-19 to host Ann Arbor Greenhills and 29-18 to host Detroit Cristo Rey.

"Not a good week in the 'win' column, but we

continue to improve and continue to work hard," head coach John Bandos said.

Against Greenhills, the Knights shot only 19 percent, 8-of-42, from the field.

Greenhills used a huge run to lead 25-5 at the half and it was 37-7 after the third quarter.

Delaney Garvey led the Knights with 12 points, followed by Maria Pas with four. Mimi Wujek had 10 rebounds.

On Friday, the Knights played better and led 4-2 at the end of the first quarter and 11-6 at the half.

Cristo Rey came out in a 2-2-1 press in the second half, which forced the Knights into several turnovers and a 21-15 lead.

"We had opportunities to take the lead, however our shots would not go in," Bandos said.

The Knights had to foul down the stretch and Cristo Rey made its free throws, sinking 4-of-6.

Kaitlyn Gray had nine points, followed by Pas and Garvey with four points apiece. Delaney Bandos had nine rebounds.

Liggett is 1-4 overall.

After hosting Cristo Rey at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, the Knights take a break.

They return to game action Friday, Jan. 12, hosting league foe Chesterfield Township Austin Catholic.

"The girls are working hard to improve," Bandos said.

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Fall season honors

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Players earn post-season accolades

The University Liggett School players who earned post-season honors this fall were:

Girls, boys cross country

The girls earned a Division 3 regional championship and made the state finals.

Annelies Ondersma, All-Region. For the boys, Ashton Pongratz and Michael Ellis, All-Region and state finalist.

Boys soccer

Anthony George, Catholic League All-Catholic, 1st Team All-

District, 1st Team All-Region, All-State Honorable Mention; Zach Elliott, Catholic League All-League, 1st Team All-District, 1st Team All-Region, All-State Honorable Mention; Stewart Smith, Catholic League All-Catholic, 1st Team All-District, 1st Team All-Region, All-State Honorable Mention; Tre Holmes, 1st Team All-District; Nolan Ondersma, Catholic League All-League, 1st Team All-District; Matthew Summers, 1st Team All-District; Will Nicholson, 1st Team All-

District; Sheikh Manneh, 1st Team All-District; and Nick Connell, Catholic League All-Academic.

Field hockey

The team made the Division 2 state championship game.

Katharine Birgbauer, All State-First Team, Catholic League All-Catholic; Catherine Carron, All State-Honorable Mention, Catholic League All-League; Alexandra Diggs, All Academic, Catholic League All-Academic; Kaitlin Fox, Catholic League All-League; Morgan Kelley,

All-State Second Team, All-Academic, Catholic League All-League; and Naomi Yoshida, All-State First Team, All-Academic, Catholic League All-Catholic.

Volleyball

Delaney Bandos, Catholic League All-League; Teagan Cornell, Academic All-State, Catholic League All-League; Tegan Jones, Catholic League All-League; Olivia Ponte, Academic All-State; and Kathryn Zinn, Academic All-State.

The squad earned Michigan Interscholastic

Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Honor.

Boys tennis

The squad earned Division IV All-Academic and won a Division IV state championship.

William Cooksey, 1st Team All-State, 1st Team All-Catholic League; Christian Ilitch, 1st Team All-State, 1st Team All-Catholic League; Casey Scoggin, 1st Team All-State, Catholic League All-Academic; Andrew Staricco, 1st Team All-State, 2nd Team All-Catholic League; Alec Azar, 1st Team All-State;

Maddie Fozo, 1st Team All-State; Thomas Van Pelt, 1st Team All-State; Spencer Warezak, 1st Team All-State; Mathew Lesha, Honorable Mention All-State; and Craig Buhler, Honorable Mention All-State.

Football

Colin McMann, All-Academic; Daniel Bowen, All-Catholic League; Ian Narva, All-Catholic League; Desmon Darby, All-Catholic League; Fayez AliAhmad, All-League; Brady McCarron, All-League; and Andrew Zelenak, All-League.

College signings

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



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Next level

Grosse Pointe North senior Marco McMann, seated center, recently signed to play men’s lacrosse at Madonna University for head coach Mike Walter. Joining McMann in his celebration were his parents Jeff McMann and Delia McMann, seated, and North boys lacrosse varsity head coach Mark Seppala. Madonna competes in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with Concordia University, Lourdes University, Lawrence Technological University, Siena Heights University, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Indiana Institute of Technology and Aquinas College.

Boys hockey, wrestling

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen close, but not close enough

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team squared off against Canton last weekend and lost 9-7.

“Not the results we had hoped for,” head coach Joe Drouin said. “We have three days to focus on South. Right now we have to put the past behind us and ‘burn the boat’ so we can move forward.”

It was an offensive kind of day for both teams. The Norsemen trailed 4-3 after the first period, 7-5 after two, and Canton added an empty-net goal to finish off the scoring.

Connor Albrecht, from Chris Lorelli, scored to give the Norsemen a 1-0 lead and after Canton tied it, the Norsemen went ahead 2-1 when Lorelli tallied, with Charles Weiss and Albrecht assisting.

It was 2-2 when Austin

Albrecht scored. Weiss and Evan Berger had assists to make it a 3-2 game.

Canton had the next three goals to grab a 5-3 lead, but Connor Albrecht scored his second goal of the game to bring the Norsemen within one, 5-4. Joseph Lucido and Lorelli had the assists.

After another Canton goal, Austin Albrecht tallied on the power play, with Connor Albrecht assisting, to bring the Norsemen to within a goal for a second time in the period.

Lorelli scored again before Canton answered. Lorelli had the hat trick after scoring with 14 seconds left in the game.

“The good news is we killed off three penalties and scored on the power play, both areas we focused on after our loss to Dakota,” Drouin said. Grosse Pointe North dropped to 1-7 overall.

North battles Grosse Pointe South in the first

game of the annual Liggett Holiday Tournament at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at McCann Ice Arena.

The consolation and championship games are at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22.

Wrestling results

Grosse Pointe North’s wrestling team had three medalists in last week-end’s Wayne County Championship at Wyandotte Roosevelt High School.

Raymond Hamilton and Dirk Drieborg each placed third in the 140- and 152-pound divisions, while Ryan Duncan was sixth at 130 pounds.

Logan Ladach, 112 pounds; Owen Brown, 152 pounds; Nick Volpe, 145 pounds; and Elliot Lyman, 152 pounds; also had wins on the day.

As a team, the Norsemen finished 14 among 22 squads.

Girls basketball

NORTH & SOUTH

North, South fall to division foe Dakota

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls basketball teams faced one of the division title favorites last week, Macomb Dakota.

The Norsemen played the Cougars first and it wasn’t pretty. The visiting Norsemen lost 73-51 as they couldn’t contain the trio of Taylor Williams, 27 points, Tara Bieniewicz, 20 points, and Cameron Grant, 18 points.

“They have three very

good players,” head coach Gary Bennett said. “Those three completely dominated the game, scoring 65 of Dakota’s 73 points.”

For the Norsemen, Julia Ayrault, battling an illness, scored 15 points, while Maddie Mills had eight and Christina Braker had seven.

Grosse Pointe North is 0-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 3-1 overall.

A couple of nights later, Dakota traveled to Grosse Pointe South and cruised to a 76-41 win.

South head coach Kevin Richards and his youthful Blue Devils had no answers for the Cougars’ talented trio who combined to score 43 points.

For the Blue Devils, freshman Alexa Downey had 16 points.

Earlier in the week, South hosted Romeo in its MAC Red Division opener and lost 48-36.

Junior Maria Hessburg had 15 to lead the Blue Devils.

Grosse Pointe South is 0-2 in the MAC Red Division and 1-4 overall.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Not on all cylinders

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe Unified gymnastics team took to the floor last week for its first meet of the season.

GPU lost 133.35-128.725 to Fraser in a league meet. The gymnasts scored 27.9 points on uneven parallel bars, 32.6 on the balance beam, 34.525 on the floor exercise and 33.7 on vault.

Illness and other obligations kept several ladies out of the lineup, but standing up were captains Elizabeth Byarski and Maggie Bowers on the balance beam and floor exercise. Both girls stuck their routines.

Bowers, a senior, scored an 8.725 on beam, 8.675 on floor, 8.4 on vault and 6.0 on bars, while Byarski, a junior, had a 9.025 on floor, 8.75 on beam, 8.4 on vault and 7.65 on bars.

Sophomore Callie Kersten also had a solid floor routine, scoring an 8.375. She also had a 7.45 on vault.

Sophomore Lexi Poulos had an 8.35 on vault, 8.15 on floor and 7.175 on beam, and sophomore Claire Yee competed on three events, scoring an 8.45 on floor, 7.75 on vault and 6.7 on beam.

Sophomore Amanda Nguyen scored an 8.55 on vault, 7.35 on bars and 6.825 on beam.

Grosse Pointe is 0-1 in

the league and overall and next is a home meet at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, against Tecumseh.

“This is our annual alumni meet and we welcome any and all alumni of the GP United, GP South or North teams to join us to be recognized at our meet,” head coach Kristin Remillet said. “We are looking to regroup and have a nice full week of practice as we prepare our routines for the meet against Tecumseh. We have lots of room for growth as individuals and a team. With minor improvements, polishing and adding upgrades to our routines, I am positive there will be lots of room for growth this early in the season.”

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Look for year in reviews

Sports fans will get the chance to take a look back at the highs and lows of high school sports for Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School for 2017 when I publish my

annual year in reviews in the first issue of January.

Each school had its share of success on the athletic fields and one even managed to win a state championship. I’m sure you know which team it is, but you will

know for sure when you read about the run to the title Jan. 4.

Thanks to each athletic department at the three high schools for making it a great year.

—Bob St. John
Sports Editor

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King Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Muse's instrument
5 Renders speechless
9 Obtain
12 Billions of years
13 Future stallion
14 Multipurpose truck
15 Avocado dip
17 Top card
18 Singles
19 Gordon and Ginsburg
21 Mad
24 It begins at 40
25 Toe woe
26 Zigzagged on skis
30 Eggs
31 Actress Witherspoon
32 Past
33 Clothing
35 Story line
36 "— She Sweet?"
37 Instant
38 From then on
40 Icelandic epic

42 Industrious insect
43 Port city of Ecuador
48 Eisenhower
49 Being, to Brutus
50 — Major
51 Caustic solution
52 "— of Our Lives"
53 Shade trees

DOWN

1 Lower limb
2 Thee
3 Genetic letters
4 Accompany to a party
5 Pinnacle
6 Courts
7 Right angle
8 Germ-free
9 Central American nation
10 Leave an impression
11 Golf gadgets
16 Whatever number

20 Aliens' craft
21 Enthusiastic, plus
22 PBS science show
23 Insure
24 Glasgow girl
26 Transmitted
27 Allow
28 Hollywood clashers
29 "... — protest too much"
31 Went back on an agreement
34 Karaoke need, for short
35 Award for a dentist?
37 Med. approval org.
38 Take to the seas
39 Black
40 Simple
41 Coloring agents
44 Can. neighbor
45 Web address
46 Doctrine
47 — Vegas

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Solution Time: 21 minutes

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Solution for last weeks puzzle 12/14/17

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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