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City hall to get new name

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council approved renaming city hall after the man who has served as a Woods elected government official 41 years.

Councilman Todd McConaghy put the motion on the floor to name city hall after Mayor Robert Novitke. It was unanimously approved by the five members present during Monday’s city council meeting.

Mayor Robert Novitke and Councilman Michael Koester were absent.

“With the completion of city hall’s updates and repairs and with the fantastic job that our city administrator and our director of public services have done ...”

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City sets 2019 road schedule

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Next year’s road resurfacing program is set.

Monday, Dec. 17, the city council approved the 2019 program.

Roads scheduled to be

resurfaced are: Maumee between Fisher and Cadieux, except for the block in front of city hall; Lincoln from just north of Maumee to Jefferson; and Charlevoix between Cadieux and Loraine.

Stephen Pangori, city engineer with Anderson Eckstein and Westrick,

said the city would postpone resurfacing Maumee in front of city hall until 2020, after construction of the new DPW is completed.

“It made sense that we are not trying to do the street repair at the same time,” Pangori said.

He also said the section

of Charlevoix would be done at the same time as Cadieux, which is being resurfaced by the Park next summer after receiving federal grant money.

According to City officials, the block is in worse shape than the rest of Charlevoix and is in need of resurfacing similar to

Cadieux.

“It made sense to do that at the same time,” Pangori said.

This is the fifth year of the City’s 15-year road improvement program. The 2019 road resurfacing will cost approximately

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Merry Christmas!

From all of us at the Grosse Pointe News, we send you the warmest wishes this holiday season. Have a very merry Christmas!

End in sight for dispatch, lockup project

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — During a meeting with city administrators Thursday, Dec. 13, representatives from Cross Renovation projected the public safety dispatch and lockup upgrade will wrap up mid-February 2019.

The construction project costing \$546,476 was scheduled to conclude Sept. 30, 2018.

City administrators and city council expressed concerns about the delayed completion of the project during the committee of the whole meeting Monday, Dec. 10. Those concerns were addressed during Thursday’s meeting by the principals and management of the Livonia-based company.

“It was a positive meeting and we’re moving forward to get this project completed,” said City Administrator Bruce Smith.

“There’s an overlay; so there are some overlay issues,” Cross Renovation co-owner Mike Butcher told the Grosse Pointe News before Thursday’s meeting. “It’s absolutely not the city’s fault, and it’s not really our fault either.”

Butcher said the project was delayed due to issues with equipment not being delivered on time from the manufacturer, design changes and health problems experienced by the former project manager.

Smith said the new project manager “seems very committed and promised to get this project completed.”

“The big thing is waiting for this

big piece of equipment,” said Smith, referring to the heating and cooling system’s air-evacuation device for removing vehicle exhaust from the public safety sally port.

Butcher said the equipment is on back order with the manufacturer and not expected until mid-January, leading to the new project-completion target of mid-February.

Department of Public Works Director Frank Schulte reported during the committee of the whole meeting Monday, Dec. 10, that Cross Renovation was on schedule for completing bond-improvement projects contracted with the city last year totaling \$2,393,481.

“Everything else is going pretty smooth,” Butcher said following Thursday’s meeting.

City opts out

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City is the latest Grosse Pointe community to prohibit marijuana establishments after the state voted to legalize recreational marijuana in November.

Monday, Dec. 17, the council unanimously approved two new ordinances — regulatory and zoning — prohibiting establishments in city limits and consumption of marijuana on public property.

“If you do not opt out at the point in time when the state adopts the rules and regulations that they’re required to adopt under the initiative ... parties that want to and are able to obtain state licenses would have, in general, a right to operate under those licenses in the city if you do not affirmatively opt out,” said city attorney Charles Kennedy.

Kennedy noted the new ordinances do not restrict people from consuming marijuana in their homes or possessing the substance.

“In the infancy of this newfound freedom,” Mayor Chris Boettcher said, “there’s a lot of unanswered questions and personally I feel that because we are a very residential, family-driven

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Mary Wilson

Home: Grosse Pointe Shores Sports fanatic is a Life Trustee of the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation



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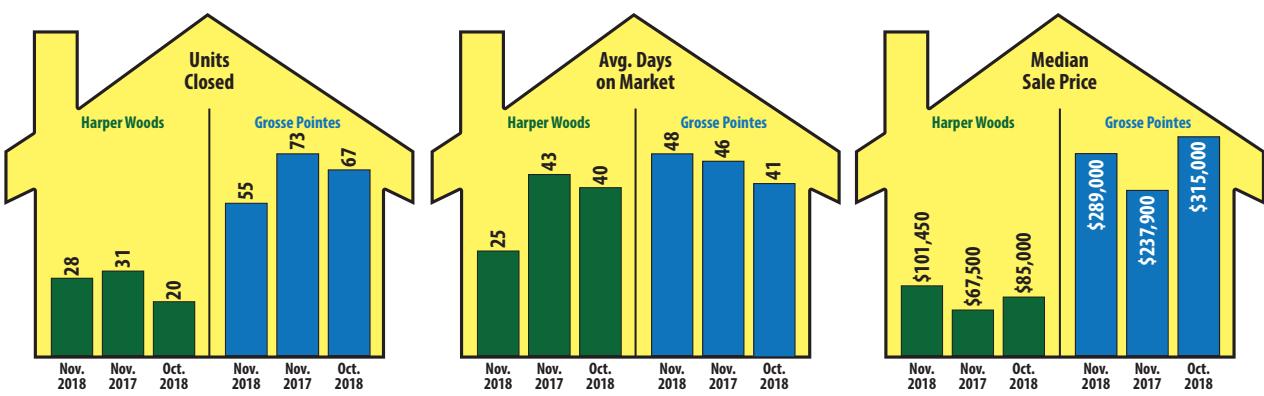
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Experts optimistic about housing for the coming year

November 2018 housing data recently released by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors shows that the housing market in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe is performing as expected. This is neither good news nor bad news. It simply means “no surprises,” said Lori Jaglois, president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. Inventory remains low, demand strong and interest rates change day by day, but not significantly or in one direction over a long period of time. “We are starting to hear reports about recession,” Jaglois said. “But

while the fundamentals indicate a likelihood of about 25 percent, uncertainty regarding 2019 lifts that to about 33 percent, according to information heard on the CNBC. Basic information about housing, however, remains strong, allowing us to remain optimistic for the coming year.” 2019 will see the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors taking great care to stay on top of what is happening in the local market, but also more broadly across all southeast Michigan. The Grosse Pointe board looks at market data for each municipality in Wayne, Oakland,



Macomb and St. Clair counties on a monthly basis. This allows it to spot factors happening elsewhere, which may or may not have an impact on the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods markets. “While all local real

estate is local, paying attention to what is happening generally across the region allows us to best assist our clients,” Jaglois said. All these factors are important for anyone looking to buy or sell a

home. In general, in a rising value market, buying now is better than waiting, even if one wants to wait until rates drop — which is not expected. “Every home is unique; every transaction is dif-

ferent,” Jaglois concluded. “It is in your best interest to make an informed decision when buying or selling a home. Members of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors are best positioned to help.”



Holiday happiness

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its annual Senior Holiday Social at Assumption Cultural Center Dec. 7. The Grosse Pointe North choir sang Christmas carols, lunch was served and raffle prizes given out during the party, which included a photo booth. Above, Barbara Perkins was excited to receive a prize from Frank Schulte, director of Grosse Pointe Woods Public Works.

Judy Barker wore an elf hat and Bob Kocian chose an oversized bowtie before stepping into the photo booth.



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Barber Bill honored by council

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — After more than 55 years cutting hair — 34 in the Park — William J. Musial, owner of William J.S. Hair Harbor, is hanging up his shears Saturday, Dec. 22. “I think he’s been barbering in Grosse Pointe

Park longer than most people even knew there was a Grosse Pointe Park,” said Mayor Bob Denner. “He’s clearly been an institution as far as a stalwart in this community.” In light of his retirement, “Bill the Barber” or “Barber Bill” was honored by council with a resolution Monday, Dec.

10, showing appreciation for Musial and his investment into the Park business community. “Bill is something of an urban pioneer in my judgment, because he made an investment in the business district before investing in that district was cool, years ago,” Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Clark said. “He and Clarence (Cousineau) at Pointe Hardware, and a few other visionaries really, made an investment and you continue to pour yourself into the stability of that area.” Musial has been cutting Grosse Pointers’ hair for generations — Councilman Daniel Grano said he has never had another barber. Musial opened his barbershop at 15131 Kercheval 34 years ago. He was an active and founding member of the Grosse Pointe Park Kercheval Business Association and “was very proactive within the district to invest, beautify and attract customers to the Kercheval business district,” reads the resolution. His wife, Cheri Musial, ran Pointe Pet Supplies next to the barbershop for many years.



PHOTO BY ANTHONY VIOLA

Park Mayor Bob Denner with William Musial Monday, Dec. 10. Musial — better known as “Barber Bill” or “Bill the Barber” — was honored with a resolution from council after he announced his retirement from barbering.

“We are going to miss you,” said Councilman James Robson. “You’re an icon on Kercheval. You’re an institution on Kercheval. Cheri (Musial), you were too. And are. We appreciate all your input and everything you’ve done for our city. Sad to see a good barber leave. Lot’s of great conversation.”

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Lower water service rates with contract amendment

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Woods residents will benefit from lower fixed water-service rates in 2019.

During Monday’s city council meeting, council approved a water-services contract amendment with Great Lakes Water Authority, authorizing City Administrator Bruce Smith to sign the four-year agreement.

As the contract-amendment deadline of Jan. 11, 2019, was quickly approaching, in recent weeks, the city pushed for an agreement for lower water-service rate charges by the authority.

City Engineer Scott Lockwood reported sta-

tus of the negotiations during city council’s committee of the whole meeting Monday, Dec. 10, recommending council accept the numbers the two sides reached.

“The two significant things are max-day factors and max-peak (hour) factors,” Lockwood explained.

The city proposed the maximum-day value of 3.98 and the peak-hour value of 4.84, a reduction from 4.96 contractually specified for both values since 2011, when the city’s reservoir system, developed in 2010, was fully implemented. In 2009, the maximum-day value was 5.36 and peak-hour 8.78. In 2010, the maximum-day value remained 5.36 and peak-hour decreased to 7.07.

The city entered into a water services contract with Great Lakes Water Authority July 21, 2009, which specified a “periodic contract review schedule,” also known as a “reopener schedule,” “to assist in reducing, as much as practicable, volatility in customer charges.”

According to the reopener schedule, customers’ contracts may be amended in 2018. Beginning 2022, and every four years after, all contracts may be reopened.

“The idea is to make your max day equal to your peak hour,” Lockwood told council. “You come up with significant savings when you do that.”

Though the maximum-

day and peak-hour rates reached during recent contract-amendment negotiations do not match, they are based on consumption history and are lower, Lockwood explained.

“We believe our peak-hour (rate) should (also) be 3.98. However, they believe based on what data they have that our peak hour should be 4.84. So it doesn’t come down as low as we think it should, but we have the next fall for renegotiation.”

Due to corrected issues with the city’s meter reporting, he said, Great Lakes Water Authority also agreed to re-evaluate water day and peak-hour rates in fall 2019, which could lead to another downward

adjustment.

Three meters come into the city for water services: one at Mack and Moross, one at Vernier and Harper and another at Old Eight Mile and Harper.

“Except for really hot days, most of the water comes through number one (the meter at Mack and Moross),” Lockwood said.

Therefore, most of the data the authority relies on are generated from the meter at Mack and Moross, which Lockwood called the city’s water meter “work horse.”

Lockwood added the city’s water usage is highly predictable, which enables efficient operation of the reservoir, which is drained early in the day and filled

between 3:45 and 9:30 p.m.

With every municipality dependent on water service from Great Lakes Water Authority negotiating rates this year, Lockwood said, it’s impossible to project in detail how these values will translate into cost. With decreased fixed-rate charges, he speculated cost will decrease.

Asking about other options for decreasing costs, should the city not accept the contractual agreement, Mayor Robert Novitke asked during the committee of the whole meeting, “So the only thing we could do is choose some form of legal action?”

“Probably,” City Attorney Chip Berschback said.



Cookies with Santa

Santa made his annual stop at Josephine Ford’s Playhouse at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, which gave kids the opportunity to share their wish lists with Santa. Parents snapped photos of their kids with Santa and children were sent home with sugar cookies and candy canes.

Left, Juliette Lopiccolo told Santa her wish list and a few Santa jokes.

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Ryan DeRubeis smiles at his sister, Veronica, as she looks in wonder at Santa.



Two-year-old Pia Pilotto and her sister, 10-month-old Paloma Pilotto, have fun with teacakes in the kitchen of the playhouse after seeing Santa.

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community that it would be in our best interest to opt out at this time and watch things over time. As far as I’m concerned, in the not-so-distant future, we won’t have to worry about this. We’ll follow through with our opt out and let the rest of the state, or whoever else wants to participate in the process, do so.”

City residents voted 55 percent in favor of Proposal 1 — the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act. It went into effect Thursday, Dec. 6. The law allows residents older than 21 years old to consume, possess and grow up to 12 marijuana plants. It also reduces

certain penalties. Under the new law, a municipality with marijuana establishments will receive a portion of the statewide taxes collected through marijuana sales, but only if they allow marijuana businesses. The new law requires municipalities to opt out if they wish to prohibit marijuana establishments.

The Park chose to opt out Monday, Dec. 10; the Woods put into place Monday, Nov. 19, a six-month moratorium on marijuana establishments while it writes a permanent ordinance to prohibit the establishments; and the Farms set a public hearing on the matter for January. The Shores — which has no commercial businesses — has yet to discuss opting out of the law.

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Building on a legacy Wilson works to further late husband’s wishes

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

After just a few words from Mary Wilson’s mouth, one can hear the drawl in her diction.

The Grosse Pointe Shores resident still has a bit of Texas in her, though she’s lived in the Shores and New York for decades.

She fondly recalls her childhood in Fort Worth, attending McLean Junior High School where her mother taught. The school, Wilson said, was named after her great-grandfather, William Pickney McLean, a signer of the Texas State Constitution.

“I came from a law family,” she said, but it was sports she loved, noting her mother influenced her athleticism. “Sports is my love. I played my whole life. I played football ... but my mother pulled me off the football field and put a tennis racket in my hand. I played 50 years.”

Those 50 years kicked off with four years of high school tennis. She wanted to play in college as well, but, “this was before Title IX, so there were not a lot of options.”

She had hoped to play tennis at a junior college in Corpus Christi, but on their drive back home from visiting there, they spotted Trinity University in San Antonio. It was beautiful and close to home — and her mother’s preference — so Wilson went there, majoring in physical education with a biology minor.

“After I graduated from college, I taught high school in San Antonio,” and coached tennis, she said. “I got fired for giv-



Mary Wilson

ing my tennis team champagne. ... I had been taking my tennis team to all these tournaments. My whole life was teaching classes or taking the tennis team around to tournaments.”

She went back to Fort Worth, where a friend told her about a job in Corpus Christi.

“My second teaching stint was at King High School,” she said. “I had a state championship tennis team. ... But five years of teaching was enough. I was going to play tennis and teach tennis, so I did that for a few years. I taught tennis at different clubs and ran different tennis programs.

“I met many wonderful people along the way,” she said.

Eventually, Wilson ended up in New York teaching tennis clinics and through her work made special connections.

“Through going to New York ... I ended up knowing Ralph’s daughter,” Wilson said. “That’s how I met Ralph.

“Ralph saw me playing at the West Side Tennis Club and wanted to meet me, which he did several months later,” she continued. “Therein it really started. That moment in my life and meeting

Ralph certainly changed the direction of my life. I was a vagabond. Meeting Ralph grounded me. ... We really adored each other and we loved sports together.”

Ralph C. Wilson Jr. — the late owner of the Buffalo Bills — took Wilson as his date to his first Super Bowl.

“I love Texas,” Wilson said. “But one of the great things about meeting Ralph — we met in 1990 — was he introduced me to the Midwest. And to Buffalo, which I consider the Midwest. It’s very welcoming and unpretentious — very much like Ralph. You would not know he was so successful.

“I came along in Ralph’s life at a magical time,” she continued. “He went to four straight Super Bowls; his businesses were doing great. He was 70; I was 45. He was so youthful. We had a great 25 years together.”

Wilson unofficially moved to Grosse Pointe in 1992; she kept a New York apartment. The pair married in 1999.

“I wake up every day saying thank you for bringing Ralph into my life,” Wilson said. “I’ve met so many incredible people. My life was so focused on tennis and trying to be better, going to tournaments. Then it became so much bigger.

“Ralph and I were together 24/7 doing things together all the time,” she continued.

The Wilsons shared a love of sports — tennis, in particular — and travel.

“Ralph and I every summer would go to Europe and play tennis,” Wilson said. “We played in tournaments in Europe and went to Roy Emerson’s Tennis Camp in Gstaad, Switzerland. We actually won a 120-and-over doubles — combined ages — tournament in Beaulieu, France. Our names are still on the board there. We loved playing on the



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARY WILSON

Mary Wilson volunteers with girls learning tennis during her Western New York Girls in Sports Clinic.

red clay together in Austria, Germany and Switzerland throughout the summer.”

Wilson, who started playing senior tournaments at age 35, was ranked No. 1 in the country for United States Tennis Association senior tennis at age 60.

“That was a great year,” she said. “I played a lot. It was neat that Ralph enjoyed the fact that I did.”

However, after 50 years of tennis, Wilson’s wrist could no longer handle the velocity of the ball, so she switched to golf.

“I fell in love with golf,” she said. “I love the game. I’m lucky to have found that game. I’ve made so many friends through golf and through tennis, playing all over the world.”

Wilson represented the U.S. at senior tennis tournaments in Australia, Austria and Ireland.

“I loved tennis,” Wilson said. “I lived for tennis when I was 12. I cried when I couldn’t get to the tennis court. ... But golf is the greatest game in the world. Golf is an incredible challenge, but it’s a great game. I’m very upset I didn’t learn it earlier.”

During their travels, the Wilsons also visited Giverny, Claude Monet’s garden in France — another of Ralph Wilson’s favorites.

But no place on earth could quite match the Wilsons’ love of Western New York and

Southeastern Michigan. After Ralph Wilson died in 2014, proceeds from the sale of the Bills franchise formed an endowment for the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, which funds charitable causes in those two areas.

Currently, Wilson is one of four Life Trustees of the foundation.

“Through the foundation, it’s such a blessing to be giving back, giving to the great communities he loved,” she said. “We are very driven by what Ralph would want, so the foundation is very important in my life now.”

Currently the foundation is gifting \$100 million to both communities, in honor of the 100th anniversary of Ralph Wilson’s birth and celebrating his legacy. The money will help develop signature legacy parks — West RiverFront Park in Detroit and LaSalle Park in Buffalo — each of which will be renamed Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park and include regional trail systems.

“As far as everything the foundation has done, I love this so much, bringing people together outdoors, exercising,” Wilson said.

“Ralph exercised every day of his life. He’d be so proud of where we have invested this on his 100th. ... It’s so much fun for the foundation to be working in such a way that affects so many people. The park idea is

bringing so many people together, the city and the suburbs.”

The foundation isn’t Wilson’s only charity work. In 2000, she started the Western New York Girls in Sports Clinic. Twice a year, 9- to 12-year-old girls came to the Bills Field House to play eight different sports. The United Way currently runs the program through a grant from the Wilson Foundation; the clinic also has been held at the University at Buffalo arena.

“It requires a lot of people coming together to make it work,” Wilson said.

Wilson was involved with several other Buffalo charities as well, including Food Bank of WNY, SPCA Serving Erie County, Hospice of Western New York and others.

“I did more in Buffalo than I did here,” Wilson said. “Ralph was revered in Buffalo. As Mrs. Ralph C. Wilson Jr., I had more ability to be part of fundraising.”

In her spare time, Wilson enjoys photography, as well as playing bridge and mahjong. The Detroit Lions season ticket holder also attends every Bills home game.

“And I’ve become a Sabres fan, so I go to Sabres games while I’m there,” she said.

But as long as the Bills and Lions aren’t playing each other, “I’m rooting for the Lions,” Wilson said.

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\$1 million. The City’s 2.5-mile road improvement levy will raise \$855,000 for 2019, with the remainder — \$155,000 — coming from the highway fund, which is collected from gas and sales taxes.

Since 2006, the city has conducted a road condition survey. According to

the 2018 results, city streets have improved, but there are still a few in need of total reconstruction.

According to City Manager Peter Dame, reconstruction costs more than resurfacing. Dame said the city has postponed reconstructing

those streets — which he said do not see a lot of traffic — to focus on resurfacing and preventing the majority of the City’s streets from deteriorating too much.

“We are going to start tackling those (reconstructions) in 2020,” Dame said.

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Felony arrest warrant

A 23-year-old Canton man was arrested for a felony criminal sexual conduct warrant at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, on Maumee at Cadieux. The man was pulled over after driving erratically and arrested for the warrant out of Warren.

Suspended license

A 24-year-old Harrison Township woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, on Kercheval at Fisher. The woman was pulled over after officers saw her driving without headlights.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Suspended license

A 23-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 9:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, in the 19000 block of Mack. The man was pulled over for driving with his high beams on and subsequently found to have 23 suspensions and multiple warrants.

Drunken driving

A 50-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 3 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, on Moross at Williams. The woman was pulled over for driving without headlights. While interviewing the woman, officers noted slurred speech, blood-shot eyes and an odor of intoxicants.

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She failed a field sobriety test and refused a preliminary breath test. She was taken to the hospital for a blood test after a warrant was issued. According to the police report, the woman became combative with a nurse and kicked an officer while they were attempting to draw blood.

Possession of a stolen vehicle

A 31-year-old Detroit woman and 38-year-old Detroit man were arrested for being in possession of a stolen vehicle at 5:50 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, on Mack at Kerby.

While on patrol, an officer saw a vehicle with a suspected fraudulent license plate on Mack. A LEIN search showed the plate canceled.

Another vehicle was directly behind the suspect car. At a red light, the officer pulled alongside the trailing vehicle and asked the driver — the Detroit woman — to wait so the officer could get behind the suspect. According to the police report, the driver acknowledged the officer. However, when the light turned green, the woman sped up, tailgated the car in front and would not let the officer in. She was observed on the phone.

The suspect vehicle made a quick left turn into the turnaround at Lannoo and the trailing vehicle followed. At that time, the officer turned on the emergency lights and stopped both cars in the turnaround.

The woman claimed the vehicle she was following was a loaner she received from a dealer

while her truck was in the shop.

A Law Enforcement Information Network search of the vehicle identification number showed it belonged to a different vehicle and the number on the vehicle parts did not match the public identification number. The station reported the vehicle had been stolen in 2013.

The driver of the suspected vehicle — the Detroit man — also had multiple warrants for his arrest.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Suspended license

A 29-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 11 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, on Mack at Kensington. She was stopped for speeding.

Scrapping

A vacant home under renovation in the 1400 block of Yorkshire was broken into between 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, and 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11. The unknown perpetrators entered the home overnight and stole copper pipes.

Fraudulent insurance

A 32-year-old Roseville woman was arrested for fraudulent insurance and warrants at 9:10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at Cadieux and Maumee.

She was pulled over for running a stop sign.

Suspended license

A 22-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license and warrants at 9:20 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, on Jefferson at Devonshire. She was pulled over for speeding and found to have a suspended license and multiple warrants, including four from the Park.

Drunken driving

A 48-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, on Mack at Kensington. The man was pulled over for speeding.

Suspended license

A 29-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license and warrants at 10:25 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, on Mack at Berkshire. The woman was pulled over and investigated for driving with a flat tire.

Scavenging warrants

A 58-year-old Detroit man was arrested for Park scavenging warrants at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec 14, in the 1000 block of Maryland alley.

Side swiped

A vehicle in the 700 block of Bedford was reported damaged at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. The victim reported an unknown person shattered the driver-side mirror while he was visiting.

— Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Counterfeit sale

Police are investigating a car theft reported by a Colonial Road resident at 6:52 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15.

The resident told police that approximately one hour earlier he sold his 2011 BMW to a man who paid using \$10,000-worth of counterfeit \$100 bills.

After being dropped off by a subject driving a black Chrysler 300, the suspect — described as a black male in his 20s — took the BMW for a test drive before confirming his intent to purchase it.

The seller signed over the title and accepted a sealed envelope with the counterfeit bills inside. While the seller was counting the bills, the suspect drove off in the vehicle.

No insurance

An officer arrested a 27-year-old Detroit woman when he discovered the 2003 Dodge Durango she was driving was uninsured.

The vehicle was registered to the driver's mother.

The driver presented a valid driver's license and clear driving record when the officer initiated the traffic stop on Lakeshore near S. Deeplands at approximately 8 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16.

— Melissa Walsh

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Drunken driving again

A 28-year-old Pontiac man was arrested for drunken driving at approximately 3 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16.

After observing the man swerving his vehicle across lanes along Mack, a patrolling officer initiated the traffic stop on Mack near Newcastle.

The driver submitted to a preliminary breath test resulting in .127 percent blood alcohol content.

A database check uncovered the driver had one prior alcohol-related conviction and three prior suspensions.

Egged

A resident in the 19000 block of Edshire Lane reported her house was egged around 10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16.

A witness reported seeing multiple occupants in an older model black 4-door sedan parked nearby before it proceeded east on Cook Road.

Shortly after, two subjects emerged and began throwing eggs at the house. The witness described the subjects as a tall, thin female wearing a hooded red jacket and a male wearing dark clothing.

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



Social setting

The West Park Winter Social took place Nov. 24, and included live music, adult beverages, a holiday market tent, kids activities and food trucks.



More than a dozen vendors filled the holiday market tent, which was popular among visitors.



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NAME:

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McConaghy said, “I would like to move that city council rename city hall and the grounds around it to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods

Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center in honor of our mayor.”

“We thought it was the proper thing to do,” Councilman Art Bryant said following the vote.

Councilman Rich Shetler called the action “very apropos.”

During the public comments portion of the meeting, Allen Dickinson, who served on council 14 years, said, “I know his (Novitke’s) dedication to the city.... I applaud you for choosing to honor

him this way.”

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GUEST VIEW

Yes, Virginia...

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

Dear Editor:

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

VIRGINIA O’HANLON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Correction

Last week’s Our View, “Deeplands,” should have said the developer has one year to meet conditions set and get final approval.

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Pure Grosse Pointe

Each year, Kercheval street signs are changed to reflect the Christmas season.

GUEST VIEW By Rabbi Daniel Cohen and Pastor Gregg Doll

Small acts of generosity work

Here are 11 ideas you can use anytime, anywhere to become an Elijah to someone in need.

1. If someone runs out of money at the grocery store in front of you, pay the difference.
2. Give the clerk at the coffee stand an extra \$10 and say they should pay for the next person.
3. At a restaurant, ask the server to give you the bill of one of the other patrons.
4. Instead of ignoring panhandlers on the corner, give \$5 and wish them a Merry Christmas.
5. Take 10 \$1 bills and drop \$1 into the hands of the next 10 beggars you see along the street.
6. Go through your home and put together a package of clothes, phones, tools, appliances and furniture you don’t need or want and drop it off at the

- Salvation Army.
7. Donate a car to NPR.
 8. Call up your rabbi or pastor and offer to buy or sponsor toys and dinners for needy families.
 9. Go to the local woman’s or children’s shelter and donate money (or toiletries).
 10. Make a donation to a local community organization that works with the poor.
 11. Give some money to a local school, church, synagogue or club to help the needy.
- Rabbi Daniel Cohen of Congregation Agudath Sholom, in Stamford, Conn., and Pastor Greg Doll of Norton Presbyterian Church, in Darien, Conn., have joined together and created the Elijah Moments Campaign which encourages people to be like Elijah and spread light in the midst of darkness.

Meet the STAFF

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

David Hughes

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

- ◆ Years at the paper: 22
- ◆ Describe your position at the paper: As a graphic designer I create advertisements which help our local businesses get their messages across in ways that are memorable, effective and aesthetically pleasing.
- ◆ Do you have any hobbies? Does my wife’s “To-Do List” count as a hobby? Because that keeps me pretty busy!
- ◆ Tell our readers a bit about yourself: I was born and raised in Grosse Pointe. I love to travel and explore new places. Also, I’m an avid movie and music buff.
- ◆ Favorite thing about working at the Grosse Pointe News: Working at the Grosse Pointe News has allowed



me to contribute to this community by doing something I love. I’m very happy and proud to be a part of this team that brings a wonderful newspaper to the Grosse Pointes each week.

LETTERS

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

Bravo! Grosse Pointe Symphony

To the Editor:

To a near full audience, the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra presented its second concert of the season.

Beginning with a “Christmas Festival” by Leroy Anderson, the string section played with strong expression, filling the venue with lovely Christmas spirit.

Arias from the “Oratorio Messiah” were performed by Alice McAllister-Tillman, soprano, while the chamber section of strings played with high level phrasing and beautiful impressions, capturing the classic essence of Handel’s masterpiece with harpsichord accompaniment.

Ending the program

was the performance by cellist Alexander Shier, who performed the “Allegro of the Dvorak Cell Concerto” in a stunning display of his young talent that moved the audience as the conductor, Joe Striplin, held the baton.

Concluding the concert was a Christmas carol sing-along leaving a memorable experience to the Grosse Pointe audience.

LEONA FORBES
Grosse Pointe Woods

We need more daycare

To the Editor:

I am writing to comment on two of the front-page articles from the Nov. 29 edition of the Grosse Pointe News.

I thought it was rather interesting to note that the top article, “School

enrollment decline double projected number,” which cited a loss of 218 students in the Grosse Pointe Public School System this fall, nearly double the number projected, would be followed by an article at the bottom of the front page titled, “Daycare proposal denied for second time.”

Hello, people, it’s time to wake up! If we need to see our schools filled with children, we need to encourage young families to move here.

Yes, we have beautiful parks, the lake, pools, sports teams and good schools, but we DO NOT have enough quality daycare. Parents today are typically both working. Many do not live near family. It is nearly impossible to find infant and toddler daycare.

As the article cited, most places have waiting lists of up to 30 children. How can a parent plan to go back to work when there are no daycare options available? As Amy Conti pointed out, daycare is a service that is truly needed in the Pointes.

Why can’t an exception be made on the variance request to allow her facility to proceed? As I see it, opening a daycare in the Pointes is a win for

the public schools and a win for young families.

ROSEANNE HORNE
Grosse Pointe Woods

Food labels have merit

To the Editor:

I am Quinn Johnson. I am a Boy Scout and just finished my cooking merit badge and one thing I learned was the importance of what to eat, how it’s made and where it comes from.

In my further research that my esteemed counselor suggested, I learned about the Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) Act and that it was repealed.

I was wondering why this was and wrote to Sen. Debbie Stabenow.

I am concerned because there are countries that do not have the same standards as the U.S.A. for food safety. This is a situation that I think should be required to be labeled.

I am thankful for the local Grosse Pointe markets that provide options, such as organic foods and locally grown and sourced foods. I think this is a really important topic that everyone should be aware of.

QUINN JOHNSON
Grosse Pointe Farms

I SAY By Anthony Viola

'Tis the season ... for a bookstore!



It's been almost a year since Barnes & Noble closed its doors at Pointe Plaza. Almost a full year without a place to buy or browse new books in Grosse Pointe. Bibliophiles like myself are struggling, especially this time of year. Every year around the winter solstice, I usually begin my social hiberna-

tion and find myself reading more. I used to be able to walk into the local Barnes & Noble, flip through and pick out a few books and magazines to keep me company over the long, cold winter. This, of course, is no longer a possibility. The closest Barnes & Noble is downtown on Wayne State University's campus or Troy. (Google also seems to be a little confused about Grosse Pointe's lack of bookstores, listing barbershops and interior decorating stores when searching for "bookstores Grosse Pointe.")

For me, at least, it's hard to justify that trip across the world. It's bad for my blood pressure; I've been told the only time people have ever seen me angry is while I'm driving (Don't worry, it's never caused any accidents or incidents.). There are other options: the library, thrift shops, small specialty bookstores or Amazon. But, those all come with caveats. We are fortunate to have a robust and healthy library system in Grosse Pointe. While the library is an amazing asset to the community,

it doesn't satiate my desire to own the books I read. First, I am a self-proclaimed book hoarder — while moving to and from college, my books were always close and often took up more space than my clothes or other essentials. I like to proudly display all the books I half-read and look at them wistfully, hoping one day I'll finish them. I also like to write in my books and marginalia is often, understandably, frowned upon in library books. Thrift shops and other used book stores often

are crap shoots. They are great if you're looking for something old, out of print or not sure what you're looking for at all. But good luck finding anything contemporary, unless it is pulpy fiction. With Amazon, you're able to find almost anything you can think of, but nothing can be a substitute for picking a book off the shelf, flipping to the first page and reading a few paragraphs to see if it grabs you. Online shopping might be the future of commerce, but there are plenty of people — myself included — who

appreciate a local bookstore and would support it. At the end of the day, Grosse Pointe needs a place to buy books, whether it's a chain or independent. When it closed, Barnes & Noble officials said they would be looking for a new location in the area. There hasn't been a peep or a rumor of that happening. Now might be a great time for a local businessperson to take it upon themselves to fill the void. They'll have at least one regular customer.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

FARMS, CITY MAY CHANGE BOUNDARIES: In discussions about widening Fisher Road, it was discovered the road and sidewalks up to the property line of City of Grosse Pointe residents lies entirely within Grosse Pointe Farms.

The two cities are discussing changing the border to the middle of the road and any widening of the highway should be done from this center line.

POINTE FLU CASES MILD: The Grosse Pointe Township Board of Health held its regular semi-monthly meeting. Much of the discussion was devoted to the flu epidemic in full swing in the Pointe area.

So far there had not been a single death traced to the flu and the outbreak has been mild — just as it has been throughout the country.

son. An apparent sharp increase in illegal drug use by teenagers in Detroit's more affluent suburban communities has been heavily publicized in recent weeks, but the problem of under-age drinking is at least as serious as it ever was, according to officials surveyed.

BEACH TO HIT BEACHES, THANKS TO STUDENTS: Beach will hit the beaches courtesy of The Detroit News "My Favorite Teacher Contest" ... and the 33,014 votes he garnered from loving students.

Richard Beach, business law and management teacher at Grosse Pointe South High School, has won a 10-day, all-expense paid trip for two to Hawaii as regional runner-up in the contest.

Obituaries: Agnes Brazil, Dr. George C. Burr, Glenn D. Curtis, Lydia M. Huegli, William C. Jones, Nick Kourelis, Emil Kuzma, David R. Lester, Edmund W. Ross, Luretta G. Sanders, John J. Schick, Edwin Lloyd "Ty" Tyson

suit. Several residents with property along the river filed a lawsuit against Wayne County, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores. Installing the rip-rap requires cutting the river bank to a uniform slope causing property loss to residents.

SCHOOLS GEAR TO COLLECT SUMMER TAX — IF ANY: The framework is in place for Grosse Pointe schools to collect property taxes next summer — if the Legislature allows schools to levy such taxes.

The school district has considered switching its tax collection schedule at least four times in the past.

Obituaries: Virginia H. Angell, Ruth D. Cummins, Joseph W. Leinweber, Leonard H. Thomson, Thomas J. Zink

Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City, could begin operations April 1. Michigan officials have withdrawn opposition to the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores' proposed new name, virtually clearing the way for voters to have their say about it and a new city charter Feb. 24.

KROGER COULD GO TWO STORIES: Final plans for a two-story Kroger grocery store in The Village, complete with jumbo-size escalators for shopping carts, should be ready for review in late January.

The structure would replace the existing store on Kercheval. An accompanying three-story parking deck has been proposed on Notre Dame where a municipal surface-level parking lot has stood for decades.

Obituaries: Marguerite M. Cools, Gail Henney Fairbrother, Mary Leigh Herdegen, Margaret Mildred McIntosh, Dorothy Jones Newhouse, William H. Palm, Frank Pennucci, Barbara Wood Simonds, Lenora Bogardus Stoetzer

— Karen Fontanive



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♥ Our Homeless

Siblings Noelle and Vivian Lyon, ages 6 and 4, of Grosse Pointe Woods, spent two hours Dec. 15 collecting donations for Grosse Pointe Woods resident Diane Soulliere's nonprofit, Operation Love Our Homeless. In two hours, they collected \$130 and blankets, scarves, hats and gloves for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

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POLICE OFFER PARENTS ADVICE: Supervise and chaperone. Almost to a man, law enforcement officials of the five Grosse Pointes gave that advice to parents of teenagers planning to either host or attend parties during the approaching holiday sea-

1993

25 years ago this week

MILK RIVER BOARD SUED OVER DECISION: Controversy continues to dog efforts to clean up the Milk River. A decision by the three-member board to install gabion-style rip-rap along the banks of the Milk River to prevent erosion has resulted in a law-

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CRITIC'S CORNER

"Dr. Seuss' The Grinch is a vibrant, amusing CG animated feature that gives the big mean, green guy a kinder, gentler makeover."

— Michael Rechtshaffen
Hollywood Reporter

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Pierce drama students learn essentials of improv

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Michelle Stackpoole tapped into her connections in the acting community to bring a special guest to her drama class at Pierce Middle School Dec. 7. Veteran improviser/actor Dave Davies conducted an improv workshop for the seventh- and eighth-grade students, introducing them to basics of this unscripted comedy form requiring actors to think on their feet, adapt quickly to changing circumstances, problem solve and build relationships with other actors based on trust.

Stackpoole and Davies auditioned for commercials and voice-overs together over the years and were cast opposite one another in “Don’t Dress for Dinner,” the first show performed at the Tipping Point Theatre in Northville. They also have performed in benefit shows together.

“The professional actor world in Detroit is kind of a small circle,” Stackpoole said. “Even though I don’t have time to do as much, I’ve stayed in touch with people. ... It’s a really kind, supportive community.”

Looking for more ways to engage her students in improv, Stackpoole reached out to Davies, who works with Detroit Public School students as part of the Detroit Creativity Project based out of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. He also teaches adult classes at Planet Ant Theatre in Hamtramck. Planet Ant



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Go big, improviser/actor Dave Davies advised Pierce students. “Make those big, bold decisions,” he said.

Theatre is a nonprofit professional theater and performance venue producing improv as well as scripted theatrical productions.

Davies said he has been teaching improv about 20 years.

“I came in initially thinking to spark (the students’) interest in improv, but I can see they’re already embracing it,” Davies said after the first half of the workshop. “So I’m kind of shifting gears in the middle — I’m improvising! I’m giving them what I think are stronger areas to embrace. Things to keep in mind with improv. We’ve been giving them warm-up exercises thus far. In the second half I want to get into more scenic things. We’re going to be creating scenes so I can show them what to focus on.”

One focus was on what Davies called the “yes and” rule — the foundation all good improv is built on, he said.

“What that really means is, when you’re out there with a partner, everything that is said you agree to no matter what. The ‘and’ is adding on top of that what we didn’t know about the scene. That’s what all improv stems from. You don’t have to worry about story. You don’t have to worry about a lot of things. It just becomes this natural progression that is going to help it to be successful more times than it’s not.”

In a series of short exercises, from building scenes in longform improv or playing shortform improv games like “Shift Left” or “Freeze,” Davies shared tricks of the trade with the young actors.

Actors are reactors, Davies said.

“We’re reacting to things. And you can let them affect you. And you can let them

affect you to big proportions. ... Take those chances. ... You can be anything in a scene, but make those big commitments. ... Make it big. Paint with broad strokes. Make those big, bold decisions. ... Assume things about people in scenes, let things affect you emotionally, avoid questions,” he said.

Why avoid questions?

“Asking questions is a way to say to your partner, ‘I can’t come up with an idea; you come up with one,’” Davies said. “You don’t want to be that person. If I start out a scene with, ‘Hey, what is this?’ what have I given my partner? Nothing. But if I say, ‘Hey, this tiny man has come from another planet to talk to us’ — now I’ve given my partner a lot to go on. Now she can come up with a million solutions.”

“Questions in general are part of everyday life, but when you get out of

the habit of asking them, it’s awesome,” he continued. “It also helps in day-to-day life. ... The better habit to get into is turn that question into a statement. If I say, ‘What’s going on in the sky?’ instead of asking if I can answer it. I can say, ‘The sun’s really bright.’ I can say, ‘This snow is not letting up.’ ... I can do a lot of things to answer those questions rather than asking them.”

Fans of Comedy Central’s “Detrouiters,” starring native Detrouiters Sam Richardson and Tim Robinson, might recognize Davies from the season 2 show finale. Davies played the CEO for 123 Warehouse, a potential client of the advertising duo.

Davies has appeared in Lifetime’s “Last Man Standing” and several movies, including “A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas” and “Restitution.”



Davies has no shortage of volunteers for his next improv exercise.



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Quinn Nehr

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ULS senior earns national recognition

University Liggett School senior Quinn Nehr earned national recognition in theater performance from the National YoungArts Foundation. Nehr, who plans to study acting after graduation, was one of two theater students from Michigan to earn an honorable mention from the organiza-

tion. Twenty-five students from across the country received the honorable mention distinction.

“Quinn has been active in seeking out critical resources to support his passion for theater,” said Phill Moss, chairman of the arts department. “He stops in to grab a new book or script and has become quite a reader. He is then able to employ his research in performance in nuanced and effective ways. As a result, to his serious and mature approach, he has grown a great deal as a theater artist.”

Nehr has been in 12 productions at ULS, including “She Loves Me,” “A Streetcar Named Desire” and “The Glass Menagerie.” Most recently he starred as Felix in the school’s fall production

“The Game’s Afoot.” He is set to star as Sky Masterson in the school’s spring production of “Guys and Dolls.”

Prior to high school, Nehr participated in community theater and was in several Grosse Pointe Theatre productions.

The YoungArts honorable mention award recognizes work that demonstrates exceptional technique, a strong sense of artistry and a depth of thinking and performance that exceeds the level of peers at this career stage. Honorable mention winners receive a monetary award and are invited to participate in YoungArts’ regional programs, including YoungArts Miami in February, YoungArts Los Angeles in March and YoungArts New York in April.

Nehr has applied to attend the New York regional program and will find out later this month if he’s been accepted.

Liggett announces scholarship recipient

Sixth-grader Shadé Patrick, the 2018-19 recipient of the Nicole Marie Shamas Memorial Scholarship at University Liggett School, is excited to get started with the extracurricular activities available at the school. Patrick previously attended University Preparatory Academy in Detroit.

More than 30 Nicole Marie Shamas Memorial Scholarships of \$1,000 have been awarded as part of the school’s endowment program. The scholarship is made possible by a gift from the Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shamas family of Grosse Pointe Woods, along with others who knew Nicole Shamas. She passed away while in middle school.

“I’m honored to be here at University Liggett School,” said Patrick.

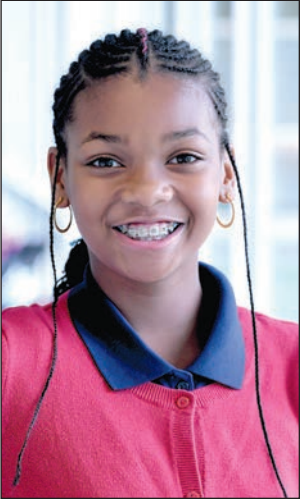


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Shadé Patrick

“I’m looking forward to playing in the middle school orchestra and playing on the tennis team in the spring.”

In addition to her extracurricular activities, including volleyball, Patrick is excited about

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Challenge day

North students take on challenge of building empathy

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The day begins with high fives and ends with tears and smiles. In between, students learn how to tap into their own resilience to address challenges in their lives, build empathy by understanding more about the struggles of their peers and ultimately discover whatever issues they face,

they're not alone. Called Challenge Day, it's a one-day, experiential program focused on creating connections between people, promoting a sense of belonging, shifting peer pressure to peer support and increasing self-awareness and self-esteem. Lisa Steiner, who teaches special education and an adjusted studies program, brought the program to North about 12 years ago. While it's a major effort coordinating the two days, she said she and the staff who participate recognize its value. According to Steiner, one girl told a teacher it was the best day of her life. The experience "gives



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Challenge Day included a combination of large and small group activities.

the staff a new understanding of what our kids come to school with every day," Steiner said. "I think it makes us gentler teachers, kinder teachers, more empathetic teachers. And we realize that every student sitting in our rooms have stuff and they're not just there to learn math or English or history. They're there to learn it, but you

don't know what might be in their way of learning it." The program took place at First English Lutheran Church Dec. 12 and 13, with up to 100 students participating each day and North staff and youth ministers from the church serving as adult facilitators for small group activities.

The overarching goal of Challenge Day is to address social and emotional learning, according to Chris Heinze, a facilitator for the national non-profit based out of California. He and co-facilitator Trish Bruno worked with North staff and students to build trust through a series of small and large group exercises.

"Social-emotional learning covers self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, responsible decision-making and relationship skills," Heinze said. "Studies are showing if students have their social and emotional needs met, it actually allows them to open up more space in their brain to learn subjects and have more space to manage themselves and manage their relationships and manage the way they move through the world. "We feel it's really important because it gives students more tools to

combat the stuff that is just really normal for high school," he continued. "We talk about how we all suffer from terminal uniqueness. We all think we're the only ones going through stuff. We get to remind young people they're not the only ones. They have support. There are so many tools they can take from (the program) they can implement in

'We talk about how we all suffer from terminal uniqueness. We all think we're the only ones going through stuff.'

CHRIS HEINZE
Challenge Day facilitator

high-energy introduction and lots of high-fives to "amp the kids up as they come in to get in the spirit of the day," said Assistant Principal Geoffrey Young. This was followed by a variety of games to help students break down their guard, sharing some aspects of their lives in a non-threatening way and setting the stage for small group discussions. While adults were there to facilitate small group discussions, they participated as well, breaking down barriers between students and adults.

"What's cool about our program is everyone is included 100 percent," said Bruno. "Everything the student is doing, the adult is doing too. There is no separation in Challenge Day." "I think it's important for the kids and for the adults," said English teacher Jonathan Byrne. "It's important for the kids because one, they hear that other people are struggling with a lot of the same things that they are so they don't feel as alone.

The day began with a See DAY, page 10A

Teacher of THE WEEK



Melissa Walter

School: Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School
Years at OLSOS: 18
Grade/Subject: 8th-grade religion; computer classes for 4-year-olds to 5th-grade; and elective classes such as business, graphic design, HTML and computer applications for middle school students
Nominated by: Julie Aemisegger, principal
Principal's quote:

"Mrs. Melissa Walter teaches all technology classes. She works to advance students in preschool through eighth grade on a variety of electronic devices. Our most recent acquisition is a new 3D Printer which Mrs. Walter is happily learning in order to use with all students. Mrs. Walter makes herself available to work with teachers in every grade level in order to incorporate technology in daily curriculum. Star of the Sea Students enjoy technology and appreciate being able to use their creative skills for different types of projects." **What do you enjoy most about teaching?** What I enjoy most about teaching is the

opportunity to work with young people. I taught middle school for many years and am now blessed to teach the entire school. It is truly wonderful to laugh, pray and see the joy that children bring with them to class. Better yet, I teach skills that students will use in their daily life. I love learning and teaching children; they share their God-given talents and teach me more each year. **Describe a teaching accomplishment you're proud of or a "teachable moment" you experienced.**

Our school has a 3D printer, a computer lab and a Makerspace area for children to collaborate on STREAM activities. The students are learning faster than I. Recently, the school participated in an hour of code, and though it was challenging, students felt accomplished. I saw silent cheers as they completed levels and saw them smile and help students next to them. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade left the classroom say-



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ing, "Can we do this again?" Wow, it's great to be a teacher! **Please share a book or person that has inspired you or your teaching.**

My mother, Anne Burson, inspired me greatly. She was always reading. It could be the newspaper, books, magazines or any form of print, she read cover to cover. She went to school as I grew up and received her degree and became a librarian. She encouraged reading and read to her children and grandchildren. **Favorite quote:** Psalm 8:9 "O Lord, our Lord, your greatness is seen in all the world!"



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They also know that now there are adults that care about them and want to help them figure out those struggles. But also that the adults struggle with things too and it's OK to have struggles and feel emotions. You don't have to hold things in all the time and it's OK to find somebody that you trust to work through those things.

"I think it's important for the adults because we get to see and hear a lot of things the kids are going through and that helps us understand some of the struggles they might have in school and we can help them," he continued. "We see them as human beings first and not just as students."

The image of an iceberg helps students understand what is on the surface often hides the layers beneath, Young said. They're encouraged to "notice, choose, act," which requires a certain level of honesty and self-awareness.

"It becomes much more easy for them to authentically notice problems in their life, choose a pathway and then act in a way that provides some good for themselves and other people," he said.

In the small group exercise "If you really knew me," for example, students had the opportunity to dig below the surface of that iceberg and tell members in their group aspects of their life others might not know, but that contribute to how they act or are perceived by their peers or teachers.



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Participants were given Challenge Day T-shirts to wear to school once a month. "When we bring these T-shirts back, we see more hugs again," said Lisa Steiner. "We see more smiles again. Challenge Days are more than just one day; they are life changing."

"Everybody says I'm a mean person and I come off real strong," said sophomore Ari Egnis. "I went through stuff in the past and I just don't trust people. Chris taught me, just let loose a little bit. Everybody's not your enemy. That's what he taught me."

For some students, like Egnis, "This might be the first time they've ever felt that vulnerable," said Heinze, leading to a range of emotions.

This was true for sophomore Daieja Anderson, who had heard about an activity called Cross the Line, but didn't anticipate how the exercise would affect her. Participants cross the line if they fit a particular category or set of characteristics. For example, students crossed the line if they or someone they knew had suffered from a life-threatening illness or addiction; had ever been the victim of a violent crime; or had ever lived in poverty, gone to bed hungry or been homeless.

"The best thing about Cross the Line is it does it without pinpointing what you did or what you were a part of, but rather it builds that empathy because it's groups of people crossing together," Heinze said.

Said Anderson,

"Everyone was telling me that it was going to be a good experience, but there's going to be a lot of crying,"

While she had her doubts, she admitted the activity "really got me. I realized not only do students go through stuff, but also teachers. When we had crossed the line, there were people I'd never met before who came and comforted me when I was crying. It's nice to know that somebody who doesn't even know you cares about you. I didn't think I was going to cry, but I did. It was an emotional thing, but it was good emotional because you know you're not alone. It brought peace to me and some people I had an issue with. We all talked and said, hey, life is too short to go through this stuff and we just like hugged it out. After Challenge Day ended I felt good, actually. I felt happy."

"I crossed the line a lot because I went through a lot," said Egnis. "I noticed a lot of people didn't cross the line a lot. I noticed a lot of people did cross the line a lot. It was just very interesting to know people went through the same things I went through. It was very heartwarming. I felt like I wasn't alone."



IMAGE COURTESY OF DE LA SALLE

No room at the inn

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Damian Anonick, a senior at De La Salle Collegiate High School, won the 10th annual Christmas Card Contest held by The Brothers of the Christian Schools District of Eastern North America. The theme for this year's contest was a modern interpretation of no room at the inn. Anonick said his computer-generated design was inspired by the humanitarian crisis on the U.S. southern border. The main image of the Virgin Mary is from a photo accompanying a news article Anonick found online of a young Mexican woman recently reunited with her small child. Anonick built the atmosphere of the nativity around the photo. He is the first De La Salle student ever to win the contest. The District of Eastern North America plans to mail the card to brothers, heads of ministries, board chairs and others.

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the unique and independent style of learning offered at ULS.

"I'm enjoying the trust and freedom they give us," said Patrick. "I feel like I'm learning how to be more independent."

ULS students receive the \$1,000 scholarship for all three years, sixth-through eighth-grade, at

the middle school. Recipients of the scholarship must show both an interest in the arts and academic promise.

"For more than 30 years this scholarship has helped many talented middle school students enjoy a University Liggett School education," said Kelley Hamilton, associate head of school for external relations, in a news release. "We are grateful

for the Shammas family's generous support and we are proud that the Nicole Marie Shammas Memorial Scholarship helps to keep Nicole's memory alive throughout the University Liggett School community."

Other current Shammas Scholarship recipients are eighth-grader Summer Orlowski and seventh-grader Sanaa Brown.



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Growth in the new year

Ascension St. John to open new stroke unit in 2019

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Millions of brain cells die every minute treatment for stroke is delayed. While advances in stroke treatment have been made — stroke is no longer the No. 1 leading cause of death in America; it ranks No. 5 — “it’s No. 1 in leaving you disabled,” said Nurse Practitioner Makenzie Thimm, stroke coordinator at Ascension St. John Hospital. Ascension is doing its part locally to not only practice the latest treatment and rehabilitation methods, but also to streamline that process, namely via the addition of a new stroke unit at its Detroit campus. Ascension is one of nine Comprehensive Stroke Centers in Michigan and the only one on the eastside. It serves 700 acute stroke patients a year. “We serve Grosse Pointe, Detroit and Macomb County,” said Paul Cullis M.D., medical

director of the stroke program. There are 650,000 African Americans in this area, who are at twice the risk of stroke than Caucasians, he noted. “Much of our patients are African Americans, so there have been significant increases in volume. “And because we’re a comprehensive care unit, we get a lot of transfers from elsewhere,” he continued. “Volume keeps going up. They’re bringing patients in from a long way away.” **New beginning** Ray Bauer M.D., medical director of the stroke rehabilitation program, said the push to create a new stroke unit came to the forefront about a year ago. An otherwise healthy patient in his 80s came to the hospital with a stroke, Bauer said. Not immediately healthy enough for rehab, the patient spent weeks on a ventilator in the intensive care unit. When he finally was well enough, “he did six weeks of

intensive rehab and eventually walked out of the hospital on his own,” Bauer said. “We all kind of bonded around this patient.” The new stroke unit is part of a multiphase project at St. John, which also includes a three-story connector on the building’s west side. “After the connector, the second phase is the new stroke unit on One East,” said Sandy Budzynski, administrator for the new unit. “Construction on the stroke unit begins in February.” The new 24-bed unit includes all-private rooms for patients, Budzynski said. She said construction is anticipated to last five months. The new stroke unit is being funded by Ascension, the nation’s largest nonprofit health system and world’s largest Catholic health system. It will help meet increasing patient demand and incorporate the most current model of care, which calls for

increasingly specialized services that decrease the length of hospital stay and improve patient outcomes. Cullis, Bauer and William Ventimiglia M.D., the critical care physician of the stroke unit, were honored Nov. 30 during the annual White Christmas Ball, the signature event of the Fontbonne Auxiliary of Ascension St. John Hospital, for being part of its stroke treatment and rehabilitation team. The theme of this year’s ball was “Believe in Miracles.” Its purpose was raising money for the continued development of Ascension St. John’s Comprehensive Stroke Center. “The function of the White Christmas Ball is to provide additional larger support to allow our unique touches on the unit,” Thimm said. **Changes** Stroke treatment has changed drastically over the years, Cullis said, noting when he was in medical school, treat-



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From left, Paul Cullis M.D., Makenzie Thimm and Ray Bauer M.D.

ment was limited; doctors merely stabilized patients. Then clot-busting drugs were introduced, which was an exciting step, he said, but didn’t work all the time. “We were envious of the cardiologists, because they could take a wire and pull a clot out of the heart,” he said. “So various doctors started

pulling clots out of brains. The treatment got significantly better. ... We have made great strides in treatment recently, including the ability to remove clots from blood vessels in the brain. These treatments help us to restore people’s lives.”

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All hands on deck
Volunteers fill baskets for homebound seniors

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Dec. 13 was an action-packed afternoon at The Helm Life Center as around 20 volunteers drifted table to table, plucking lotions, candies and other items from various piles and arranging them in baskets. The annual assembly of holiday gift baskets for homebound seniors went off without a hitch as volunteers, ranging in age from 7 to 100, filled, wrapped and secured 100 baskets. Each basket included non-perishable



Stella McGeehin and her father, Ross McGeehin, select food items for their baskets.

food items, paper products, toiletries, puzzles,

games and various sundries. “The donations came from the community — they’re very generous,” said Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone, director of volunteer services at The Helm. “We also got some funds from the Junior League (of Detroit), Grosse Pointe Realtors and Henry Ford Cottage.” Once filled, baskets were prepped for delivery. Drivers were scheduled to drop off baskets in the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods this



week. In past years, seniors who’ve received baskets not only enjoy the gift, but also appreciate the friendly visit, organizers said. JoAnn Gerlach, who recently retired from her Education & Enrichment post at The Helm, returned to be a part of the seventh annual event. “I’ve always planned this event every year, so I had to come back,” she said. “It makes not only the seniors getting the baskets happy, but the people putting them together get joy from it, too.” Southfield resident Vicki Perry, who recently



Above, Vicki Perry, a Junior League of Detroit member, adds an item to her basket. Left, Rita Hofrichter selects cereal for her basket.



Precious Craft, social work intern, adds another finished basket to the table.

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“Without the support and donations from sponsors, this event would not be able to continue,” said Grosse Pointe Park resident Jeanne Bocci, race director. “This race, which is the longest, continuously-held running event in



Michigan, has become a favorite holiday activity for multiple generations and our numbers are growing.”

Features of the event include post-race refreshments and awards for the top three men and women in the 5K, presented by Hanson’s Running Shop, medals for all race finishers and trophies for every child who finishes the 1-mile event, while supplies last. All participants receive a commemorative race shirt, while supplies last.

Entry fees are \$20 for children ages 12 and younger, \$40 for ages 13 and older. Mail-in registrations are accepted through Friday, Dec. 21. To register online or for additional information, visit belleislefunrun.com. Online registration is accepted through Sunday, Dec. 30. Race-day registration begins at noon.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Blood drives

The American Red Cross offers the following blood drives:

- ◆ 7:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.
- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.
- ◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

GPT

The Dec. 31 deadline is

fast approaching for submitting plays to the Grosse Pointe Theatre seventh annual Ten Minute Play Festival. Performances are May 13 and 18; there’s no fee to enter. Visit gpt.org for more information or contact the festival chair at mellbee@earthlink.net.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

The Helm

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

- ◆ January birthday celebration, 11:30 to

11:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10. Those with January birthdays are treated to free lunch, birthday cake and a keepsake photo.

- ◆ Conversational French, noon to 3 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 11 to Feb. 22, with instructor Dib Saab.

Registration is required for all of these programs. Call (313) 882-9600.

GPAA

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

- ◆ “Preplanning for Success,” a workshop with Robert Fionda, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 19 and 20.
- ◆ Art making for veterans, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays.
- ◆ A Morning Out, socializing and art making, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 28, and Jan. 11 and 25.

Lake House

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.
- ◆ Knitting for beginner and intermediate levels 1 to 3 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month. Reservations are requested.
- ◆ Newly Diagnosed Cancer Support meets 6 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month. Anyone within the first year of diagnosis is welcome.

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

Senior Ladies

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

Overeaters Anonymous

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

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



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American Legion honors veterans on Pearl Harbor Day

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

For the sixth year, Grosse Pointe American Legion Post 303 hosted a ceremony in recognition of Pearl Harbor Day. More than 90 people — including 45 American Legion members — attended the Dec. 9 event, which traditionally takes place the first Sunday after the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, 1941.

Post 303 Commander Dan McCrary, a Vietnam War veteran and Grosse Pointe Park resident, said of the post's 160 members, 17 served during World War II. Seven of them attended the Dec. 9 event, as did two World War II veteran guests and — for the first time — members of the Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen.

"A real highlight was having the Tuskegee Airmen there," McCrary said. "I thought it would be nice to honor them."

Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, a P51 pilot from the famous Red Tail Squadron attended, as did Detroit Chapter President Miguel Thornton.

"Something I really appreciate with the Tuskegee Airmen was their integration," McCrary said. "Even though they were segregated, they were so well-respected by the bombardiers. They were requested as escorts ... and they never lost a plane. They really were the leaders in integrating the military units due to their courageous actions."

As part of the celebration, the song "Remember Pearl Harbor" was played, as was a medley of military anthems. Veterans of each branch stood while the anthem of their corps played.

Additionally, plaques were distributed to World War II veterans in attendance.

The event also was attended by two Korean War veterans, as well as Col. George Pettigrew, director of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps in Detroit, and Richard Chatman, the first black state commander of the American Legion.

The event also included a cake ceremony.

"Traditionally, we have the youngest veteran serve the oldest veteran,"



Front row, from left, are World War II veterans Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, Alfred Tononi, Tony Zynel, Jack Huckins, Jack Manko, Don Ulbrich and Charles Rutherford. Back row, from left, World War II veterans Mark Valente, Eugene Ignasiak and Larry Bennett, and Korean War veterans Dick Tennent and Larry Sullivan.

McCrary said.

This year, Persian Gulf and War on Terror veteran Timothy Robinson served cake to World War II veteran Jack Manko.

"We always have an opening prayer and closing prayer," McCrary said. "And at each event, we recognize the POW/MIA flag. We have an empty chair with a flag draped over it and I read (a statement) in recognition of all POWs and MIAs who are still missing in action and unaccounted for."

The ceremony ended with the playing of taps.

"Each year we hold this event, there are fewer and fewer participants," McCrary said, adding he started recruiting younger members to build post numbers.

"We're slowly dying off," he said. "The post was big after World War II. It was all World War II veterans. Then Vietnam came along, but not too many Vietnam veterans participate in any organizations. I'm a Vietnam veteran. We're all in our early 80s or 70s. I started recruiting and, in doing



From left, Bob Tillman, a second-generation Tuskegee Airman; Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, a documented original Tuskegee Airman; Lt. Col. George Pettigrew, a second-generation Tuskegee Airman; and Master Sgt. Miguel Thornton, a second-generation Tuskegee Airman.

so, diversifying the post.

"We're a service organization," he continued. "We like to recognize and support our World War II veterans and, most of all, the memory of World War II. It was like a piece of history attending the event. The camaraderie, you could feel it and see it, with the veterans all talking to one another."

McCrary said it's an honor to recognize "The Greatest Generation," whose numbers are dwindling.

"We're losing these guys right and left. That's the sad story," he said. "Every day the memories of World War II disappear due to the aging process."



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT
Dan McCrary, American Legion Post 303 commander, left, stands with retired Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Robinson, the youngest veteran at the event, who presented a piece of cake to the oldest veteran at the event, World War II veteran Jack Manko, 100.

The men and women are now in their late 80s and 90s. Jack Manko, the oldest veteran attending the event, is 100 years old. They are dying quickly and according to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, 496,777 of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II are alive in 2018. Our post has lost over eight veterans in the last two years.

"Like many of the non-World War II veterans, we were raised with an appreciation for 'The Greatest Generation,'" he continued. "My father was 20 years old when

Pearl Harbor was attacked and he signed up the very next day for the Army in a small town in Iowa. He ended up in the Army Air Corps as a bombardier in the South Pacific. I also have a son-in-law, Capt. Theo Moran, who is a pilot instructor at Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Okla., and has participated in several tours in the Afghanistan and Iraq wars as a re-fueler pilot. So, I have a sincere appreciation for not only World War II veterans, but all veterans who protect and defend our freedom and liberty."

About American Legion Post 303

Grosse Pointe American Legion Post 303 is a service organization that exists to support veterans, their families and the local community. As the group celebrates its 86th year of existence, its mission remains to aid members with VA benefits and claims, involve youth in American Legion programs and support the families and veterans of Grosse Pointe and surrounding areas.

Post 303 meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month — except during the summer and December — at AMVETS Post 57, 19730 Harper, Harper Woods.

Post 303 is active in supporting weeklong summer programs such as Boys State, Girls State, State Trooper Program and Constitutional Oratorical Contest, each of which offers scholarships.

The post also provides scholarships to Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high school students.

"We give \$1,000 each to the son or daughter of a descendant of a wartime veteran," McCrary said.

Additionally, the post works with Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs in Wayne County and provides several college and vocational scholarships from American Legion programs. It also is a social network for members — to be involved in the community, mentor students and act as ambassadors and advocates for all veterans.

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Gloria Kaye, left, and Josephine Ortisi add snacks to their baskets.

BASKETS:

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joined the Junior League of Detroit, was among the helping hands.

“I’m newly retired, so I’m trying to amp up my volunteerism,” said Perry, who was a principal in Southfield Public Schools. “I always encouraged my kids to go offsite to help the community and families.”

Seven-year-old Stella McGeehin, who volunteered with her father,

Ross McGeehin, was the youngest volunteer of the day.

“We were looking for opportunities to do something with our kids to help in the community,” Ross McGeehin said, adding that fevers kept his wife and two sons at their City of Grosse Pointe home. “We homeschool them, so we have the opportunity, but it’s hard to find something compatible with young kids,” he said. “We thought this would be a good thing for them.”

1,000 Christmas Salutes honors military families

Wins for Warriors Foundation, founded by former Detroit Tiger and current Houston Astros pitcher Justin Verlander, and The War Memorial pay tribute to 1,000 Michigan military and veteran families at the fourth annual 1,000 Christmas Salutes Family Movie and Holiday Celebration on Sunday, Dec. 23.

The 1,000 Christmas Salutes event honors 1,000 military members, veterans, first responders and their family members with a complimentary Christmas celebration that includes multiple showings of the newly released movie “Dr.

Seuss’ The Grinch,” along with strolling food and drinks, holiday music, photos with Santa and holiday arts and crafts.

The fourth annual event takes place at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, free of charge for military and veteran families as an expression of gratitude to all those who keep the United States safe.

“This is a small way to say thank you to our military and veteran families, who sacrifice so much for the freedoms we enjoy,” Verlander said. “The holidays are meant to be enjoyed with family and,

thanks to our partnership with The War Memorial, we are able to bring local military and veteran families together to enjoy a fun Christmas celebration that honors their sacrifices and salutes their commitment to our country.”

“As we head into our fourth year of partnership with Wins for Warriors, we are reminded just how important it is to honor the men and women who serve our nation year-round and express our sincerest gratitude for all that they do,” said Charles Burke, War Memorial president and CEO. “1,000 Christmas Salutes affirms

our mission of being a patriotic leader and acts as our gift to military families during the holiday season.”

Last year, roughly 800 service members and their families attended 1,000 Christmas Salutes. The event is free for military, veterans and their families and offers three meal/activity seating times — 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. — and four movie times between 10 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23.

Space is limited and advanced registration is required to guarantee seating. Reservations may be made at warme morial.org/1000salutes.

Presentation examines historic role of Catholic sisters

The Grosse Pointe Branch of American Association of University Women meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The featured speaker is member Maureen Anthony, associate professor at the University of Detroit Mercy McAuley School of Nursing. Anthony will present her published work, “From Sisters to Mistresses.”

Catholic sisters have a long tradition of caring for the sick, suf-

fering and dying. Sisters built the first permanent hospital in the United States in St. Louis, Mo., in 1890, and by 1915, 50 percent of hospitals in the U.S. were run by Catholic sisters.

The sisters raised money, oversaw construction, staffed and administered hospitals without financial support from the Vatican or local diocese. The availability of health insurance and safer health care practices in the second half of the 20th century led to increased demand for hospital care.

The charitable model of the past no longer was viable. Research conducted by Anthony explored the experiences of Catholic sisters as they transitioned leadership to lay administrators, who predominantly were men. Seventy sisters, the last religious administrators, were interviewed.

The public is welcome to attend Anthony’s presentation about the first women CEOs in the U.S.

The AAUW’s next meeting, “Women Helping Women,” takes place at 7 p.m. Monday, April 8, at Ewald.

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Blood clots account for one of two types of stroke — ischemic strokes — which occur in 85 percent of stroke patients. Hemorrhagic strokes, or a bleed in the brain, occur in 15 percent.

“You can intervene in both,” Cullis said. “Treatment is different, but both are treatable.”

St. John not only treats stroke patients, but is involved in research, Cullis said. New treatments regularly are tested.

“We’re providing a full scope of care through every transition,” Thimm said. “We have a community of patients living much longer. Our goal is to get them back to that, living independently on their own.”

“Not just getting home,” added Bauer, “but reintegrated into society.”

Getting better

Bauer said vast improvements have been

Signs of stroke

Paul Cullis M.D., medical director of the stroke program at Ascension St. John Hospital, used the acronym FAST to describe stroke indicators: Face, Arms, Speech, Time.

“If the face droops, arms are weak and you have trouble talking, time is of the essence,” he said. “You’re losing millions of brain cells a second. Go to the emergency room as soon as possible.”

Some people add Balance and Eyes to make the acronym BE FAST, he said.

“If you’re older and suddenly you’re having difficulty with balance and double vision, get to the emergency room,” Cullis said. “If you’re not sure you’re having a stroke, call 911. We’ll figure that out. If you come the next day, there’s nothing we can do.

“The advantage of cardiology is, when the organ loses blood supply there’s a crushing chest pain, so you come to the emergency room for treatment,” he continued. “With the brain, there’s no pain, so there’s no urgency to seek treatment. ... Overall, the (stroke) survival rate is high. It’s not a major cause of death. But it is a huge cause of disability.”

made in rehabilitation as well.

“In the old days of rehab, there’d be a shopping cart in the hallway, three (staff) and a hemiplegic person, and it would take an hour for the patient to go 10 steps,” he said. “With body weight supportive gait training, it’s one patient, one aide and the patient’s going 500 steps in half hour. But it costs money to get that gear.”

Even with the newest equipment, the earlier a patient can start rehab, the better.

“Early rehab intervention helps with complica-

tions,” Cullis said. “Early intervening here helps us facilitate the rehab process.”

Between the emergency room, neurology department, medical intensive care unit and surgical intensive care unit, several providers are caring for patients, Cullis said.

While all of those services are housed at Ascension St. John, with the development of the new stroke unit, all those services will be in one place.

“Having them all combined into a physical place for stroke patients makes education easier and streamlines care,” Cullis said. “We’ve come full circle. You come in and we do everything from soup to nuts so you can go home in a better state.”

“The No. 1 predictor of rehab is how big the stroke is,” Bauer said. “The biggest predictor is how early you get rehab going. Repetition very

early on predicts recovery.”

Added Cullis, “That’s available in the hospital here. There’s no transfer of location.

“There’s nothing we can’t do,” he continued. “You don’t have to send patients elsewhere. If you come here, that’s it. We can do whatever can be done.”

In the new acute stroke unit, the rehab will be on the unit itself.

“The goal is to get more patients at the rehab center instead of a nursing facility,” Thimm said.

“One of the beauties of stroke is the teamwork that’s involved,” Bauer said. “That’s why I went into rehab. I fell in love with rehab because I fell in love with the team model. ... We have the best critical care staff. It’s a great model for health care.”

Added Cullis, “Medicine is a team sport. We play better when we play as a team.”

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Library unveils new look, new website

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The first thing users of the Grosse Pointe Public Library’s updated website will notice is it’s a lot easier to remember the URL.

On Dec. 17, the GPPL launched a new website — grossepointelibrary.org — and refreshed its brand as part of its strategic plan.

“We hope it’s a lot more intuitive and easy to remember than the old web address,” said Jessica Keyser, library director. “The next thing they’ll notice is the new site was designed to be mobile responsive. No matter the device you’re looking at, the viewing will adjust. We thought it was important. Looking at the analytics, 35 percent of current users look at our site from mobile devices. That number is going to continue to grow. We want to make sure functionality is there.”

Other facets of the new site include a more updated calendar.

“We already use an online calendar for events, but the new site is programmed to have events feed directly in, so it’s constantly updating,” Keyser said. “We also integrated staff recommendations right into the site. Through feedback we’ve gotten, we found

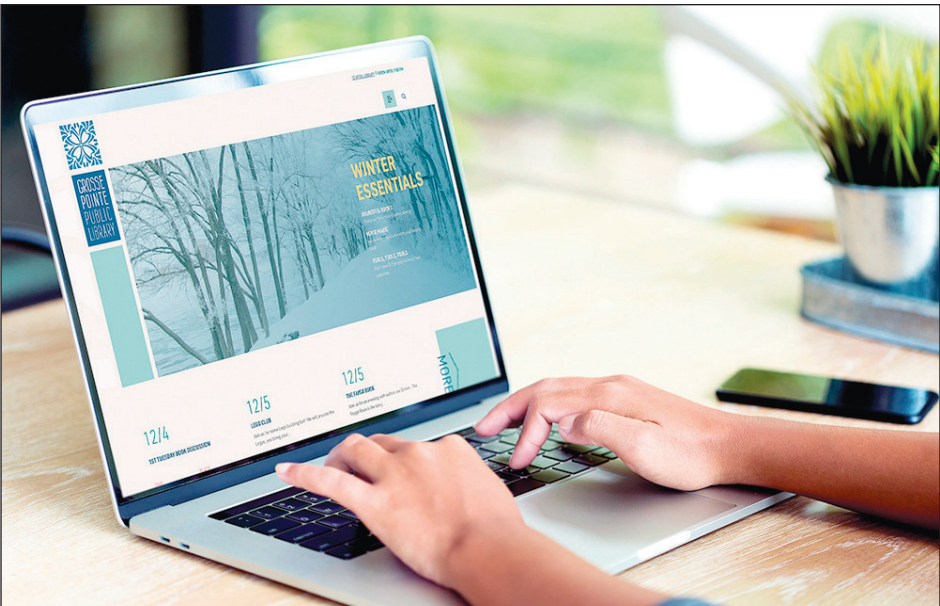


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The Grosse Pointe Public Library’s new website — grossepointelibrary.org — is faster, works on all devices, from mobile to desktop, and has an improved search function.

that our users value the expertise of our librarians in recommending good books to read, so that’s highlighted in the new website, so you can see what they’re recommending.”

The website includes an expansion of digital resources, helping patrons have easier access to what they’re looking for, Keyser said.

The eBooks, Movies & Music catalog includes apps such as Bookflix, Hoopla and Kanopy, the latter of which allows cardholders access to stream movies for free at home. RBDigital offers free full-color magazines

patrons can view on any device.

“We put a lot of thought — and at times, debate — into how best to organize, feature and highlight to connect these resources to the community,” Keyser said. “That was our ultimate goal.”

The Research & Learning tab leads users to a collection of databases, from ancestry.com to Mango Language Instruction. Among Keyser’s favorites is lynda.com, which offers online video courses free to library users.

“You can use it to learn how to make an app or use different computer

programs,” she said. “They offer a great series of Monday inspirations or you can get productivity tips. It’s different from Google or YouTube. With those, you don’t know what you’re going to get. But lynda.com is curated by experts in the field, so you know it will be a reliable source. It can save you a lot of time.”

Other databases include Value Line, offering stocks and investments information, and Novelist K-8 Plus and Novelist Plus, offering book recommendations from the Library of Michigan for children and adults.

The updated site includes a page for youth and youth services; a page for its special collections, including its tool library, STEAM kits, Wifi hotspots, story kits and seed library; a page for each branch; a link to

sign up for the newsletter — “We encourage people if they’re not getting our weekly emails to sign up,” Keyser said. “It’s a great way to stay up to date at the library.” — and much more.

The website is just one facet of a refreshed branding the library has embraced. Part of it includes an updated color palette, which is noticeable on the website.

“We stayed with a blue color palette, because it’s tradition here and it reflects being close to the water, but the designer recommended we update the shade of blue,” Keyser said.

“The library card itself is redesigned, too,” she continued, adding old cards will work until it’s time to renew, at which time an updated card will be issued.

“In about a month, we’ll launch where people will be able to register for a card themselves on the website,” Keyser said. “We’re excited about that. They can go on the site, get a card and get started with additional resources right away.”

A new logo and a new look to flyers and the email newsletter also reflect the new branding.

“The grid pattern, new logo, new website all reflects the Marcel Breuer design of Central branch,” Keyser said, adding that the website designer fell in love with the mid-century modern look when first visiting the library. “He wanted to honor that in every element of design in the new website.”

“We’re very excited,”

she continued. “We got permission from Grosse Pointe Park, Farms and Woods to hang banners on each branch to display the new logo. It’s a powerful visual design of the branding of the new library.”

Keyser said it’s been challenging pulling all the elements together, but she’s certain the new look will appeal to patrons.

“We’ve been listening to the community to really improve on what people already love about us,” she said. “We heard feedback that the old site was outdated, difficult to use, difficult to find things and didn’t function properly on different platforms and devices. ... The challenge has been trying to bring it all together — not make it information overload, but make it organized and appealing and inclusive of all that we offer here.”

Library cards are available to people who live, work or go to school in Grosse Pointe, Keyser said. Library cards for non-residents are available to purchase for \$200 per year.

“What’s happening in Grosse Pointe is part of a larger trajectory of libraries, but I’d say we’re at the forefront of the breadth and quality of services we offer,” Keyser said. “We’re certainly not alone — there’s been an evolution in libraries — but we offer different platforms based on the needs of our community.”

Check out the library’s newly designed website at grossepointelibrary.org.

League reviews 2018 successes

By Margaret Freundl
Guest Writer

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe board met Nov. 28 to review the year’s activities and plan for coming events.

President Tom Wells praised local work to promote an educated electorate this fall.

The voter information sessions for elected offices were well attended and distributed voter information guides were heavily in demand at public libraries and other locations.

Of special note was local activity on the national League Vote411 website. More voters turned to the online voter education resource than in the 2016 presidential election cycle.

Judy Florian, local vice president for voter services, reported usage data for the following cities preceding the November 2018 election: Grosse Pointe Farms, 429 users; Grosse Pointe Park, 331; Grosse Pointe

Woods, 326; City of Grosse Pointe, 82; and Harper Woods, 78. Data for Grosse Pointe Shores was not available.

An email from a Grosse Pointer living abroad was shared, thanking the league for information posted on its local website, describing these as “invaluable” in

making an informed decision about the school board race and millage proposal in absentee ballot decisions.

Sarah Coats provided a membership update and announced that two members, Jo Ann Kelly

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OBITUARIES

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Helen Tobis Van Tiem

Loving wife and mother Helen Tobis Van Tiem, 86, passed away Friday, Nov. 30, 2018.

She was born March 27, 1932, in Detroit, to Walter and Wanda Tobis, who emigrated from Poland. Helen graduated from Saint Mary Academy in Monroe in 1949. In 1953, she graduated from Michigan State University, where she developed a commitment to young children and their early education. In 1953, she married Thomas Van Tiem of Grosse Pointe. They met in East Lansing while attending MSU.

Helen's first teaching position was at Ann Visger Elementary, in River Rouge, where she taught first grade. She later resigned to care for her first child, Beata, who died of leukemia. After Beata's death, Helen chose to remain home to raise six children. During this period, she volunteered as a room mother and taught catechism for several years at St. Paul on the Lake School in Grosse Pointe. Helen and Tom lectured at pre-marriage classes. She was active in the community and served as a precinct delegate, vice president of the Grosse Pointe Women's Republican Club and member of the U.S. Selective Service System.

When her youngest child was about to graduate from high school, Helen returned to college. In 1984, she graduated from the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a Master of Arts degree in early childhood education and an early childhood endorsement.

She taught at the university's Child Development Center and, in 1987, was appointed its coordinator. During this period, she taught parenting skills, was inducted into Pi Lambda Theta and lectured at early childhood seminars throughout Michigan. She was lovingly referred to as "Miss Helen" by children, parents and students. Some parents even went to far as to call her "St. Helen."

Helen served as a board member of the Alumni Association of both the School of Education and UM-Dearborn. She received the Staff Recognition Award of 1990 and the Distinguished Alumnus of the School of Education in 1994. Helen and Tom later established early childhood education scholarship funds at MSU and UM-Dearborn.

Helen is survived by Tom, her husband of 65 years; children, Thomas Jr., Susan Shockley (Mike), Walter (Elaine), Matthew, Vince (Doris Neal) and Sarah (Scott Laich); grandchildren, Paul (Emilie), Rachel Holland, Samuel Laich, Margaret Laich, Isaiah Laich, Madelyn and Christian; great-grandchild, Elias and numerous nieces and nephews.

Helen was predeceased by her parents, Walter and Wanda Tobis; sister, Wanda Truskowski (Pat) and brothers, Joseph, Edward, the Rev. Laddislaus and Robert. She was affectionately called "Honey" by her sister, brothers and their families.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater

Mack, St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Judge Thomas and Helen Van Tiem Early Childhood Education Scholarship Fund at either: University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, 1040 AB, Dearborn, MI 48128 or Michigan State University, c/o M. Phillips, Erickson Hall, 620 Farm Lane, Room 513, East Lansing, MI 48824.

Marilyn Joyce Chevalier

Marilyn Joyce Chevalier, 74, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018, at McLaren Macomb Hospital, with her family by her side.

She was born Aug. 4, 1944, in Detroit, to Robert and Ann Harbison.

Marilyn graduated in 1962 from Grosse Pointe South High School. She married George Chevalier in 1965 and together they raised their daughter, Lindsey, and sons, David and Steven. Marilyn and George celebrated 53 years of marriage this year.

Marilyn enjoyed boating, tap dancing, antiquing, traveling and entertaining family and friends. She liked to solve crossword puzzles and, for the last 14 years, spending winters in Florida. She was a volunteer with the Detroit Institute of Arts and a member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church and Gowanee Golf Club.

Marilyn is survived by her beloved husband, George; dear children, Lindsey Rossi (Brian), David Chevalier (Christine) and Steven Chevalier (Nicole). She was the loving and doting



Helen Tobis Van Tiem



Marilyn Joyce Chevalier



Julie Bongiorno Froggett

grandmother of MacKenzie, Tyler, Madison, Lilli, Carter, Megan and Carsen and the late Rileigh.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 15 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Julie Bongiorno Froggett

Julie Bongiorno Froggett, 56, passed away peacefully Monday, Nov. 26, 2018.

Born Sept. 14, 1962, in Detroit, to Alexander and Margaret (née Hopko), Julie's early and teen years were spent in Grosse Pointe Woods attending Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish and schools.

After high school, she earned a bachelor's degree in nutrition from Wayne State University. While attending WSU, Julie also worked at St. John Hospital. She was proud of her diligence and hard work which resulted in the purchase of her first new car, a beloved red Dodge Daytona, as well as paying for all her tuition.

Julie married Jeffrey Froggett in 1993. They settled in Grosse Pointe Farms and became active at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church and the Grosse Pointe schools.

Just one month ago, to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary, they renewed their vows. As a surprise for Jeff, though weak and in a wheelchair, Julie donned her wedding veil for the celebration.

At the family business Alexander J. Bongiorno, Creative Jeweler, she was often the first smiling face to greet customers. Her bubbly personality and happy demeanor charmed many clients.

Julie took several years off from the jewelry store to stay home and raise her daughters, Dana and Carley. She often could be found on the school yard playing "momma monster."

She taught her kids life lessons, reminding them always to be kind to others. She lived by the Golden Rule.

On Mother's Day 2017, Julie became ill. Many months later a diagnosis of gastric cancer stage 4 was rendered. No matter how difficult the days were in traveling between doctors' offices in Texas and Michigan, she didn't complain. Her resolve and positive attitude were endless. She was a warrior inspired by her deep love for her family and friends to keep fighting.

Julie is survived by her beloved husband, Jeffrey; loving daughters, Dana and Carley; sister, Alexia (Brian Lucid) and brothers, David and Michael (Karen Metzler).

Her kindness and happy outlook on life will be dearly missed.



Marie Katherine Koueiter

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. A memorial service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at the church.

Donations may be made to nostomachfor cancer.org.

Share a memory at ajdesmond.com.

Marie Katherine Koueiter

Marie Katherine Koueiter, nee Fikany, 91, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018, surrounded by family.

Marie was a devoted wife to George (deceased) for 38 years, and was loved and adored by her children, George (Paula), Margaret Brennan (Joseph), Paul (Anne), Jo Anne Raffoul (William), Michelle Andary and Robert (Michelle); 19 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She also is survived by her brother, Joseph Fikany (Dolores) and predeceased by brothers, Jackie and James Fikany and sister-in-law, Jeannette Fikany.

Marie was born May 6, 1927, in Carbondale, Pa., to Michael and Margaret Fikany. As a young child, she and her family moved to Michigan, setting down roots in Detroit. She attended St. Ambrose School for grades one through 12, after which she met her husband, George. They married in 1953. Soon after, they established themselves in Grosse Pointe Park where they raised their six children.

A longtime Grosse Pointe businesswoman, Marie and her husband began George Koueiter and Sons Jewelers on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods. It was her enthusiasm and love of the business that built the foundation of what has become a Grosse Pointe institution. Marie was a member of the Grosse Pointe Soroptomists Club and loved her community, which she generously supported throughout her lifetime. A devout Christian, Marie was a parishioner of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church and later Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Marie's love of music and dancing, infectious smile and ability to bring joy and comfort will be



Veronique Thiteca

forever missed by those who loved her.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 7 at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Grosse Pointe Woods, officiated by the Most Rev. Robert Fisher.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at st.jude.org.

Veronique Thiteca

Veronique Thiteca, nee DeSloovere, passed away Monday, Dec. 17, 2018. She was 83.

She was born April 10, 1935, in Gent, Belgium, to Louis and Juliet DeSloovere. At age 22, Veronique came to the United States to join her family. Shortly after, she met the love of her life dressed as Santa Claus. Eugene Thiteca and Veronique were married Nov. 22, 1958, at Our Lady of Sorrows Belgian Church in Detroit.

Veronique obtained her real estate license and owned Century 21 Unique for 31 years before joining Real Estate One. In her free time, Veronique was an avid gardener at her home in St. Clair Shores and her property in Florida. She loved all species of flowers.

Veronique had a brilliant mind — she was particularly sharp in spelling and mathematics. She could iron a man's shirt in 30 seconds and took pride in keeping her house spic-and-span from Monday to Friday.

Veronique was the beloved wife of Eugene, joined in love for 60 years; loving mother of Angeline Materna (Michael) and Caroline Brubaker (Ken); cherished grandmother of Alexa Materna and Brice and Blake Brubaker and dear sister of Marie-Aline Ameye and the late Bernard DeSloovere. She also will be missed by many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Interment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. John Providence Foundations, 22101 Moross, MOB Suite 201, Detroit, MI 48236.

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William Joseph Cosgrove, Sr., D.D.S.M.S.

William Joseph Cosgrove, Sr., D.D.S.M.S., born on September 19, 1934, left suddenly to meet his Lord on December 5, 2018. He was known to his family and friends as Dad, Bill, and Cos.

Bill was the eldest son of Joseph and Virginia (nee Hake); brother of Robert (Donna), sisters Marie Liposky (Don) and Anne Henning (Vic). He is survived by Patricia, his wife of 57 years, his children; Elizabeth Cosgrove (Cameron Smith), sons, William J. Jr., (Kate) and Patrick (Colleen Burke) and his beloved grandchildren; Isabella, Dillon, Kieran and Liam Smith; Michaela and Eryn Cosgrove.

Bill proudly attended Gesu Grade School, University of Detroit High School, University of Detroit College and Northwestern University. Before setting up his practice Bill joined the army and served as a Captain at The Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland.

After returning home he practiced on the east side, encouraged by many dental acquaintances. Bill joined Lochmoor Club in 1970 as a golfing member and remained one until his death. The friends he made, he kept for a lifetime.

In past years Bill skied, bowled, played tennis, roller bladed, was a jogging fanatic, supported Detroit Teams and traveled the world. His true passion, golf! Members would see him practicing his putting in rain, snow, or sleet. Pat and the children decided to plant a tree near the putting green in honor of his 70th birthday where it stands today. If not golfing, Bill watched every sport on TV with his companion, Olivia, the cat. He also analyzed the stock market and would call his broker daily, at least once,



maybe more, to check his investments.

In 2000, Bill became a member of the Detroit Athletic Club where he hosted family and friends, enjoyed the tailgating before the Detroit Tigers games, took day trips and made more friends.

Most of these friends retired long before he did. His career spanned many decades and often he was greeted by past patients from three generations. That made him smile!

Bill was so proud of his family, loved them, and, his family was proud of him and loved him. He will be missed R.I.P.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, December 20, 2018, from 2:00 to 9:00 pm with a scripture service, a 7:00 pm at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, 48236. In state Friday, December 21, at 10:00 am, until time of service, 10:30 am, Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, 48236.

PASTOR’S CORNER By the Rev. Edward Dunn

Are you afraid of angels?

An angel showed up at my door last week. He was dressed in a khaki and green Boy Scout uniform, not with angel wings. Although his arrival was unexpected, he didn’t need to begin with the words, “Fear not.” This angel’s mission was to ask for bottle or can donations that would become a resource to provide a community project.

This “angel’s” visit caused me to reflect on others I’ve seen this year — the mail carrier who delivered important letters despite the weather conditions outside, or the

store associate who went out of her way to help me find an item and the little preschool child who shared a cookie with me one Sunday morning. I was never afraid of these angels; I had no reason to be afraid.

The Christmas stories recorded in the New Testament include angel appearances to various characters: to Zechariah, who disbelieves the news that a son will be born to him, to Mary, who declares, “My soul magnifies the Lord” and to shepherds to whom the angels sing “Glory to God in the highest heaven.”

In each of these accounts, the angels begin with, “Fear not.” Certainly the angels’ appearance was sudden and unexpected. The lighting of the night sky by a multitude of heavenly hosts was likely a bit unnerving. Yet I think the angels’ message about “fear not” wasn’t so much about the terror of the supernatural. Rather their exhortation was to reassure Zechariah, Mary, the shepherds and us that God is in control; that for them and us today, God has taken the decisive, once and for all step of becoming one of

us, reconciling us to God and one another.

In other words, God had a plan that is revealed in the birth of a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. The foundation of that plan is love for God and neighbor.

When the shepherds had gone back to their flocks and the magi had returned to their own countries, I think Mary, who we are told treasured these things and pondered them in her heart, recognized that she was visited by a host of earthly angels.

Don’t be afraid of angels. In fact, keep your eyes open and maybe you’ll begin to see them all around, making their message known in unexpected ways.

May you have a joyful holiday and Merry Christmas.

Dunn is the pastor at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Michael’s

Christmas activities are planned at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods:

♦ Sunday, Dec. 23, Eucharist services at 8 and 10:30 a.m.; a harpsichord recital, followed by lessons and carols, at 4 p.m.

♦ Monday, Dec. 24, a children’s Eucharist service and Paper Bag Pageant at 4 p.m.; a congregational hymn sing at 8:30 p.m. and Eucharist service with choir at 9 p.m.

♦ Tuesday, Dec. 25, a Eucharist service with organ music, followed by a special coffee hour, begins at 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul on the Lake

Join St. Paul on the

Lake Catholic Church for Christmas Mass at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24, at St. Paul School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, as well as at 6:30 p.m. and midnight at the church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Christmas Day services are 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon at the church.

Memorial Church

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents “The Christmas Story” at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23. The choir, handbells, strings, woodwinds, harp and organ present an hour of seasonal music. The program’s centerpiece is James Biery’s original “The Christmas Story,” a musical rendition of the account of the birth of Jesus from the book of Luke. There will be carols for all to sing. The concert is free and child care is provided.

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Wilma Jean Ingalls

Wilma Jean Ingalls, nee Cross, a resident of Grosse Pointe Park for 53 years, passed away suddenly Monday, Dec. 10, 2018. She was 89.

Born Feb. 4, 1929, in Jackson, to Mildred and Arthur Cross, Wilma’s early education was in Lansing and Saginaw. She graduated from McKenzie High School in Detroit. She attended Olivet University in Illinois where she met Richard Ingalls. They were married in Kansas City, Mo., in 1947.

As a clergy wife in their many parishes, Wilma organized and directed a junior choir, church school and women’s guild and taught kindergarten. She also enjoyed the garden club and volunteering at the local hospital. She was a talented piano

player and had a beautiful singing voice.

When her husband became rector at Mariners’ Church in Detroit in 1965, the family moved to Grosse Pointe Park. At that time, Wilma began teaching preschool. At age 42, she enrolled in the College of Nursing at Wayne State University to complete a Bachelor of Science degree. She worked as a registered nurse at Bon Secours Hospital many years, specializing in women’s health and emergency room nursing.

Wilma loved history, especially genealogy. She researched her family ancestry and became a Daughter of the American Revolution and embodied its membership as a “vibrant, active woman who is passionate about community service, preserving history, educating children, as well as honoring and supporting those who serve our nation.” She was an active member of

The Women’s Historical Club of Detroit, recently writing a paper about the Christmases of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Wilma was a devoted rector’s wife and faithful worshiper at Mariners’ Church. During her 53 years there, she gave countless hours volunteering for a variety of committees and social functions, as well as helping re-decorate the church nursery. She was a talented seamstress and used her skills to help in projects at the church. Wilma was a deeply loved wife, mother, grandmother, neighbor, friend, teacher, nurse and a role model for those who knew her.

Wilma is survived by her children, Richard Jr. (Lynn), Brian (Martha), Anne Gillespie (Sean) and Bette Wisniowiecki (Don) and grandchildren, Rick, Brian (Ashton), Andy (Kristi) and Becky. She was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, Richard;

infant son, Craig and grandson, Rob.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at Mariners’ Church, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Visitation begins at 9 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to Mariners’ Church of Detroit, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48226.

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Mary Gertrude Oberly

Grosse Pointe Park resident Mary Gertrude Oberly, 68, passed away Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Born June 22, 1950, in Grosse Pointe, to Carl and Gertrude Schumacker, Mary graduated in 1968 from St. Ambrose High School. She worked at The Ark at St. Ambrose, retiring in 2018.

Mary enjoyed helping others, being in her gar-



Wilma Jean Ingalls



Mary Gertrude Oberly

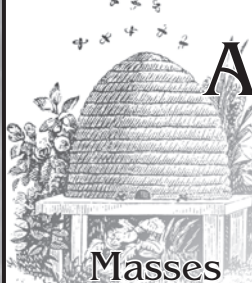
den and was a fabulous cook who loved making people happy via her delicious meals. Her family said she was the best popcorn maker ever.

Mary is survived by her husband, Raymond E. Oberly; daughters, Karen M. Culver and Christine A. Hoffman; sisters, Patricia Schumacker and Susan Lahay (James) and brothers, David Schumacker (Kathy), Joseph Schumacker (Barbara) and Stephen Schumacker.

She was predeceased by her sister, Diana Schumacker.

An organ donor, Mary’s wish was to be cremated. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Stroke Association at stroke.org or The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at svdpusa.org.



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Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils blast foes

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The swagger is back, and so is the suffocating defense that creates havoc for the opposition for the Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team.

After head coach Kevin Richards and his Blue Devils suffered three straight losing seasons, they jumped out to a third straight win to start the season last week with a 75-56 home win over Anchor Bay.

“We were able to turn

them over a lot, get a lot of possessions and put points on the board,” Richards said. “We had some good looks, and it was nice to get 12 more three-pointers.”

The Blue Devils forced 20 turnovers in the first quarter as they bolted to a 19-5 advantage.

They led 38-21 at the half, and the second half was nearly even with the Blue Devils edging the Tars 37-35.

“We have the personnel to run the pressure defense and get after them defensively,”



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Grosse Pointe South’s Alexa Downey delivers a bounce pass to a teammate during the Blue Devils’ home win over Anchor Bay.

Richards said. “We have a lot of players who see time and balanced scoring. We don’t have one go-to player, and I think that makes it tougher to defend us.”

Sophomore Alexa Downey led the Blue Devils with 16 points, while senior Sydni Hall followed with 15 and senior Jetwyn Wilson had 12.

Junior Sophie Iafraite chipped in with eight points, followed by freshman Kamryn Richards with seven, senior Savannah Srebernak with six, sophomore Cameron Lundh with four, sophomore Keely Conland with three, senior Maria Hessburg with two and junior Payton Roy with two.

The following day South blasted Riverview Gabriel Richard 72-26 in a game played at Detroit Edison High School.

With the wins, Grosse

Pointe South improved to 4-0 overall.

The Blue Devils begin their Macomb Area Conference Red Division schedule at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, against Port Huron Northern, which is 3-0 overall.

“Our Red Division is going to be a challenge,” Richards said. “We have to compete against five very good teams, so we will see where we stand.”

As teams head into the holiday break, Utica Eisenhower, Macomb Dakota and Port Huron Northern are undefeated, and Grosse Pointe North and Warren Cousino have only one loss.

“The competition in our Red Division is outstanding, and we will be pushed every night,” Richards said. “We will battle every team and see what happens. It will be a big test.”

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Team off to good start

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team opened its season last week, beating two of three opponents.

G P U swept Birmingham and Bloomfield, earning 136.975 points. Bloomfield was right behind with 136.475 points and Birmingham had 126.25.

Elizabeth Byarski earned 33.075 points, with 8.7 on the floor exercise, 8.25 on vault, 8.3 on balance beam and 7.825 on uneven parallel bars.

Cate Gagnier, the returning all-around state champion, finished with 37.125 points. She had a 9.6 on beam, 9.4 on vault, 9.375 on floor and 8.75 on bars, while Amanda Nguyen also competed in each of the four disciplines, earning 32.65 points, netting scores of 8.7 on beam, 8.6 on vault, 8.5 on floor and 6.85 on bars.

Emma Scott finished with 32.725 points, earning 8.5 on vault, 8.475 on floor, 8.0 on bars and 7.75 on beam.

Earlier in the week, GPU lost 130.775-130.6 to Fraser, with Byarski leading the way with 32.7 all-around score.

She finished with 8.5 on floor, 8.45 on vault, 7.9 on beam and 7.85 on bars.

Kate Ennis had 30.35 points, earning 8.85 on beam, 8.6 on vault, 7.9 on floor and 5.0 on bars, while Natalie Gattenno had 30.75 points on her events, finishing with 8.35 on vault, 7.85 on floor, 7.3 on bars and 7.25 on beam.

Harmony Gosselin had 31.5 all-around points, earning 8.45 on vault, 8.175 on floor, 7.625 on bars and 7.25 on beam.

Maeve Jamieson also competed in the four events, earning 8.5 on vault, 8.275 on floor, 7.25 on beam and 6.55 on bars for a total of 30.575.

Sammy Lucido earned 8.275 on vault, 8.225 on floor, 8.225 on bars and 7.1 on beam to finish with 31.825 points.

Other gymnasts who competed in the two meets on different events were Alex Bonahoom, Emma Burney, Elise Charbonneau, Ava Hopko, Ella Maltby and Jamison Mlynarek and Lexi Poulos.

Clare Yee is also a veteran, but did not compete in either of the meets.

Head coach Kristin Remillet and her unified team is 2-1 in the conference.

“We have nine new freshmen members of our team and returning all-around champion, Cate Gagnier, so we have some amazing talent and depth this season,” Remillet said.



Grosse Pointe South’s Kamryn Richards shoots a three-point shot during the game with Anchor Bay.

Boys basketball

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Blue Devils, Knights win, North almost

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A 19-4 fourth quarter propelled the Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team to a 56-54 road win over Romeo in its Macomb Area Conference White Division opener last week.

“We’re a young team, and we made some mistakes, but in the end we got a big road win,” head coach Troy Glasser said. “We started and finished strong, but struggled in the middle quarters.”

The Blue Devils led 20-14 after the first quarter, but scored only five points in the second

quarter and 11 in the third to trail 50-36.

They put their “A” game on display, running past the Bulldogs to the tune of 19 fourth-quarter points, while holding the home team to only four.

Sophomore Daryl Houston and freshman Will Johnson led the way with 16 points apiece, while junior Wes Brundage was huge down the stretch, scoring five points, blocking two shots and taking a charge.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-0 in the MAC White Division and 4-3 overall.

Liggett results

Head coach Solomon

Spann III got his first win as the coach of the University Liggett School boys basketball team last weekend.

His Knights hosted New Haven Merritt and came away with a 47-26 win.

“Glad to get our first win of the season,” Spann said.

Mickey Walkowiak got his first start of the season and made the most of it pouring in 18 points.

Cameron Strong also played well, scoring 12 points and grabbing nine rebounds to just miss a double-double.

The Knights’ defensive effort was solid as the 26 points against were a

season low.

ULS is 1-2 overall.

ULS competes in a tournament Thursday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Dec. 28, at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

North results

The Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team dropped its Macomb Area Conference White Division opener last week, falling 67-52 to visiting Warren Mott.

The Norsemen were a step slow in the first half, falling behind by double digits after the first quarter.

They were outscored in the second quarter,

too, to see the deficit hit 26-13 at intermission.

Head coach Andy Ayrault watched his Norsemen claw back to within four points in the third quarter. They picked up the intensity on both ends of the floor, and it paid off with defensive stops and made baskets on offense.

Senior Ryan Webb picked up his pace, scoring nine third-quarter points, and in the fourth quarter it was Webb and senior Joey Rheume keeping the Norsemen alive.

Webb had seven more points and Rheume added eight as the duo combined to score 15 of

the Norsemen’s 19 fourth-quarter points.

It wasn’t enough as the Marauders continued to push the tempo, scoring many points in transition.

Webb led the Norsemen with 18 points, followed by Rheume with 12, senior Troy Herd with eight, junior Cameron Perrino with six and senior Chad Lorkowski with four.

North is 0-1 in the MAC White Division and 1-3 overall.

The Norsemen compete in a tournament Thursday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Dec. 28, at L’Anse Creuse North High School.

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Boys ice hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen test ranked squads

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team dropped two games last week, 8-0 to league foe Trenton, and 5-2 to Canton in the MIHL/KVAA Showcase.

The Norsemen played well for the first two periods against host Trenton, trailing 1-0.

An upset was a possibility, but head coach Joe Drouin and his Norsemen were subdued by Trenton after it scored seven goals in the third period.

They scored six goals in the final half of the third period, including a

few with a man advantage.

“For the most part, even strength we went toe-to-toe with the No. 2 team in the state,” Drouin said. “We are just on the edge. Our younger guys are getting game experience against players that are two years older than them. Iron sharpens iron.”

The Norsemen faced Canton in the first game on the docket at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena in Livonia.

Drouin’s squad played a tough game, but the Chiefs had a little too much firepower.

Chris Lorelli and Brock Spicher scored for

the Norsemen. Kyle Losinski played net in the third period and played well.

Grosse Pointe North is 0-4 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 1-7 overall.

Next is a 5:30 p.m. game Friday, Dec. 21, against rival Grosse Pointe South at McCann Ice Arena.

They are the first game of the annual Liggett Holiday Tournament.

The winner faces either ULS or Berkley in the finals at 7 p.m. the following day.

The losing squad competes in the consolation contest at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 22.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

University Liggett School senior defenseman Darcy Huang, No. 3, keeps a LCU forward away from sophomore goaltender Grant Lindsay.

Knights play one-goal games

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys hockey team dropped a 4-3 decision to visiting L’Anse Creuse Unified last week.

“We got off to a slow start, but picked it up in the second and third periods,” head coach Mike Maltese said. “We weren’t fortunate with the puck bounces tonight. A couple went against us, and both times they scored on those.”

The Knights fell behind 1-0, but came back to tie it 1-1 when freshman Doug Wood scored on the power play at the 9:11 mark of the first period. Senior Danny Bowen had the lone assist.

After falling behind 3-1 midway through the second period, Wood scored again. His second goal of the game came with only 36.2 left in the second period and gave the home team momentum heading into the inter-

mission.

L’Anse Creuse scored what was the game-winning goal at the 14:51 mark of the third period, but once again the home team battled back.

Junior Tristan Reilly tallied on the power play and with an extra attacker with only 98 seconds left, bringing the Knights to within a goal at 4-3.

They had all the momentum, and had a chance to tie the game with only 31.6 left, but Wood was stopped on a penalty shot after an LCU player knocked the net off with a scrum in front of the net.

Logan Barnhard made a pad save on the shot, preserving the one-goal lead.

“We made it a game and had our chances,” Maltese said.

Two nights later, ULS hosted Wyandotte Roosevelt and squeaked out a 3-2 victory, improving to 2-3 in the Michigan

Metro Hockey League and 2-4 overall.

The Knights led 1-0 before Roosevelt scored the next two goals to put the home team in a 2-1 deficit. The Knights tied it before junior Will Nicholson scored the game winner in the third period.

Senior Jake Rosenberg earned the win in net. The defense in front of him made his job easier in the third period by keeping the opposing forwards bottled up.

The Knights held possession for large chunks of time in the final period. They put a lot of pressure on Roosevelt and came away with the much-needed victory.

Last weekend, ULS lost 5-1 to host Brownstown Woodhaven.

ULS is 2-4 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 2-5 overall.

The Knights play in a tournament Thursday, Dec. 27, through Saturday, Dec. 29.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils play tough

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team battled two ranked squads last week, Novi Catholic Central and Howell.

Head coach Bobby McKillop and his Blue Devils opened with a 7-3 loss to Catholic Central,

ranked No. 1 in Division 1.

They trailed 3-2 after the first period, and 4-3 after two.

The Shamrocks scored three third-period goals to send the Blue Devils to the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League defeat.

Last weekend, Eddie Edgar Ice Arena hosted

the MIHL/KVAA Challenge.

South’s opponent, Howell, came in ranked No. 8 in Division 2.

It was a 1-1 game after the opening period, but the Blue Devils couldn’t get their offense going in a 3-1 loss.

Grosse Pointe South fell to 0-2-1 in the MIHL and is 2-3-1 overall.



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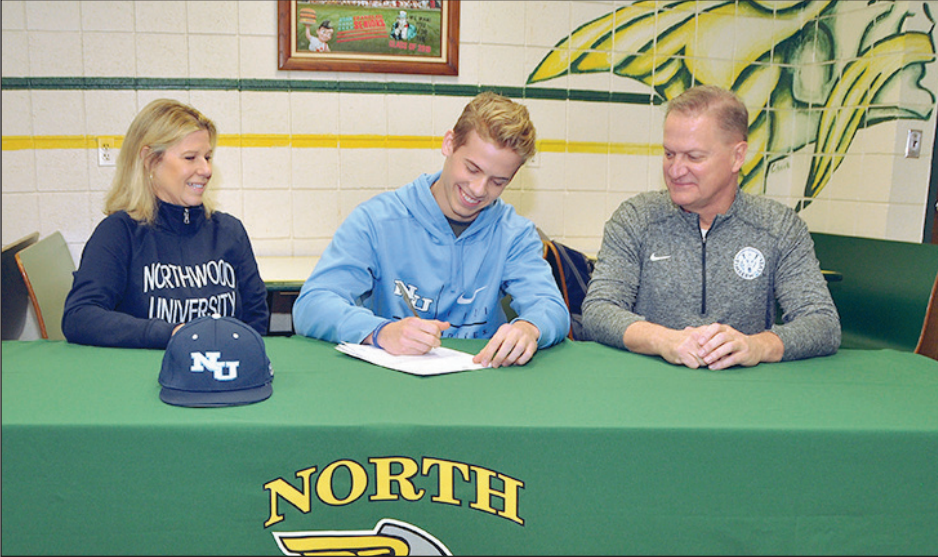


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Heading north

Grosse Pointe North senior Jack Kensora recently signed his National Letter of Intent to play baseball at Northwood University under new head coach Jake Sabol. Joining him at his signing were parents Sherry Kensora and Dr. Kevin Kensora. Northwood finished 38-16 last spring, including 21-7 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Kensora is a shortstop who will be one of the Norsemen’s top players this spring.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Register for camp

It’s time to sign up for the annual Grosse Pointe South Baseball Holiday Hitting Camp, which runs 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 22, at the high school’s main gymnasium.

South is located at 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The cost is \$50 and is for children in second through sixth grade.

The camp is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe South baseball program, as well as Burke’s Sport Haven, and the objective is to provide detailed instruction on the fundamentals of the game of baseball by teaching proper mechanics in a safe and positive atmosphere.

The emphasis is on instructional, not recreational.

The camp will be staffed by Grosse Pointe South players and coaches. Campers will be age-grouped and will rotate through five or six hitting stations, with emphasis on fundamentals. Drills also will be demonstrated that parents can do with their player at home.

All players must be pre-registered. There are no refunds once the camp has started, and no registrations are accepted at the door.

Send a check payable to Grosse Pointe South Dugout Club to 835 Hidden Lane, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

For further questions, contact director Dan Griesbaum at (313) 347-3672 or email at griesbd@gpschools.org.

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Defense key in wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team rebounded from its loss to Birmingham Marian to net two victories last week.

The Norsemen began the week with a 55-41 road win over Utica and ended with a 52-30 home win over Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Against the Chieftains, senior Julia Ayrault had 23 points, eight rebounds, five steals and three assists, while senior Evelyn Zacharias had 11 points.

Junior Christina Braker chipped in with seven points and six rebounds, and senior Maddie Mills had six points five rebounds and four assists in a well-rounded effort.

The Norsemen forced a couple dozen turnovers against the Titans. They had a ton of steals, thanks to their defense.

The Titans were no match for the Norsemen, and it showed on the scoreboard.

The home team had three players in double figures, Ayrault with 17, Braker with 11 and senior Cariele’ Humphries with 10.

Ayrault and Braker had six rebounds apiece and the duo combined for 11 steals.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 3-1 overall, and hosts Dakota at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, in its Macomb Area Conference Red Division opener.

The 2008 state title team will be in attendance and will be honored before the start.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

First win at Boll Center

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls basketball team earned its first win of the season last week, beating visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills 35-20.

“It was exciting,” head coach John Bandos said. “First win at the Boll Center. The girls continue to improve and are playing well. We pride ourselves on our defense, and have shown signs of offensive improvement, especially this game.”

After a slow start, the Knights scored 11 points in the second quarter to lead 17-8 at the half. They won the third quarter 9-7 and the fourth 9-5 to net the victory.

Senior Maria Pas led the way with five points and three rebounds, while freshman Ava Said had five points and three assists.

Senior Mimi Wujek added two points and team-high eight rebounds, while senior Izzy Brusilow had two points and three steals.

Junior Melanie Zampardo added two points and three rebounds.

In other action last week, ULS lost 49-33 to host Clarkston Everest Collegiate.

It was an even game except for the first quarter, which the Knights lost 18-4.

Junior Maggie Dunn led the Knights with nine points, followed by Brusilow with eight points and two steals.

Sophomore Delaney Garvey had six points, eight assists and four steals, while Zampardo scored four points and grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

Last weekend, ULS put its second win on the board, beating host Birmingham Roeper 47-13.

Garvey led the way with 18 points, followed by Zampardo with seven.

ULS improved to 2-3 with the road win.

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MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Fall meeting recap

The adoption of alterations to the Michigan High School Athletic Association fall calendar and approval of Calvin College as the continued host site for the girls basketball finals were among actions taken by the MHSAA’s Representative Council during its fall meeting on Nov. 30 in East Lansing.

Generally, the council takes only a few actions during its fall meeting, with topics often introduced for additional consideration and action during its meetings in winter and spring.

However, with multiple topics requiring immediate attention this fall, the council approved calendar and basketball recommendations in advance of circumstances that will affect both during the 2019-20 school year and beyond.

The calendar change will keep the length of fall seasons consistent in boys soccer, cross country, tennis and golf in years when Thanksgiving is “late” during the fourth full week of November.

The council approved a recommendation allowing those four sports in “short years” — for example, 2019 — to begin practice the 16th Monday before Thanksgiving (Monday, Aug. 12, 2019) and begin competition after three days of practice over four calendar days (Friday, Aug. 16, 2019).

Because the start of practice in those sports annually is tied to Thanksgiving, but the finals are not, those four fall sports faced shorter seasons by one week in 2019, 2024, 2025, etc.

The council also approved continuing to conduct the girls basketball semifinals and finals for 2019-20 and 2020-21 at Van Noord Arena at Calvin College.

The girls finals moved to Van Noord Arena in 2017-18 because of the unavailability of Michigan State University’s Breslin Center due to a conflict with the NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Tournament and an opportunity for Michigan State’s women’s team to host first- and second-round games had it qualified and earned a top-16 overall seed.

The same conflict is possible during girls basketball finals traditional weekend in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Additionally, the council discussed solutions for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons, when Breslin may not be available dur-

ing the traditional weekend of the MHSAA boys basketball finals.

The boys season for 2018-19 switched calendars with the girls season to avoid the same NCAA Tournament conflict; Breslin is the only building statewide that has made itself available for the boys basketball finals and is large enough to accommodate the event. Only one other location offered to host the girls basketball finals for 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Also affecting competition for 2019-20, the council approved the continuation of an experiment begun in 2016-17 that allows cooperative programs in a series of sports — regardless of the student enrollment maximum — for two or more schools of the same public school district (and with the same governing board).

Districts may form these co-ops in baseball, bowling, girls competitive cheer, cross country, golf, soccer, girls softball, tennis and wrestling.

The experiment was designed to provide opportunities to participate in urban school districts where schools previously did not have enough athletes for team sponsorship on their own.

Districts must show a demonstrated history of inadequate numbers of participants to be approved.

These programs require the same two-year renewal process as other cooperative programs.

The council also approved a change effective in spring 2020 that will allow spring sports teams, that have received MHSAA approval to travel out of state, to practice jointly and/or scrimmage (up to the season’s limit of four allowed scrimmages) with and against other approved MHSAA member schools.

The council reviewed survey data from the fall update meetings and an online survey of membership that showed significant support for the allowance.

A number of other discussions focused on matters that could come before the council for action at its winter meeting in March or spring meeting in May.

In preparation for the football committee meeting in January, the council discussed survey results concerning regular-season scheduling and the MHSAA

Tournament for both 11- and 8-player football.

The council also reviewed possible benefits of adjusting MHSAA officials registration to include National Association of Sports Officials (NASO) membership and also other options for changing MHSAA registration prices to encourage more multi-sport officials.

These officiating concepts will be presented to the MHSAA Audit and Finance Committee in February in advance of possible council action in March or May.

The council discussed creating an MHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to provide input and guidance on such topics, and also heard feedback received during update meetings on the MHSAA’s possible role in mental health initiatives.

The council heard an update on the communication and notice that has taken place regarding the new Sport-Specific Transfer Rule that goes into effect for 2019-20 based on the sports a student participated in during 2018-19.

The council also continued its 2018 March and May discussions concerning the boarding school student exception to the transfer rule, with staff reporting on a recent meeting with those boarding schools administrators.

Additionally, the council heard an update on the “Presenting Sponsor” program whereby the MHSAA has provided support to junior high/middle school competitions in cross country and track and field over the last two years; in 2018-19, the MHSAA also is serving as presenting sponsor at events for junior high/middle school volleyball and basketball.

Similarly, the MHSAA will serve this winter as a presenting sponsor of a Special Olympics Unified basketball invitational in February at Novi High School and at the Michigan High School Powerlifting Association Finals in March at Ionia High School.

Both high school events will include fields filled with MHSAA member high schools and provide the association with further opportunities to provide financial and messaging support for these student-focused activities.

— Geoff Kimmerly,

MHSAA Media and Content Coordinator

Girls ice hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils stay unbeaten on year

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls hockey team improved to 4-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League with a 7-3 win over Livonia Unified last week.

“The game was closer than the final score indicated,” head coach John Weidenbach said. “We had the puck in their

zone a lot, and finally broke through in the second half of the game.”

Molly Ryszewski had another hat trick and added two assists for five points. Lauren Benoit had two goals and one assist, while Alyssa Czech had one goal and two assists.

Olivia Livingstone also scored a goal, while Julia Gebeck added an assist for the Blue Devils.

It was a 1-0 game after

one period, but the visiting Blue Devils scored four times in the second stanza to lead 5-1.

Each team scored two goals in the third period. Madeline Kelly was the winning netminder.

South was scheduled to host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood last week, but the game was moved to Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Grosse Pointe South is 5-0 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win two

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team made quick work of visiting Walled Lake Unified last week, scoring three first-period goals in its 7-1 victory.

“We got off to that fast start and played well,” head coach Casey Quick said. “Everyone played and both of our goalies played. It was a good game all-around for us.”

Junior Darby Pickford opened the scoring with a goal in the first two minutes of the opening period. Senior Clare Murphy had the lone assist.

Murphy scored the next two goals to give the home team the 3-0 lead. Sophomore Erin Murphy and freshman Lucy Turrini had the assists on her first tally, while her second came unassisted.

Murphy recorded the hat trick with her third

goal of the game early in the second period. Senior Bella Welke and Erin Murphy had the assists, and it was Welke scoring late in the second period to give the Norsemen a 5-0 lead. Erin Murphy had another assist and freshman Maraina Smith also had an assist.

Walled Lake got on the board 19 seconds into the third period, but it was the Norsemen tallying the final two goals of the game as both Murphy sisters lit the lamp.

Erin scored at the 6:56 mark, with junior Alexandra Koerner assisting, and Clare scored at the 4:08 mark, with Welke and Pickford drawing assists.

Sophomore Mia Cassar earned the win in net, playing the first two periods, and senior Ally Saigh was in net for the third period.

Last weekend, North had a test against a solid Birmingham Unified

team at Orchard Lake St. Mary’s.

“This will be a close, hard fought game for us,” Quick said before the game.

North moved to 4-0 in the league with a thrilling 5-4 overtime win over host Birmingham Unified.

The Norsemen fell behind 3-0 after the first period, but battled back to send the game to overtime after Welke tied it with a goal with 3:18 left in the third period.

“Really proud of the girls,” Quick said. “They never gave up and they always had the belief that they were going to win.”

In overtime, Erin Murphy sent a perfect pass to her sister, Clare Murphy, who buried the puck in the back of the net for the winner.

Clare Murphy had another hat trick. Welke and Martin scored the other goals.

North is 6-1 overall.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights play well

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls hockey team finally didn’t play a one-goal game.

After losing three straight one-goal games, the Knights beat visiting Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart 4-0 last week.

Head coach Anna Kuehnlein was able to get extended playing time to the new girls to the sport, while the offense was in total control.

Sacred Heart, a new program to the Michigan

Metro Girls High School Hockey League, was led by its goaltender, Isabella Lorelli, who made three dozen saves.

For the Knights, junior netminder Evie Bournias had the shutout, her first of the season, and freshman Maddie McKee led the way with two goals.

She scored a power-play goal at the 9:18 mark of the first period, and had a short-handed goal at the 8:10 mark of the second period.

Junior Annette Meraw opened the scoring with a goal at the 11:23 mark of the first period, and freshman Allyson Doppke had a power-

play tally with only 1:13 left in the opening stanza.

Netting assists were senior Abby Doppke, McKee, freshman Leah Coleman, junior Evie Ugval, Allyson Doppke, sophomore Kendall Zinn and sophomore Gabrielle Anusbigian.

ULS hosted Livonia the following night and won the league contest 5-1 behind McKee’s two goals.

Allyson Doppke scored another goal, as did freshman Ava Jacob and junior Anika Vreeken.

ULS is 3-5 overall and 3-3 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Duo shine

Grosse Pointe North’s duo of Ray Hamilton and Logan Ladach led the team in the annual Wayne County Invitational at Wyandotte Roosevelt High School last weekend.

Hamilton was second in the 152-pound class, while Ladach took seventh in the 119-pound division to lead the Norsemen.

— Bob St. John
Sports Editor

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

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On December 10, 2018, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park enacted Ordinance No. 209 (the “Ordinance”), to become effective on December 20, 2018, which Ordinance provides for the addition of Article V, Section 13-56, to Chapter 13, of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park, that prohibits marihuana establishments within its boundaries. This Summary of the Ordinance is published pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 117.3(K). True copies of the full text of the Ordinance and any law, regulations, code, or other material adopted in reference in such Ordinance are available for inspection or photocopy at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

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5 Recipe meas.

8 Arduous jour-
ney

12 Reed instru-
ment

13 Pussy-Cat's
partner

14 Present

15 Freebie

17 Wedding sym-
bol

18 "Golly!"

19 Illuminated

20 Actor Tommy
Lee

21 Automaton, for
short

22 Not many

23 Strictly — nous

26 Excise

30 Old Italian
money

31 Godfather's
address

32 Greet silently

33 Abandon the
nest

35 Gold measure

36 Child

37 Whatever
number

38 Caesar, for one

41 Saturnian sau-
cer?

42 Locate

45 Cabbage salad

46 Hidden pas-
senger

48 Passport
endorsement

49 Rowing need

50 Foundation

51 Annoyingly
slow

52 Definite article

53 Picnic invaders

DOWN

1 "Dukes of
Hazzard" boss

2 Theater award

3 Wander

4 Born

5 Namely

6 Bat a gnat

7 Thickness

8 Disposable

9 Check

10 Sea eagle

11 Small barrels

16 Burn aid

20 Lustrous black

21 Made to come
apart easily

22 Merriment

23 Sprite

24 Zero

25 Have a go at

26 Coquettish

27 Series of skir-
mishes

28 Actress
Gardner

29 Still

31 Pop

34 Victory

35 Recognize

37 Earlier, in verse

38 Answer an
invite

39 Hodgepodge

40 Halloween pur-
chase

41 Hexagonal
state

42 Former ugly
duckling

43 Bridge position

44 Spud's buds

46 Drunkard

47 Lawyers' org.

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by Linda Thistle

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